

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
February 11, 2014

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland
Councillor Grant Arnold
Councillor Mary-Lynne Hunt
Councillor Robert MacMaster

ALSO PRESENT: Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent

ABSENT: Councillor Robert Rydholm

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Holland called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2014- 25

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

The Agenda was amended by the addition of 9.7 – Resolution re Tablets and 9.8 – Policy re Corporate Use of Electronics.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest on the part of any member of Council present.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were no Deputations or Petitions for Council's consideration.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2014-26**

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 28, 2014 be approved as amended.
CARRIED.

The Minutes were amended by replacing "Councillor MacMaster" with "Councillor Arnold" in item 6.1, 3rd paragraph.

5.2 **Resolution No. 2014 – 27**

Moved by Councillor
Seconded by Councillor

THAT the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on January 28, 2013 be approved as circulated.
CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Road Superintendent's Report

Council requested that the Road department monitor the fuel economy of the new truck as it appears to be very low. The Road Superintendent advised that the truck is in to have a sensor replaced and this may increase the fuel mileage.

Council approved an extended warranty on the transmission and exhaust system only for the new truck.

Councillor Arnold noted that snowmobiles have gone up the slope that was stabilized in the fall and that the green matting is now showing. Council requested the Road Superintendent to see if there was anything he could do to block the snowmobiles.

- Landfill Report – Not at this Meeting
- Generator Report

Council requested that the antifreeze level be monitored because it appears to need replacement on a regular basis. The Road Superintendent is to find out if this is an issue with these kinds of generators.

6.2 Fire Chief's Report - filed

6.3 Clerk's Report - filed

6.4 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland reported on his activities since the last meeting including attending a meeting with Korkola Design for the new Skatepark logo, a Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee meeting, a meeting with possible investors in a seniors complex, a Planning Board meeting, and a budget meeting.

Councillor MacMaster reported on the activities of the Skatepark Committee, including arranging an upcoming meeting with a representative from New Line Skatepark Inc, who will hold a workshop on the design of our new skatepark. This will help us refine the cost of the park. Some special guests have been invited including True Grit Engineering for their sponsorship, the Kiwanis organization, surrounding municipality's Council members, and our MP and MPP. The Committee also decided to purchase tee-shirts to identify the Committee members and to sell as a fund-raiser.

Councillor MacMaster also reported on a pre-budget meeting with the Roads Department.

Councillor Hunt advised that the Recreation Committee will continue for 2014 with some planned events being an Easter Breakfast, sewing classes, a yard sale, and a summer event. The Committee will be looking for more volunteers and Committee members as one has resigned.

Councillor Arnold reported on the LRCA Annual meeting. Bill Bartley is returning as Chair and Donna Blunt will be Vice Chair. Councillor Arnold also reported on the Foundation dinner and noted that there are vacancies on the Foundation. The Foundation dinner is now held jointly with the LRCA.

6.6 Other Board and Agency Reports

- Library Board Minutes - filed

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

Disbursement List No 02A 2014

Resolution No. 2014- 28

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$412,644.89 as per Disbursement List No. 02A, 2014 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business for Council's consideration.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 By-law No. 1035 Tax Ratios

Resolution No. 2014 – 29

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1035, being a by-law to set the tax ratios for 2014.

CARRIED.

9.2 AMO – OPP Billing Steering Committee – filed

9.3 AMO – Joint and Several Liability – filed

9.4 Resolution Support Request re Joint and Several Liability

Resolution No. 2014 – 30

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from Randy Pettapiece, MPP for Perth-Wellington, regarding the protection of property tax payers from higher taxes, by implementing a comprehensive, long-term solution to reform joint and several liability insurance for municipalities by no later than June 2014, addressing the alarming rise in insurance premiums due to rising litigation and claim costs.

CARRIED.

9.5 OGRA Research Project Participation – filed

9.6 Letters from Conmee Library Board

The Clerk was directed to respond to the questions asked by the Library Board.

9.7 Resolution re Tablets

Resolution No. 2014 – 31

Moved by **Councillor Hunt**
Seconded by **Councillor Arnold**

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee approves the purchase of 7 tablets for use by Council members and staff.

CARRIED.

9.8 Policy re Corporate Use of Electronics

Resolution No. 2014 – 32

Moved by **Councillor Arnold**
Seconded by **Councillor MacMaster**

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee approves of Policy No. 48, being a policy to define the terms of use for corporately owned electronic devices including cell phones and tablets.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Membership – filed
- 10.2 The Explorationist – filed
- 10.3 DSSAB – Minutes – Regular Meeting – December 12, 2013
- 10.4 DSSAB – Minutes – Closed Meeting – December 12, 2013

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2014-33

Moved by **Councillor MacMaster**
Seconded by **Councillor Hunt**

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:21 pm.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk