

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

January 14, 2014

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland
Councillor Grant Arnold
Councillor Robert MacMaster
Councillor Robert Rydholm

ALSO PRESENT: Raymond Holland, Verner Kivipelto, Mike Lehto, Bernice Gunsinger, Danny Gunsinger, Reed Hoover, Debbie Hoover, Lynda Hoover, Residents, Garth Kayes, Representative from Resolute Forest Products, Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent, Laura Bruni, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk

ABSENT: Councillor Mary-Lynne Hunt

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2014- 02

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as prepared.
CARRIED.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Holland declared a pecuniary interest in items 4.1 and 9.3.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 V. Kivipelto

Mayor Holland declared a conflict with this issue and left the room. The Clerk requested to be excused due to the fact that Mr. Kivipelto had made personal accusations against her and she did not feel comfortable remaining in the room. As legislation requires a Clerk to be in attendance at all Council meetings, Laura Bruni, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk took the Clerk's chair and the Clerk left the room.

Minutes from this point on to the end of the deputation have been inserted by Laura Bruni, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk.

Acting Mayor Grant Arnold took the chair and introduced himself and the Deputy Clerk. Mr. Kivipelto addressed an issue he is having regarding the Zoning . Mr. Kivipelto spoke as to how he is looking for clarification regarding the by-law and more specifically, he felt as if the buffer zone was too large and inhibits him from using the land for which it was intended to be used for. Acting Mayor Arnold thanked Mr. Kivipelto for his deputation and advised him that council will take his request into consideration. Furthermore, the Deputy Clerk will provide a letter regarding the outcome of the decision to Mr. Kivipelto as well as all abutting property owners.

Acting Mayor Arnold asked if anyone else wishes to speak to this matter whereas, five residents came forward to speak, Mr. Gunsinger, Mr and

Ms. Hoover, Mr. Boomhower and Mr. R. Holland. Garth Kayes was also present as a representative from Resolute Forest Products.

Mr. Gunsinger expressed concerns about blow down that may occur as a result of cutting to close to the property line.

Mr. R. Holland spoke of how Conmee Township is in a transition state and the by-law should be looked at and fine tuned to represent areas of the township for forestry use, residential, etc. He also noted that restrictions in the by-law should be looked at.

Mr. & Ms. Hoover expressed the idea that a person cutting wood should have thought about the by-laws before the property was purchased.

Mr. Boomhower spoke of having major concerns with blowdown on his property since he has predominantly north and north-west winds. Mr. Boomhower feeds deer and feels that a reduced buffer would impact his lifestyle.

Mr. Kayes introduced himself as a professional forest manager from Resolute Forest Products. Mr. Kayes spoke how this specific property is unique and Resolute Forest Products has done their due diligence. Furthermore, he spoke about how Resolute provides Best Management Procedures and will do so for this property.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Resolution No. 2014-03

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 10, 2013 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

5.2 Resolution No. 2014 – 04

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on, December 10, 2013 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Road Superintendent's Report – filed

Councillor MacMaster requested an update on the requirement for a National Transportation Safety Mark on the new snowplow truck. Mayor Holland declared a conflict and left the room. Councillor MacMaster was advised that the Clerk had contacted the supplier and had received direction to take the truck to Holland Enterprises and that the supplier would pay the cost. The Road Superintendent was instructed to proceed.

Mayor Holland returned to the room.

Council discussed the deficiencies noted by the inspection of the generator. The Clerk advised that the semi-annual inspection was due shortly and the issues would be brought to the inspector's attention.

- Landfill Reports – filed

6.2 Fire Chief's Report – filed

The Clerk noted that the Fire Chief sent his regrets as he was unable to attend the meeting, however he did submit an email in support of item 8.6, the appointment of a Deputy Fire Chief.

6.3 Clerk's Report – filed

6.4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer submitted a report to Council on the cost of borrowing under a construction loan from Infrastructure Ontario, as well as the cost to change those loans to debentures. Council agreed with the Treasurer's suggestion that the amount of the HST rebate be applied to the current construction loan and that no further loans be requested.

6.4 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland reported on his activities since the last meeting including DSSAB, Shared Services, LRMC, Pre-Budget Consultation and the Skatepark Committee. The Mayor's full report is on file.

Councillor MacMaster reported on the progress of the skatepark Committee, including some initial sponsors and information received from John Kelly, who runs the Thunder Bay Marina skatepark.

Councillor Arnold reported on a Joint Occupational Health and Safety Meeting where Township employees completed their new mandatory training on their rights in the workplace.

Resolution No. 2014 – 05

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we extend this meeting past 9:30 pm.
CARRIED.

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

Disbursement List No 1A 2014

Resolution No. 2014-06

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$73,664.76 as per Disbursement List No.1A, 2014 be approved for payment.
CARRIED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Memo re Shared Services – Resolution to Commit Funds

Resolution No. 2014 – 07

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee agrees to commit the amount of \$1,000.00 as their share of an initiative between Conmee, O'Connor and Gillies Townships to hire a person or organization to create a job description and administrative framework for a shared administrator for the three volunteer Emergency Service departments.

CARRIED.

8.2 Letter from East Ferris

Council reviewed the letter from East Ferris regarding the OPP costing and the Small, Rural and Northern Infrastructure fund. Council requested that a letter of support be forwarded.

8.3 2014 Gas Tax Allocation – filed

8.4 Landfill Report from True Grit – filed

8.5 By-law No. 1032 – Appoint Treasurer Deputy-Clerk

Resolution No. 2014 – 08

Moved by Councillor Rydholm

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1032 being a by-law to execute an agreement between the Township of Conmee and Laura Bruni, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk.

CARRIED.

8.6 By-law No. 1033 – Appoint Deputy Fire Chief

Resolution No. 2014 – 09

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1033, being a by-law to appoint Gary White as Deputy Fire Chief.

CARRIED.

8.7 Grass Cutting Tender

Resolution No. 2014 – 10

Moved by Councillor Rydholm

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Grass Cutting Tender for the years 2014 and 2015 be awarded to Jeff Burke in the amount of \$2,100.00 per year.

CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 2014 Public Health Levy – filed

9.2 EMO Oct-Nov. Newsletter

9.3 By-law No. 1031 – Appoint Interim Facilities Manager

Resolution No. 2014 – 11

Moved by Councillor Ryhdolm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1031, being a by-law to appoint Lori Holland as Facilities Manager.

Mayor Holland declared a conflict and left the room.

CARRIED.

9.4 Estimated Policing Cost – filed

9.5 Resolution re Office Closure for Staff Election Training

Resolution No. 2014 – 12

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT Council approves of the closure of the Municipal Office on February 3, 2014 for staff election training.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 AMO Communications re “So You Want to Run for Council” Brochure and Website
- 10.2 OMLET Report – Open Meeting Law Enforcement Team re Ontario Ombudsman’s Report on Open Meeting Compliance
- 10.3 AMO Watchfile
- 10.4 Overview of Changes to Provincial Offences Act re Parking Infractions
- 10.5 Ministry of Energy – Long Term Energy Plan Report
- 10.6 Minutes – TBDSSAB – November 28, 2013
- 10.7 Minutes – TBDSSAB – Closed – November 28, 2013
- 10.8 Letter from MNR re Delegation Meeting at AMO re Aggregates
- 10.9 AMO Breaking News re Municipal Election Reforms
- 10.10 Media Release re Spring Bear Hunt

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2014-13

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 10.32 pm.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk