

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
November 26, 2013

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland
Councillor Grant Arnold
Councillor Robert MacMaster

ALSO PRESENT: Heather B. Brown, MMAH, Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent, Laura Bruni, Treasurer

ABSENT: Councillor Mary-Lynne Hunt, 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. 2013- 216

Moved by Councillor MacMaster

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as circulated
CARRIED.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Holland declared a pecuniary interest in 7.3 Disbursement List No. 11BB, 2013

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 Heather B. Brown, MMAH

Ms. Brown attended Council to present the Financial Indicator Review. This document shows the risks associated with the financial state of the Township and looks at items such as taxes receivable and liabilities for loans. Although the FIR showed some high risk categories, it was noted that this information is as of December 31st 2012 and many changes have been made in 2013 that should lower those risks for our next report.

Ms. Brown discussed methods of collecting outstanding taxes which are the biggest risk (now known as a “challenge”) facing the Township. The Township of Conmee has a large amount of uncollected taxes and Ms. Brown advised that Council needs to ensure the policy and processes are in place to collect them.

Mayor Holland noted that when the Township uses reserve funds for maintenance of municipal facilities, for which the money was saved, this lowers the amount in the reserve fund which then shows up as a higher risk. Ms. Brown advised that the Ministry does use “local intelligence” to explain categories that are in the high risk range if possible. She also noted that the Township of Conmee remains in the “monitor” category for the time being until the Ministry sees the changes made in 2013 reflected in our Financial Statements.

Mayor Holland thanked Ms. Brown for attending and advised that she would be invited back next year to present the 2013 Financial Indicator Review.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Resolution No. 2013-217

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 12, 2013 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

5.2 Resolution No. 2013 – 218

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on November 12, 2013 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- 6.1 Road Superintendent's Report - filed
 - Landfill Report - not at this meeting
- 6.2 Fire Chief's Report – not at this meeting
- 6.3 Clerk's Report - filed
- 6.4 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland updated Council on his activities since the last meeting of Council, including a 100th Anniversary meeting, a Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee meeting , an announcement for the Thunder Bay generating station, a meeting with the Minister regarding DSSAB, and several meetings with True Grit on outstanding work.

Mayor Holland noted that the Township will recognize the retirements of the Fire Chief, Deputy-Chief and Landfill Attendant at the Christmas Party.

Councillor MacMaster advised that he had attended several of the meetings with True Grit and a Skatepark Committee meeting.

Councillor Arnold advised he had attended an LRCA meeting and that the LRCA is currently engaged in maintenance work to their buildings. He also noted that the LRCA is no longer under contract with the Fisheries and Oceans, although that may change.

- 6.5 Other Board and Committee Reports - none

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

- 7.1 Disbursement List No 11A 2013 - amended

Resolution No. 2013-219

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$127,726.90 as per Amended Disbursement List No. 11A 2013 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

7.2 Disbursement List No. 11B 2013

Resolution No. 2013-220

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$35,089.20 as per Amended Disbursement List No. 11B 2013 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

7.3 Disbursement List No. 11BB 2013

Resolution No. 2013-221

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$600.88 as per Disbursement List No. 11BB 2013 be approved for payment.

Mayor Holland declared a conflict.

CARRIED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Information re Testing of Generator

Council reviewed the information and directed the Clerk to engage GAL Power to do the semi-annual testing along with the annual test. The Public Works will do the weekly and monthly test. Council also requested something in writing from GAL power saying that the Township employees have been trained to do those tests.

8.2 Resolution to Support Bill 114 – Spring Bear Hunt

Resolution No. 2013-222

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee supports Bill 114, an Act to amend the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 to provide for a spring bear hunt.

CARRIED.

8.3 Resolution Request – MNR Spring Bear Hunt

Resolution No. 2013-223

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the pilot project by the Ministry of Natural Resources to implement a limited early season bear hunt in Wildlife Management Unit 13.

CARRIED.

8.4 Outdoor Message Boards – deferred

8.5 Geotechnical Information re Skatepark

Councillor MacMaster advised that the Skatepark Committee had received information from a company that designs and installs skateparks. The company advised that they would require geotechnical information on the site where the skatepark will be located. As this is required in order to give an accurate quote for a park, it will be needed before we can fundraise. Council agreed to front the money for this study until fundraising can begin.

8.6 Resolution Re Whiteside (Kam Power) – Admin. Report #2013-19

Resolution No. 2013 – 224

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

WHEREAS capitalized terms have the meaning ascribed thereto in Appendix 1 – Standard Definitions.

AND WHEREAS KAM RIVER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (the “Applicant”) proposes to construct and operate a Project HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER PLANT AT HUME RAPIDS ON THE KAMINISTIQUIA RIVER (the “lands”) in THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE under the Province’s HESOP Program;

AND WHEREAS the Applicant has requested that Council of THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE indicate by resolution Council’s support for the construction and operation of the Project on the Property;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the HESOP Program Rules, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE support the construction and operation of the Project on the Lands.

CARRIED.

8.7 Agreement to Pay re Lawyer re Whiteside (Kam Power) - filed

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 OPP – Updated Municipal Policing Cost Recovery – filed

9.2 Letter from DSSAB re 2014 Levy – filed

9.3 Request to Sign Ontario One Call Acknowledgement

Resolution No. 2013-225

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT Mayor Holland be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix his signature to the Acknowledgement from Ontario One Call Services that the Township of Conmee does not own any underground infrastructure that crosses or is in the vicinity of the public right of way.

CARRIED.

9.4 Request for Assistance re Highspeed Internet

Council reviewed a letter from a resident regarding access to highspeed internet. Council directed the Clerk to write a letter to Bell asking them to consider installing affordable internet access for residents north of Lundstrom Road.

9.5 By-law No. 2013 – 1029 – Appoint to 100th Committee

Resolution No. 2013 – 226

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. 1029 being a by-law to appoint volunteer members to the 100th Anniversary Committee.

Mayor Holland declared a conflict.

CARRIED.

9.6 Hiring Committee re Landfill Position

Council appointed Mayor Holland, Clerk Maxwell, and Ken Malinoski to a hiring committee for the landfill position.

Resolution No. 2013 – 226

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we extend this meeting past 9:30 pm.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS REGARDING AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL INCLUDING BOARD EMPLOYEES

Resolution No. 2013-227

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT we do now adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss:

1. Matters regarding an identifiable individual including Board employees
2. Matters regarding the security of real property of the Board

At 9:35 pm.

CARRIED.

Council discussed the lease of Township land and an employee's holidays.

Resolution No. 2013-228

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do now adjourn the Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 10:42 pm.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2013-229

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of Council to enter into a lease agreement with Kam Power Corporation to lease real property.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 LRCA – Minutes – October 13, 2013

10.2 AMO Watch File

10.3 Letter from Procter and Gamble – Batteries

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2013-230

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 10:47 pm.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk