

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
November 13, 2012

**PRESENT:** Reeve Kevin Holland  
Councillor Grant Arnold  
Councillor Robert MacMaster  
Councillor Robert Rydholm

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent

**ABSENT:** Councillor Mary-Lynne Hunt

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 2012- 215**

**Moved by** Councillor Rydholm  
**Seconded by** Councillor MacMaster

**THAT** the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.  
**CARRIED.**

The Meeting Agenda was amended by the addition of 7.2 Disbursement List No. 11AA 2012, and 8.10 Snowplow Quotes, Moving 8.4, 9.4 and 9.5 to the Closed Session and adding 9.6 Resolution re Area 1 Planning Fee.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Reeve Holland declared a pecuniary interest in item 7.2.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were no depositions or petitions for Council's consideration.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2012-216**

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

**THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 23, 2012 be adopted as circulated.  
**CARRIED.**

5.2 **Resolution No. 2012-217**

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

**THAT** the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on October 23, 2012 be adopted as amended.  
**CARRIED.**

Council requested that the Minutes read as follows: Council discussed an issue regarding a resident's health and safety.

## **6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

### 6.1 Road Superintendent's Report

The Road Superintendent was asked to provide a report on the cost of repairs to the major equipment over the past 18 months.

### 6.2 Fire Chief's Report – August and September - filed

### 6.3 Clerk's Report - filed

### 6.4 Councillor Reports

Reeve Holland reported on his activities since the last meeting. Reeve Holland attended the Township Halloween Party and thanked Brenda Spithoff and Terry Baxter for providing items with a safety message for the kids. Reeve Holland also reported on his attendance at a Lakehead Rural Planning Board meeting, a Shared Services meeting, and the ongoing consultations regarding the corporate image. The tickets and posters for the New Year's Eve Dance were presented to Council. Reeve Holland's full report is on file.

Councillor MacMaster provided a brief oral report on his attendance at the Forum North Health and Safety Conference, including a presentation on Hazard Assessments. His full report is on file.

Councillor Arnold also provided an oral report on his attendance at the Forum North Health and Safety Conference. Councillor Arnold advised of the sessions attended by himself, Mike Vialoux and the Clerk and gave a brief overview of the keynote speakers.

## **7. DISBURSEMENT LIST**

Disbursement List No 11A 2012

### 7.1 Resolution No. 2012- 218

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

**THAT** the Accounts in the amount of \$82,510.15 as per Disbursement List No. 11A 2012 be approved for payment.

**CARRIED.**

### 7.2 Resolution No. 2012-219

**Moved by                      Councillor Rydholm**  
**Seconded by                Councillor Arnold**

**THAT** the Accounts in the amount of \$79.67 as per Disbursement List No. 11AA 2012 be approved for payment.

Reeve Holland declared a conflict.

**CARRIED.**

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### 8.1 Resolution Support – City of Thunder Bay – Generating Station

#### **Resolution No. 2012-220**

**Moved by                   Councillor Arnold**  
**Seconded by           Councillor Rydholm**

**THAT** the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the resolution and memorandum from the City of Thunder Bay regarding the suspension of the conversion of the Thunder Bay Generating Station (copy attached).

**CARRIED.**

8.2 EMS Report – Financial Implications of EMS Stand-by and Update – filed

8.3 Rink Maintenance

The Clerk advised Council that a resident has offered to help maintain the ice on the rink. It was noted that there were several other offers as well.

8.4 Moved to Closed Session

8.5 Notice of Environmental Study Report re Highway 11/17

Council noted the Notice states that copies are available at the Conmee Library and Municipal Office. Council directed the Clerk to investigate whether we should have any documents beyond what is already in the office.

8.6 New Contract with Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care re Fire Dept. Dispatch

**Resolution No. 2012 – 221**

**Moved by                   Councillor Rydholm**  
**Seconded by           Councillor Arnold**

**THAT** the Reeve and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to the Agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care regarding Fire and First Response Dispatching. (copy attached)

**CARRIED.**

8.7 Increases/Decreases in Municipally Owned Properties

The Clerk provided Council with the new assessed values of the Municipally owned properties.

8.8 On Call or Standby Definition

**Resolution No. 2012-222**

**Moved by                   Councillor Rydholm**  
**Seconded by           Councillor Arnold**

**THAT** the Council for the Township of Conmee accepts Policy No. 42 being a Policy to define “on-call or standby” status of employees.

**CARRIED.**

8.9 Health and Safety Committee Name

Council decided that the name would remain the Joint Health and Safety Committee.

8.10 Snow Plow Quotes

Council reviewed the quotes received for a new snowplow truck. They have requested that the Roads Department review the quotes and return to Council with more information at the next meeting.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Alternative Voting

The Clerk advised Council that if they were considering alternative methods of voting for the 2014 election, they would need to begin the process now. Several methods were discussed including telephone, mail or internet voting. While alternative methods do have some advantages including increased voting and elimination of proxy votes, Council felt that there was not enough benefit to warrant the increased cost of the election. It was decided that for the 2014 election the voting would remain paper ballots.

**Resolution No. 2012-223**

**Moved by           Councillor Rydholm**  
**Seconded by       Councillor Arnold**

**THAT** we extend this meeting time past 9:30 pm.

**CARRIED.**

9.2 Comfort Zone Newsletter – Admin. Report #2012 - 20

**Resolution No. 2012 – 224**

**Moved by           Councillor MacMaster**  
**Seconded by       Councillor Rydholm**

**THAT** the Clerk be approved to continue to receive the Comfort Zone Newsletter.

**CARRIED.**

9.3 2<sup>nd</sup> H&S Certification Program – M. Vialoux – Admin. Report 2012 – 21

**Resolution No. 2012 – 225**

**Moved by           Councillor Arnold**  
**Seconded by       Councillor Rydholm**

**THAT** Mike Vialoux be approved to attend the Public Services Health and Safety Association certification course to be held in Dryden on November 20 and 21, 2012.

**CARRIED.**

9.4 Moved to Closed Session

9.5 Moved to Closed Session

9.6 Area 1 Planning Fee

**Resolution No. 2012-226**

**Moved by           Councillor MacMaster**  
**Seconded by       Councillor Rydholm**

**THAT** the Council for the Township of Conmee agrees to share in the cost for a planner to develop a submission in response to the request for

comment on the Draft Provincial Policy Statement. This cost will depend on the number of municipalities that participate.

**CARRIED.**

**Resolution No. 2012 – 227**

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

**THAT** we do now adjourn this meeting to a Closed Session to discuss matters regarding an identifiable individual and Township staff at 9:46 pm.

**CARRIED.**

Council discussed several employee positions and complaints received from a Township resident that reference an identifiable individual.

**Resolution No. 2012 – 228**

**Moved by           Councillor Rydholm**  
**Seconded by       Councillor Arnold**

**THAT** we do now adjourn this Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 11:09 pm.

**CARRIED.**

**10.   CORRESPONDENCE**

- 10.1 Changes in Benefits to Those Living in Poverty – filed
- 10.2 AMO Watch File – filed
- 10.3 Review of Social Assistance in Ontario – filed
- 10.4 OPP Quarterly Report – filed
- 10.5 2011 AMO Report on Gas Tax – filed
- 10.6 AMO Watch File – filed
- 10.7 Northern Ontario School of Medicine Magazine – filed
- 10.8 2011 Aggregate Report - filed

**11.   ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No. 2012-229**

**Moved by           Councillor Arnold**  
**Seconded by       Councillor Rydholm**

**THAT** we do now adjourn this meeting at 11:15 pm.

**CARRIED.**

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Reeve

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Clerk