

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
September 8, 2015

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland
Councillor Grant Arnold
Councillor Robert MacMaster
Councillor S. Maxwell
Councillor Cathy Woodbeck

ALSO PRESENT: Keri and Shannon Nelson, Residents

ABSENT: Laura Bruni, Treasurer

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2015- 155

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

The Agenda was amended by fixing the numbering of the Deputations and Petitions and the subsequent numbers.

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**

Shannon and Keri Nelson attended Council to discuss the use of the house on their property. They would like to build a new house but would also like to re-purpose the old house into a garden suite.

Council advised that the Planning Act restricts garden suites to portable units as the use is limited and is intended to cease at some point.

Council advised the Nelsons to research severing the two dwellings. There was some concern that there might not be enough frontage, however a Minor Variance could be obtained.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2015 - 156**

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 11, 2015 be approved as circulated.
CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- 6.1 Road Superintendent's Report – filed
 - Grading Map - filed
 - Landfill Reports – Not at this meeting
 - Generator Report – filed
 - Tank Level Report - filed
- 6.2 Fire Chief's Report – June/July Reports filed
- 6.3 Clerk's Report – Not at this meeting
- 6.4 Treasurer's Report – Not at this meeting
- 6.5 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland advised Council on his activities since the last meeting including his attendance at AMO where several Minister delegations were completed, a food bank meeting, a Planning Board meeting, a special meeting at Oliver Paipooonge to discuss the new requirement for an agreement with Superior North EMS for dispatch of first response and a social services board meeting.

Mayor Holland took the opportunity to express Council's congratulations to the Queen on her achievement of becoming the longest serving monarch in British history.

Councillor Maxwell noted that she had attended a Social Committee meeting where up-coming events were discussed. The Committee will be holding a yard sale and movie matinee in September, a children's and an adult Halloween party in October and a pot-luck Christmas supper in December. Plans are also being made for a winter carnival in February.

Councillor Arnold advised that he attended a review of the Conservation Ontario Act by teleconference, as well as an LRCA budget meeting. He noted he will be attending a conference on behalf of LRCA in Southern Ontario.

6.6 Other Boards and Agencies

- Social Committee – Minutes – June 25, 2015 – filed
- Social Committee – Minutes – July 8, 2015 – filed
- LRCA – Minutes – June 24, 2015 – filed
- LRCA – Minutes – August 5, 2015 - filed

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

Disbursement List No - Not at this meeting

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Draft MOE Application re Increase in Landfill Volume

Council reviewed the draft application from True Grit to increase the volume in the landfill. Council requested that this item be deferred and that a representative from True Grit be requested to attend a Council meeting.

8.2 By-law No. 1081 – Off-Road Vehicles

Council discussed the by-law that will amend the by-law that permits ATV's on Township Roads as per the Provincial changes. Council noted that the original by-law had a limit on the hours an ATV could use the roads. Council decided that this should be removed and requested that the amended by-law be brought back to the next meeting.

Resolution No. 2015 – 157

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
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. 1081, being a by-law to allow the use of ATV's on Township roads.

DEFERRED.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Increase in Hazardous Waste Fee – filed

9.2 Draft Letter re Emergency Response Call-out – Letter to be sent

9.3 Police Presence in Conmee

Council discussed several recent occurrences in Conmee Township that required action by the OPP. It was noted that there seems to be an attitude that because the police are not often seen in our area people feel they can do anything. Council discussed inviting an OPP representative to a Council meeting to discuss how the Township can help the OPP have a better presence in the Township.

9.4 Letter from DSSAB re Change in Assessment

Council discussed the letter from the TBDSSAB requesting double majority support for changes to the levy formula. Council directed that this letter should be referred to the Superior Regional Social Assistance Board for their action.

9.5 Resignation re Landfill Attendant

Council discussed the resignation of the Landfill Attendant. It was noted that applications are being received for the position.

9.6 NOMA Resolution Request re Intercity Bus Transportation

Resolution No. 2015 – 158

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Transportation is examining how people travel between communities by intercity bus, and

WHEREAS this review may result in changes to the regulations that govern the operation of intercity bus services across the Province and in particular in Northern Ontario, and

WHEREAS although intercity bus service is an essential service for many residents of Northwestern Ontario, successive governments have allowed the service to be reduced and in some areas eliminated as the regulations moved away from a concept of cross subsidization whereby operators on a particular route used the profits from the more lucrative routes to subsidize the service to the more remote parts of the province, and

WHEREAS only Minaki, Sioux Lookout, Collins, Armstrong, Nakina, Longlac and Hornepayne have scheduled VIA Rail passenger service, and

WHEREAS only Fort Frances, Kenora, Dryden, Sioux Lookout, Nakina and Thunder Bay have scheduled air passenger service (other than the remote First Nation communities), and

WHEREAS residents without a personal vehicle must rely on family, friends or in many cases non-urgent transportation by Emergency Medical Service paramedics for transportation to major centres particularly for health reasons as intercity bus service is either inadequate or none existent, and

WHEREAS the same Ministry of Transportation has been conducting an analysis of the multi-modal transportation needs of Northern Ontario for the past three years and is approximately one year away from completing the study and recommending a plan for Northern Ontario, and

WHEREAS the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association has requested that the Ontario Government set aside future infrastructure funds for the implementation of the Multimodal Transportation Study, and

WHEREAS it would be prudent for the Northern Ontario portion of the current study of intercity bus service to be suspended and referred to the Multi-modal Transportation Study for incorporation into the long term plan

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Conmee call on the Ministry of Transportation to refer all matters related to any reform of the intercity bus transportation regulations applicable to Northern Ontario to the Northern Ontario Multimodal Transportation Study, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation Multimodal Transportation Study pay particular attention to the manner in which all modes of passenger transportation can be enhanced throughout Northwestern Ontario, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be filed with the EBR, and copied to the Minister of Transportation for Ontario, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Minister of Natural Resources, the MPP for Kenora-Rainy River, NOMA, NOACC and the Common Voice Northwest Transportation Task Force.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS REGARDING AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL

Resolution No. 2015 – 159

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT we do now adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or board employees.

CARRIED.

Council discussed a letter received regarding a court case for mischief on municipal property.

Resolution No. 2015 – 160

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do now adjourn the Closed Session and return to the open meeting at 9:40 pm.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Post Card to Greenpeace
- 10.2 OGR/ROMA Heads Up re Fine Increases
- 10.3 Letter from ROMA to MMAH re Funding
- 10.4 AMO Communication re Policing Update
- 10.5 AMO Watchfile
- 10.6 Renewable Energy Development – Guide for Municipalities
- 10.7 OFMEM – Changes to ODRAP
- 10.8 POA Cord Cost Increases
- 10.9 Thank you for Chairs – O'Connor Township
- 10.10 Aggregate Resources 2014 Report

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2015 - 161

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:57 pm.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk