

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
September 25, 2012

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ken Malinoski Road Superintendent, Ms. Keefe, Dawn Niemi,
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2012- 184

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

The Agenda was amended by the addition of 7.2 – Disbursement List No. 09B1 2012, 9.2 – Resolution for Shared Services Committee and 9.3 – Resolution to Request OFM Review of Fire Dept.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Reeve Holland made a declaration of pecuniary interest in Disbursement List No. 09B1 2012

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Ms. Keefe attended the Council meeting to discuss an Extension Agreement. The home is up for sale and they have had some interest and an open house is scheduled. Council requested that she come to the next Council meeting for a decision.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2012-185**

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 11, 2012 be approved as amended.
CARRIED.

8.4 was amended to read Rescue 74.

5.2 **Resolution No. 2012 – 186**

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on September 11, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Road Superintendent's Report – filed

Reeve Holland commended the Public Works employees on the work they have done restoring the roads after the flood. The removal of road debris from the ditches looks good.

Mr. Malinoski noted that the rink could still be erected even if we are unable to pave underneath it.

6.2 Fire Chief's Report – not at this meeting

6.3 Clerk's Report – deferred to next meeting

6.4 Councillor Reports

Reeve Holland gave an update on his activities since the last meeting, including a meeting with Bill Mauro, MPP, a Area 1 Heads of Council meeting and a Shared Services meeting to discuss the Fire Administration position as well as the possible joint purchases of new trucks. It was suggested that the CBO position could be shared as well.

Reeve Holland provided an update on the planning for the 100th anniversary. Posters should be available by October 12. Ingrid DeOude from Blue Snow Imaging has been asked to document the events. A calendar is being developed that will showcase the Township in pictures and have the major events printed on the appropriate dates.

Reeve Holland advised that he will remain on the DSSAB for a further 2 years at the request of the Area 1 municipalities.

Reeve Holland attended the grand opening of the new EMS building. Council requested that Mr. Norm Gale be invited to attend a Council meeting.

Reeve Holland will be doing the remaining planting at the Community Centre and a flag pole has been ordered. A contractor has been hired to do the sidewalks and the base for the flag pole and a flag pole has been ordered.

While removing the tree which had begun to impact the building by the roots invading the foundation and causing moss to destroy the shingles, it was found that there was a shallow buried electrical cable that no one seemed to know what it was for. The Treasurer/Deputy Clerk was directed to contact an electrician on an emergency basis as there were exposed live wires.

Reeve Holland discussed the difficulties that the Food Bank is having with funding from DSSAB. Reeve Holland will work with the Food Bank to ensure their application is appropriate.

Reeve Holland discussed the CAO/Clerk's 10th anniversary with the Township. Council decided to offer a gift certificate for dinner and a plaque.

Reeve Holland requested the Public Works department get the top soil and grass seed for the Community Centre yard. The seed needs to be

sowed this year in order for there to be a nice lawn for the 100th anniversary events.

Reeve Holland presented several different logos from Korkala Design. Council agreed on one design with some possible changes.

Reeve Holland will attend the DSSAB official opening and the NOMA conference.

Councillor Arnold advised Council that the LRCA cabin at Hazelwood Lake had been burned. A decision will have to be made as to whether it will be replaced. The LRCA carried a \$1000.00 deductible on the cabin.

Councillor Arnold also advised that two weeks ago a transport pulled down a pole and communication lines, leaving 50 homes without phones for 48 hours. Councillor Arnold felt this could leave seniors at risk and homes with no emergency communications if needed. Councillor Arnold and the Clerk will draft a letter to Bell on this issue.

Councillor Hunt advised that there has been two Recreation Committee meetings. The Zumba class has had a good turnout. Councillor Hunt advised she would be unable to attend the NOMA meeting.

Councillor MacMaster advised that we are still waiting for the grant approval notification. If the grant for the generator is not obtainable, Councillor MacMaster and the CAO will research other avenues in order to fulfill our mandate for an emergency operations centre.

Councillor MacMaster advised that Council needs to move forward with some recommendations made by the Joint Health and Safety Committee.

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

7.1 Disbursement List No 09B 2012

Resolution No. 2012- 187

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$67,858.65 as per Disbursement List No. 09B 2012 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

7.2 Disbursement List No. 09B1 2012

Resolution No. 2012 – 188

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$2,208.03 as per Disbursement List No. 09B1 2012 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Reeve Holland declared a pecuniary interest and left the Chair.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Policy on Donation Receipts – Admin. Report #2012 – 17

Resolution No. 2012 – 189

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee adopts Policy No. 41, being a Policy on the issuing of Donation Receipts.

CARRIED.

- 8.2 Response from True Grit re Mokomon Road Bridge Repairs – Admin. Report No 2012 – 18

Council reviewed the report from True Grit. Council questioned the payment to the company who can't complete repairs to the Maxwell Road Bridge. The Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk was directed to hold the payment to this company until the Clerk could explain what was happening with the Maxwell Bridge repairs.

- 8.3 Date for Emergency Supplies Meeting

Council was unable to set a date for this meeting at this time.

- 8.4 Date for Tabletop Exercise

Council set a date of November 28, 2012 for the EMO tabletop exercise to begin at 6:30 pm.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 By-law No. 1009 – Appoint Deputy-Fire Chief

Resolution No. 2012 – 190

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Reeve and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1009, being a By-law to appoint a Volunteer Deputy Fire Chief.

CARRIED.

- 9.2 Resolution – Shared Services Committee

Resolution No. 2012 – 191

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

WHEREAS the municipalities of Conmee, Gillies and O'Connor have each expressed an interest in working together to find efficiencies in the sharing of a number of similar services; and

WHEREAS preliminary meetings between the three municipalities at which the Head of Council and the Clerk were in attendance, each municipality has expressed an interest in continuing to move forward with this initiative;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a committee to be known as the Shared Services Committee be formed with a mandate to make recommendations to each municipal council for the sharing of services that will result in an efficiency to each municipality; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Head of Council and the Clerk/CAO are hereby appointed to the Shared Services Committee.

CARRIED.

9.3 Resolution – Request OFM Review of Fire Department

Resolution No. 2012 – 192

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

WHEREAS a part of moving forward with investigating the efficiencies of a shared Director of Emergency Services position between Conmee, Gillies and O'Connor, the Shared Services Committee has recommended that a Fire Services Review needs to be undertaken in order to establish the strengths and weaknesses of each municipality with respect to prevention and public education, code enforcement and emergency response; and

WHEREAS it is the intent to use the recommendations resulting from the review to be a guiding document to help the municipalities determine if such a position is feasible, and if so, how to create the new position and structure of the fire teams;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Fire Marshal (OFM) be requested to undertake a joint fire services review for the municipalities of Conmee, Gillies and O'Connor with the intent of creating a shared Director of Emergency Services position; and

FURTHER THAT the Shared Services Committee is hereby given the authority to work with the OFM to establish the scope of the review.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 LRCA – 2011 Audited Statements
- 10.2 Thank you from Minister Chiarelli re AMO Meeting
- 10.3 Northern Ontario School of Medicine – Northern Passages Magazine
- 10.4. Superior North EMS – 2011 Municipal Report
- 10.5 Media Release – LRCA – Fire
- 10.6 AMO – Compensation Freeze Exemption
- 10.7 AMO Watch File

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2012- 193

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:09 pm.

CARRIED.

Reeve

Clerk