

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 2014

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland
Councillor Grant Arnold
Councillor Robert MacMaster
CAO/Clerk Patricia Maxwell

ALSO PRESENT: Laura Bruni, Treasurer-Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Councillor Cathy Woodbeck, 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- 175

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

The Agenda was amended by the addition of 9.5 – Library Update – Private Statute, 9.6 – Benefit Renewal, 9.7 – Cal Gas Fixed Rate, 9.8 – Expression of Interest for Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and Small Communities Fund (SCF – Federal)

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**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2014 - 176**

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 26, 2014 be approved as amended.
CARRIED.

The Minutes were amended by the correction of a spelling error.

5.2 **Resolution No. 2014 – 177**

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Closed Session of Council held on August 26, 2014 be approved as circulated.
CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- 6.1 Road Superintendent's Report - filed
- Landfill Reports – Councillor MacMaster asked if a general report on the amount of construction material entering the landfill could be made to Council by the Landfill Attendant.
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- 6.2 Fire Chief's Report – not at this meeting
- 6.3 Clerk's Report - - filed
- The Clerk questioned Council on whether they wished to continue with the plans to erect a Township sign on the highway based on the fact that the Ministry of Transportation will be erecting identification signs. Council decided to wait and see what the MTO signs look like before proceeding with the cost of a new sign.
- 6.4 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland advised Council on his activities since the last meeting including an LRMC meeting, a DSSAB Social Housing meeting, Conmee Day setup, and that he will be attending the tabletop exercise, a meeting between DSSAB and the LRMC, and the Yard Sale.

Councillor Arnold advised that he would be attending the LRCA meeting on September 17th and had attended the Conmee Day.

Councillor MacMaster advised that he had attended the Library Board meeting and provided a report on the lack of Board members.

Mayor Holland noted that the Family Pot-Luck Christmas Supper had been successful last year and suggested that we do it again this year as well as combining it with the Rydholm Volunteer Appreciation Recognition. Council agreed to move forward with this event.

- 6.5 Other Board and Committee Reports
- Skatepark Committee Minutes – July 30, 2014 – filed
 - True Grit Geotechnical Report – filed
 - LRMC – Minutes – June 26, 2014 - filed

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

Disbursement List No 09A 2014

Resolution No. 2014- 178

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

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$19,382.00 as per Disbursement List No. 09A 2014 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1 Skatepark Sponsorship Package

Mayor Holland expressed concerns regarding the amount of time it is taking to get the sponsorship packages completed. Mayor Holland also expressed concerns regarding some of the contents of the package, including the words "title sponsor" and the lack of a range of dollar amounts for the donors. Mayor Holland felt the Committee had missed some opportunities to attend local events to fundraise. Council discussed some of the changes

they felt should be included in the package. Mayor Holland requested that the package be reviewed and revised by municipal staff as per Council's direction and return a package to the next Council meeting for final approval and disbursement. This would allow the Committee to focus on fundraising activities and park design.

8.2 By-law No. 1054 – Appoint to Skatepark Committee

Resolution No. 2014 – 179

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. 1054 being a by-law to appoint a volunteer member to the Conmee Skatepark Committee.

CARRIED.

8.3 Report from GAL Power on Generator – filed

8.4 Ministry of Health and Long Term Care re Ambulance Dispatch Agreement.

Resolution No. 2014 – 180

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
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 1055, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for the dispatch of the Conmee Emergency Services Fire Department.

CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Newsletter Information Regarding Hall Rentals

The Clerk requested Council's approval on an insert for the Conmee Chronicle regarding the new hall rentals. Council agreed that this should be inserted to help dispel the rumors in the Township.

9.2 Request for Zoning Amendment

Council reviewed the request for a Zoning Amendment and set the date of October 7th at 7:00 pm for the public meeting.

9.3 Request to Attend AMCTO Zone 9 Fall Meeting – Admin. Report 2014-10

Resolution No. 2014 – 181

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Clerk and Treasurer be authorized to attend the AMCTO Zone 9 Fall Meeting to be held in Thunder Bay on September 23rd and 24th, 2014;

AND THAT the municipal office be closed on September 23rd and ½ day on September 24th.

CARRIED.

9.4 Software Purchase – deferred

9.5 Library Up-date – Private Statute

Councillor MacMaster provided an update on the status of the Library Board and questions answered by the Library Act. It was noted that the Act requires the Board to have a minimum of 5 members and that this minimum has not been met for some time. Council directed that the Clerk should advertise for more Board members and include the notice that alternatives to providing library services may need to be implemented if we can't find enough people willing to volunteer for the Board.

Resolution No. 2014 – 182

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

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

9.6 Benefit Renewal

Resolution No. 2014 – 183

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Treasurer be authorized to renew the Township of Conmee benefit package as provided by Benefits by Design in the amount of \$2,069.60 per month.
CARRIED.

9.7 Cal Gas Fixed Rate

The Treasurer provided Council with information on last year's rate for propane and the offer of a fixed rate for 2014. Council authorized the Treasurer to accept the fixed rate for 2014

9.8 Expression of Interest for the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OICF) and Small Communities Fund (SCF – Federal)

The Treasurer provided information on the expressions of interests and requested Council's input on what projects they would like to see funded. Council advised that the top road repairs as identified by the Asset Management Plan should be submitted, as well as possible funding of a development officer to help with the Official Plan review and future development plans.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS REGARDING AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL

Resolution No. 2014 – 184

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do now adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss matters regarding an identifiable individual and solicitor/client communications at 9:48 pm.
CARRIED.

The Clerk provided an update on the issue of a possible illegal burial in the cemetery, as well as communications from the solicitor regarding a land purchase. Council also discussed the inability of some members of committees to commit to the requirements of their positions.

Resolution No. 2014 – 185

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT we do now adjourn the Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 10:44 pm.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2014 – 186

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Mayor be appointed as an ex-officio member of the Conmee Public Library Board.

CARRIED.

The Clerk was directed to proceed as directed in the Closed Session with the matters pertaining to the land purchase and the cemetery issue.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Environmental Bill of Rights
- 10.2 LRCA – Minutes – June 25, 2014
- 10.3 LRCA – Minutes – July 23, 2014
- 10.5 Report on Aggregate Production in Ontario

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2014-187

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 10:45 pm.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk