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AGENDA FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.



Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691810684?pwd=d4aTCkOblGDvAhbLezcjdCcRRskWIK.1>  
Meeting ID: 856 9181 0684  
Passcode: 015814

1. CALL TO ORDER

Land Acknowledgement

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 be approved as circulated. (Alternatively, amendments to be noted; with approval as amended.)

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. TOWN HALL SEGMENT

5. DEPUTATIONS

None for this meeting.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 Minutes – Open Session Regular Council Meeting – May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Open Session of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, be approved as circulated. (Alternatively, corrections to be noted; with approval as amended.)

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

7.1 Payroll Report

7.2 Payment Register

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the disbursements represented by electronic bank payments and cheque numbers 7862 to 7890 totalling \$76,872.85.

8. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS (as available)

8.1 Clerk's Report

8.2 Treasurer's Report

8.3 Public Works Report (no report this meeting)

8.4 Fire Chief's Report

8.5 Council Member Reports (verbal)

8.6 Reports from Other Agencies: as listed in the Clerk's Report

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the reports presented as listed in Section 8 of this evening's agenda. (Alternatively, directions to Administration as per Council's determination)

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Open Air Burning and Fireworks Bylaw

9.1-1 Report to Council – Open Air Burning and Fireworks Bylaw

9.1-2 Draft Open Air Burning and Fireworks Bylaw

10 BYLAWS

10.1 Emergency Response Plan (2026)

10.1-1 Report to Council – Emergency Response Plan (2026)

10.1-2 By-law 2026-020 – Establish and Maintain Emergency Management Plan & Adopt Emergency Response Program

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2026-020, being a By-law to establish and maintain an Emergency Management Program and to adopt an Emergency Response Plan (2026), be passed.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

List of Resolution Support Requests from other municipalities, agencies & the provincial government:

11.1-1 Township of Plympton-Wyoming – Establish consistent, non-competitive provincial funding for fire services in place of grant programs.

11.1-2 Township of Puslinch – Emergency Room Reform

11.1-3 Township of Baldwin – OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model Review

11.1-4 Township of Armour – Development of New and Upgraded Rest Stops Along Highway 11/17

11.1-5 Municipality of Calvin – Provincial Review of CVA-Based Apportionment for Shared Services

11.1-6 Township of Larder Lake – Support FONOM's Call on the Province to establish a Northern Ontario Policing Grant

11.1-7 County of Prince Edward - Resolution re: Better Regional Governance Act (May 26, 2026)

11.1-8 County of Prince Edward – Sustainable Funding for Public Health Units

11.1-9 Town of South Bruce – Affirming Outdoor Education as an Essential Part of Public Education in Ontario

11.1-10 Village of Merrickville – Support of OPP Detachment Board Resolution – Traffic Calming and Speed Mitigation Techniques

11.1-11 Town of Nemi – Province to Provide Funding to Improve Hospital Finances and Capacity

11.1-12 Town of Iroquois Falls – Ontario Firefighter Certification Requirements

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence presented as listed in Section 11 of this evening's agenda. (Alternatively; directions to Administration as per Council's determination).

## 12 UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Regular Council Meetings: June 23rd, July 14th, August 11th, September 8th & 22nd, October 13th, November 10th & 17th (Inaugural), December 1st & 15th, 2026.

## 13 CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT, at \_\_\_ p.m., Council move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, to consider; Item 13.1, being the Closed Session minutes of the Regular Council meeting held May 26th, 2026, under the same authority as the original meeting; and Item 13.2, regarding the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer recruitment process, being personal matters about identifiable individuals under Section 239(2)(b) of the same legislation.

13.1 Minutes – Closed Session Regular Council Meeting – May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

13.2 Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Recruitment

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being \_\_\_ p.m., Council rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

## 14 BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, be approved as circulated. (Alternatively, corrections to be noted; with approval as amended.) AND THAT Administration be authorized to proceed in accordance with the direction provided in Closed Session.

## 15 CONFIRMING BYLAW

By-law 2026-021 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2026-020 be passed, and FURTHER, THAT the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Connee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 2026-021, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

## 16 ADJOURN

Recommendation: There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor declares the meeting to be adjourned at \_\_\_ p.m.

**MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 6:00 pm

PRESENT Mayor Sheila Maxwell  
Councillor David Maxwell  
Councillor Grant Arnold

REGRETS Councillor David Halvorsen  
ABSENT Councillor Chris Kresack

ALSO PRESENT Karen Paisley, Clerk  
Len Arps, Public Works Manager  
Kyle Foekens, Machine Operator – Public Works

PRESENT VIRTUALLY Olabisi Akinsanya-Hutka, HR Assistant

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council stood down at 6:01 p.m.  
Councillor Maxwell left the meeting at 6:01 p.m.  
Councillor Maxwell returned to the meeting at 6:02 p.m.  
Council resumed at 6:02 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council added item 9.3 (Request for Support – CEDC) and 13.4 (239(2)(b) Municipal Act, 2001 regarding personal matters about identifiable individuals)

**RESOLUTION 2026–106**

**Moved by: Councillor Arnold**

**Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular council meeting of May 26, 2026, be approved as amended.

**CARRIED****3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None declared.

**4. TOWN HALL SEGMENT**

No members of the public were present.

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

A video presentation regarding the 2+1 highway corridor was provided for Council's information. Council discussed highway safety, including accident trends, enforcement concerns, and the potential benefits and limitations of the 2+1 highway model. No direction was provided.

**6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)****6.1 Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Council reviewed the minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. No amendments were requested.

**RESOLUTION 2026-107****Moved by: Councillor Arnold****Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the open session of the regular council meeting of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED****7. DISBURSEMENT LIST**7.1. Payroll Report

There was no payroll report presented this meeting.

7.2. Payment Register

There was no payroll register report presented this meeting.

**8. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**8.1. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on ongoing administrative matters, including coordination with Spectrum Telecom regarding Geotab unit issues and vehicle maintenance scheduling. Updates were provided on completed AMO delegation submissions and pending confirmation of meeting allocations. The Clerk advised that the IT contractor and sub-contractor had reviewed municipal systems and that recommendations are pending regarding connectivity improvements and security camera installation at the Public Works garage.

Administration continues to support food bank operations, including arranging facility access for volunteers and addressing maintenance concerns at the loading bay. The Clerk also reported on recent attendance at regional meetings and committees, including the Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition, electricity planning sessions, and Emergency Management programming. Upcoming interviews for the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position were noted.

8.2. Treasurer's Report

There was no report from the Treasurer.

8.3. Public Works Report

The Public Works Manager reported that spring grading operations are ongoing due to wet conditions. Staff have been addressing road maintenance, landfill operations, and minor infrastructure issues, including sinkhole repairs and fire number replacements.

Guardrail installation has been completed at several identified locations, with approximately 100 posts installed to date. The Public Works Manager advised that one truck is currently undergoing safety certification and is expected to return to service by the end of the week, which will allow staff to proceed with scheduled entrance work.

Council discussed additional locations for guardrail installation and general road safety improvements. No further direction was given.

8.4. Fire Chief's Report

There was no report from the Fire Chief.

#### 8.5. Council Member Reports

Mayor Maxwell reported attendance at meetings, including participation in interviews for the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position. Resident concerns were also received and directed to the Clerk for follow-up.

Councillor Arnold reported attendance at the Thunder Bay District Health Unit meeting and advised of upcoming meetings, including the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) and a conservation consultation session. Councillor Arnold also noted participation in upcoming staff interviews and referenced the Teeny Tiny Summit scheduled in Manitouwadge, which may be attended virtually. Councillor Arnold also raised awareness of bear activity within the community and suggested including a reminder in the municipal newsletter.

Councillor Maxwell reported attendance at the Thunder Bay District Municipal League meeting and advised of an upcoming Emergency Management Program Committee meeting. Councillor Maxwell further noted plans to complete a generator inspection and report.

#### 8.6. Other Agencies' Reports

Council reviewed correspondence and reports received from other agencies as listed in the Clerk's Report.

#### **RESOLUTION 2026-108**

**Moved by: Councillor Arnold**

**Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the reports presented as listed in Section 8 of this evening's agenda, AND THAT Administration is authorized to proceed in accordance with Council's directions and decisions resulting from the consideration of those reports.

**CARRIED**

### **9. NEW BUSINESS**

#### 9.1 Water Monitoring Program – Landfill

Council reviewed the annual water quality monitoring program proposal for the Sovereign Road Landfill. It was noted that monitoring is conducted on a regular basis to ensure regulatory compliance. Council expressed no concerns with the program as presented.

#### **RESOLUTION 2026-109**

**Moved by: Councillor Arnold**

**Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2026 Water Quality Monitoring Program for the Sovereign Road Landfill.

**CARRIED**

#### 9.2 Fire Department Radio Repeater System

Council discussed the proposed radio repeater system. It was clarified that the option presented did not reflect the preferred solution, and that alternative in-truck repeater systems are being explored by the Fire Chief. Council agreed to defer consideration of this matter until further information and pricing are obtained. No resolution was passed.

### 9.3 Request for Support – Regional Immigration Pilot

Council reviewed a request for support from the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission regarding the Regional Economic Development through Immigration (REDI) pilot. The Clerk provided draft responses for Council's consideration. Council discussed the applicability of the program to the Township and supported participating in a district-wide application.

#### **RESOLUTION 2026-110**

**Moved by: Councillor Arnold**

**Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the application submitted by the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission under the Regional Economic Development through Immigration pilot; AND THAT staff be authorized to submit the Township's responses accordingly.

**CARRIED**

#### **10. BY-LAWS**

Council considered the following by-laws:

By-law 2026-013 – 2026 Budget

By-law 2026-014 – 2026 Tax Rates

By-law 2026-015 – 2026 Tax Ratios

By-law 2026-016 – Regulate the Placement and Display of Election Signs

By-law 2026-017 – Use of Municipal Resources during an Election

By-law 2026-018 – Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee

#### **RESOLUTION 2026-111**

**Moved by: Councillor Maxwell**

**Seconded by: Councillor Arnold**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Nos. 2026-013, 2026-014, 2026-015, 2026-016, 2026-017, and 2026-018 be passed; AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to the respective by-laws.

**CARRIED**

#### **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

Council reviewed correspondence from the Town of Bruce Mines regarding Bill 97 and proposed amendments to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Council expressed support for the concerns raised.

#### **RESOLUTION 2026-112**

**Moved by: Councillor Arnold**

**Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from the Town of Bruce Mines regarding Bill 97 and proposed amendments to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; AND THAT Administration be directed to communicate Council's support to the Town of Bruce Mines.

CARRIED

**12. UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

Council reviewed the list of upcoming meeting dates. No changes were proposed.

**13. CLOSED SESSION****RESOLUTION 2026-113**

**Moved by: Councillor Arnold**

**Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, at 7:02 p.m., Council move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, to consider Item 13.1, being the Closed Session minutes of the Council meeting held May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 under the same authority as the original meeting; Item 13.2, to consider loader procurement, including a confidential report and three quotes, being a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to negotiations under section 239(2)(k) of the Municipal Act, 2001; to consider Items 13.3 and 13.4 involving personal matters about identifiable individuals under section 239(2)(b) of the same legislation.

CARRIED

HR Assistant joined the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Public Works staff left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

During closed session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

**RESOLUTION 2026-114**

**Moved by: Councillor Arnold**

**Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:53 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED

Open session resumed.

**14. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION****RESOLUTION 2026-115**

**Moved by: Councillor Arnold**

**Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Closed Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, be approved; AND THAT Administration be authorized to proceed as directed during Closed Session.

CARRIED

**15. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

By-law 2026-019

**RESOLUTION 2026-116**

**Moved by: Councillor Arnold**

**Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2026-019 be passed; AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 2026-019, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

**CARRIED**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Mayor Sheila Maxwell

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Clerk Karen Paisley

Staff Payroll - May 8, 2026  
 -May 22 , 2026  
 Council Payroll -May 29, 2026

	<u>Administration and</u>		
	<u>Public Works</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Wages	20,173.81	8,813.39	28,987.20
EI	460.37	201.12	661.49
CPP	1,128.26	347.81	1,476.07
RRSP	719.36		719.36
mileage	517.86	0.00	517.86
total	<u>22,999.66</u>	<u>9,362.32</u>	<u>32,361.98</u>

**Township of Conmee  
Payment Register**

**Report Date**

Batch: 2026-00082 to 2026-00090 2026-06-03 1:06 PM

**Bank Code: GEN - TD Operating Account**

Payment #	Vendor	Amount	
Computer Cheque			
7862	Lakehead Cleaners	129.72	
7863	Nu-Steel Door Systems	1,288.20	fire hall
7864	Pines Hardware Inc.	67.77	
7865	Rosslyn Service Ltd	1,440.58	brush cutter
7866	Sarjeant Propane	2,671.15	
	- fire dept \$947.02		
	- garage \$1724.13		
7867	BMO RRSP	147.98	
7868	City of Thunder Bay	19,025.00	EMS
7869	MicroAge	847.50	
7870	Minister of Finance	8,179.00	policing
7871	MNP	8,127.52	audit
7872	Nova-Pro Industrial Supply Ltd	282.73	
7873	Sasi Spring Water	15.54	
7874	REV	0.00	
7875	Ultramar	2,953.53	
7876	Allmar International	171.76	keys
7877	Central Canada Industries	659.94	parts for safety
7878	Fort Garry Industries	50.16	
7879	GFL Environmental Inc	334.77	
7880	Maxim Truck & Trailer	332.34	parts for safety
7881	reimbursement	2,451.23	
7882	Minister of Finance	195.00	
7883	Munisoft	1,467.87	software
7884	Ontario Fire Truck Inc.	5,646.27	safety
7885	Pines Hardware Inc.	7.06	
7886	REV - Seven Oaks Creative	0.00	
7887	Thunder Bay Dist Health Unit	122.10	
7888	Thunder Bay DSSAB	8,306.00	
7889	Toodaloo Pest and Wildlife	110.74	
7890	AIG Insurance Company	3,246.48	VFD members
	<b>Total Cheque Payments</b>	<b>68,277.94</b>	
Other			
4	TD Visa	972.18	
42	TD Visa	2,078.14	training for fire dept
102	TD Visa	524.77	
123	Manulife	1,541.57	
325	TBayTel	404.87	
455	Hydro One Networks - garage	571.42	
456	TBayTel	158.34	
458	Hydro One Networks - fire dept	371.01	
459	Hydro One Networks - hall	1,555.46	
532	TD Visa	177.15	
c1az	Seven Oaks Creative	240.00	shirts fire dept
	<b>Total EFT Payments</b>	<b>8,594.91</b>	
		<b>76,872.85</b>	

**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee  
Administrative Report**

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**Date:** June 9, 2026

**To:** Mayor and Council

**Subject:** Administrative Activity Report

**File Number:** 01-C10-0000 Administrative Activity Reports

**Submitted by:** Karen Paisley Clerk

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

For Council's information and direction as required.

**BACKGROUND:**

This report provides an update on current administrative matters, including a playground inspection at the Municipal Complex, ongoing discussions with the Ministry of Transportation, environmental compliance requirements at Briggs Pit, procurement of network infrastructure improvements, and upcoming community events.

**DISCUSSION:**

A playground inspection was conducted at the Municipal Complex on May 25, 2026 by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit. The inspection identified maintenance-related concerns with protective surfacing, vegetation encroachment, and clearance distances within the protective surfacing zone. The play structures themselves were found to be in good condition with no deficiencies noted. The Facilities Manager has repositioned picnic tables to ensure required clearances are maintained, and a safety sign has been ordered to advise residents to keep tables and other items outside of the designated safety zones. Public Works has confirmed that required surfacing maintenance will be completed using existing resources. The inspection report is attached for Council's information.

Recruitment for the Summer Student positions has closed, and initial screening has been completed. Interviews are being scheduled in accordance with the Township's Hiring and Recruitment Policy. A further update will be provided to Council following the interview process.

In accordance with the Township's Council and Staff Recognition Policy, a congratulatory gift will be provided to a Township employee in recognition of the recent birth of a child.

Correspondence was received from the Ministry of Transportation on May 27, 2026 as a follow-up to the Township's April 21, 2026 meeting regarding the Highway Operations Performance Review. The Ministry confirmed that a field review has been completed and provided an update on signage, noting that further review of both short- and long-term recommendations remains

ongoing. Administration has responded to reiterate the Township's broader concerns, including intersection safety, traffic volumes, emergency access, and visibility lighting.

Direction has been received from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding material currently located at Briggs Pit. The Ministry has advised that the material must be relocated to an approved landfill and that confirmatory sampling will be required. Both the Township and the excess soils project lead are being held responsible for bringing the site into compliance under a voluntary compliance approach. Staff are working with the Township's environmental consultant, North Rock Engineering, to determine next steps, including placement options, potential impacts, and associated costs. A meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2026 to review options, with a draft plan to be submitted to the Ministry by June 15, 2026. Further updates will be provided as required.

The Township has received a quotation from MicroAge Computer Centre for network improvements at the Municipal Office, including installation of a data drop to support a new wireless access point in Council Chambers and replacement of the existing point-to-point bridge. The total cost of the work is \$1,602.06 including HST. In accordance with Procurement By-law No. 1270, the Clerk approved the quotation from the Township's existing IT service provider, as the work is within the approved budget and below the threshold requiring additional quotations. This update is provided for Council's information.

The Emergency Management Program Committee is coordinating a FireSmart Family Readiness Fair on June 20, 2026 at the Municipal Complex in recognition of Father's Day weekend. The event will run from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will provide residents with practical information on emergency preparedness and wildfire safety through interactive, family-oriented activities. Notice of the event has been circulated through the Township newsletter. Administration has undertaken outreach to a number of partner agencies, including the Ontario Provincial Police, Ministry of Natural Resources, Hydro One, Canadian Red Cross, Thunder Bay District Health Unit, and Lakehead Search and Rescue. Participation is being finalized, with several organizations indicating tentative attendance subject to availability, while others have advised they are unable to attend. Planning is ongoing to confirm attendance and finalize event logistics.

Planning is underway for the Township's annual emergency management tabletop exercise scheduled for July 7, 2026, which supports compliance with requirements under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. Further details will be provided as arrangements are finalized.

### **Other Agency Reports – 8.6**

1. TBDSSAB Board Minutes – April 30, 2026
2. TBDSSAB 2025 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements
3. NOMA Meeting with Federal Transport Minister – 11/17 Modernization
4. NOMA – Northern Ontario Priorities Shared with PM Mark Carney
5. MMAH – Minister Robert Flack – Bill 119 Notification
6. FONOM – Meeting with Transport Minister Steven MacKinnon
7. EMPC Minutes – February 5, 2026 – approved May 27, 2026
8. Northern Policy Institute – Fiscal Impact of "Fringe Populations" in Northern Ontario



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May 26, 2026

Karen Paisley  
Municipal Clerk  
Township of Conmee  
19 Holland Rd W  
Kakabeka Falls, ON  
P0T 1W0

Dear Ms. Paisley

**RE: Playground Inspection – Conmee Township – Municipal Complex**

Enclosed please find a copy of the report detailing the playground inspection that was conducted at your facility on May 25, 2026.

The inspection was completed based on my professional knowledge, using *CAN/CSA-Z614-20, Children's Playspaces and Equipment*. Please note the inspection was conducted and the report written from the perspective that children ages 18 months to 12 years use the equipment.

This is a living document, commenting on the site at the time the inspection was done only.

Should you have any questions or require information, please contact me at the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

Yours truly,

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**Playground Equipment Inspection**  
**Township of Conmee – Municipal Complex**

**Inspection Date:** May 25, 2026

**Weather Conditions:** sunny, warm

The playground is located on the northwest side of the building.

**1. Overall Maintenance**

Protective Surfacing

Surfacing material (sand) has become somewhat hard-packed and displaced in some areas i.e. base of slides. Weeds and grass have migrated onto the sand in some areas, reducing the size of the Protective Surfacing Zone (PSZ) in some i.e. beside swing set on bucket swing side of structure. Recommend roto-tilling and doing so each spring, following the thaw.

**Clause 10.4.4**

**B HAZARD**

Protective Surfacing Zone (PSZ)

In general, items such as picnic tables and benches have been moved within the PSZ. An overall clearance of 1.8m (~6') must be maintained around the outermost edges of all equipment. To-fro swings require additional space (see below).

Consider ways to advise users that items cannot be moved.

**Clause 14.1.1**

**B HAZARD**

**2. Composite Structure**

**Platform 1**

No deficiencies noted at time of inspection

**Platform 2 (curved slide)**

No deficiencies noted at time of inspection

**Platform 3 (straight slide)**

No deficiencies noted at time of inspection

**3. Curved Slide**

Entanglement

No deficiencies noted at time of inspection

PSZ

No problems noted

Protective Barrier

Sufficient height

#### 4. Straight Slide

Entanglement	No deficiencies noted at time of inspection
PSZ	No problems noted
Protective Barrier	Sufficient height
Exit height	No deficiencies noted at time of inspection

#### 5. Additional components on composite structure – rock climber, curvy pole and climber

No deficiencies noted at time of inspection

#### 6. Swings – single-user to-fro (2) and toddler (2)

PSZ	<p>PSZ of 4.1m (~13') must be maintained to front and back of the structure, measured from the top beam. This distance is based on a measurement of the length of the chain.</p> <p>A PSZ of 1.8m (~6') must be maintained on each side, measured from the end of the top beam.</p> <p>Clause 14.4.1.1, 14.4.1.2 and 14.4.1.4</p> <p><b>B HAZARD</b></p>
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No other deficiencies noted at time of inspection

### Required Actions

#### HAZARD CLASSIFICATION:

- A – Life Threatening, permanent disability
- B – Serious injury, potential for temporary disability, cuts, bruises
- C – Equipment non-compliant with CSA Z614

#### Protective Surfacing – B HAZARD

- Roto-till yearly, more often if needed
- Remove vegetation

#### Protective Surfacing Zone (PSZ) – B HAZARD

- Ensure appropriate clearance distances are maintained









**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee  
Administrative Report**

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**Date:** June 9, 2026  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Treasurer Report  
**Submitted by:** Leanne Maxwell

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report is for Councils information

**BACKGROUND:**

The Treasurer reports to Council, at regular council meetings, as necessary, on their activities

**FOR INFORMATION:**

The office has changed the software for the Cemetery. Stone Orchard was dated and difficult to use, as well as very little support if needed. It was changed to MuniSoft which is simple to use and has great customer support.

The Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) fund has been made permanent and the application is underway.

There is a Hydro One Community Partnership Grant available for emergency preparedness, equipment, critical infrastructure, or community well-being. It is focused on wildfire and structural fire risks and is for up to \$25,000. I am working with the Fire Chief to see what he would like, as far as equipment for wildfire suppression.

**Upcoming Dates:**

June 16 – Northern Municipal Finance and Administration Workshop – virtual  
June 26 – vacation day

## Chiefs Report- May 2026

In the month of May, Conmee Emergency Services has had 3 fire calls, 1 requested aid fire, and 1 medical call.

Our most recent members have completed their NFPA 1001 certification and are now responding as firefighters for our department. Our newest member has been registered for NFPA 1002 Pump Ops and will function on our department as an apparatus driver/ operator, as well as assisting with multiple functions as deemed necessary. While multiple members of the municipality have expressed an interest in joining the department, we have not received any more applications yet. Unfortunately, we did lose two members this month however, one of them has expressed an interest in returning after looking after some personal matters. Conmee currently has 9 members, 5 of these members are certified to respond to fire related calls. Three of our members are Emergency Response certified and assist us with medical calls and rehab for fire related calls.

I recently completed the IMS 300 training with Emergency Management Ontario at the Thunder Bay Fire training centre. This training was very beneficial for building on skills and knowledge regarding emergency management within our municipality. I also attended a recent garage/ vehicle fire on Edward ST in Thunder Bay, this fire will be used as my post class assignment for the NFPA 1033 fire investigation as (thankfully) our municipality has not had any significant fires suitable for this assignment since taking the course. I have also taken the administrative course through the OFM on the updated incident reporting system coming into place in 2027.

The certification deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup> will be here very soon. While speaking with our OFM representative he did not seem concerned that some of our members are not certified to be completely compliant with legislation. In his words (only OHS will be enforcing this if something goes wrong). While I agree completely with certification, and take training and safety very seriously, I do feel that the approach the province is taking is very short sighted in regard to smaller municipalities. I have attempted to continue the conversation with our neighbouring departments regarding shared services, however they no longer appear to be interested. This places me in a troubling position as a supervisor, as well as our municipality in regard to liability. According to legislation, as the only member currently certified in 1002 Pump Ops, 1006 Auto Ex Technician, 1521 Incident Safety Officer, and 1021 Fire Officer 1, I am required to attend every fire or vehicle related call. This places a large responsibility on myself as I work full time shift work and have a family. It is not realistic even if I was a full-time fire chief, to never be away from the municipality. I strongly recommend that our council approach the municipalities of O'Connor, and Oliver Paipoonge, and see if an automatic-aid agreement, or a shared service model can be pursued. Short of this, I do not see a way for our municipality to be compliant with legislation in the short term.

I do believe that mutual aid, although relied upon far too much, will continue to operate in the short term as it has in the past. Mutual aid has been overused by our municipality for many years and other municipalities have voiced concerns. Conmee needs an adequate water tender and has needed one for quite some time.

While there is much work to be done, I am happy with the progress and am hopeful it continues.



**MINUTES OF BOARD (REGULAR SESSION) MEETING NO. 07/2026  
OF  
THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

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**DATE OF MEETING:** April 30, 2026

**TIME OF MEETING:** 10:28 am

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Microsoft Teams &  
3rd Floor Boardroom  
TBDSSAB Headquarters  
231 May Street South  
Thunder Bay, ON

**CHAIR:** Jim Vezina

**PRESENT:**

Albert Aiello  
Gordon Cuthbertson  
Chris Eby  
Kasey Etreni  
Brian Hamilton  
Greg Johnsen  
Kathleen Lynch  
Elaine Mannisto  
Jim Moffat  
Dominic Pasqualino  
Don Smith  
Jim Vezina

**OFFICIALS:**

Ken Ranta, Chief Executive Officer  
Richard Jagielowicz, Director, Corporate Services Division  
Crystal Simeoni, Director, Integrated Social Services Division  
Shari Mackenzie, Manager, Human Resources  
Jeevan Chahal, Manager, Finance  
Aaron Park, Manager, Housing & Homelessness Programs  
Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy  
Carole Lem, Communications & Engagement Officer  
Bindiya Patel, Communications Assistant  
Glenda Flank, Recording Secretary

**GUESTS:**

Judy Kleinhuis, Principal, Doane Grant Thornton LLP

**REGRETS:**

Anne-Marie Bourgeault

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Note: For the purposes of the Minutes references to TBDSSAB or the Board refers to The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board of Directors as relevant to specific agenda items; references to TBDHC or the Board refers to the Directors of Thunder Bay District Housing Corporation as relevant to specific agenda items. References to CEO refer jointly to the Chief Executive Officer of TBDSSAB and Senior Administrator of TBDHC.

**BOARD MEETING**

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CONFIRMATION OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Resolution No. 26/22

Moved by: Jim Moffat  
Seconded by: Kasey Etrene

THAT with respect to the Board Regular and Closed Session meetings of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board for April 30, 2026, we approve the agendas as presented;

AND THAT we approve any additional information and new business.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION MEETING

Administration recommended that the Board adjourn to a closed meeting relative to receipt of information with respect to security of the property of the Board.

Resolution No. 26/23

Moved by: Don Smith  
Seconded by: Kathleen Lynch

THAT the Board adjourns to Closed Session relative to receipt of information with respect to security of the property of the Board regarding the confidential attachment to the 2025 Fourth Quarter Financial Report and Program Levy Surplus Disposition.

CARRIED

At 10:54 am the meeting reconvened in Regular Session.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Board Meetings

Minutes of TBDSSAB Meeting No. 05/2026 (Regular Session) presented in Regular Session and Meeting No. 06/2026 (Closed Session) presented in Closed Session, held on March 19, 2026 were provided for confirmation.

Resolution No. 26/24

Moved by: Don Smith  
Seconded by: Greg Johnsen

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 05/2026 (Regular Session) and Meeting No. 06/2026 (Closed Session) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on March 19, 2026, respectively, be confirmed.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

2025 Fourth Quarter Financial Report and  
Program Levy Surplus Disposition

Report No. 2026-13 (Corporate Services Division) was presented to the Board providing the 2025 Fourth Quarter Financial Report and Administration's recommendation regarding the program levy surplus disposition.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided a brief introduction to the report.

Richard Jagielowicz, Director, Corporate Services Division provided an overview of the report including the option recommended by Administration and responded to questions.

At 10:59 am Chris Eby, Board Member, joined the meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the options for the disposition of the levy surplus.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided clarification and responded to questions.

At 11:11 am Brian Hamilton, Board Member, joined the meeting.

Resolution No. 26/24B

Moved by: Gordon Cuthbertson  
Seconded by: Greg Johnsen

Add Option 4 Return the surplus to municipalities with the exception of TWOMO. TWOMO money goes to levy stabilization reserve fund.

LOST

Resolution No. 26/24C

Moved by: Greg Johnsen  
Seconded by: Gordon Cuthbertson

Deferral of the report (2026-13) to provide more information on the defeated Option 4, etc. with potential dates.

LOST

Ken Ranta, CEO provided a brief overview of Option 2 being recommended by Administration.

A straw poll was held regarding having Option 1 presented as the recommendation for voting. The straw poll did not have consensus of the Board.

Resolution No. 26/24A

Moved by: Kathleen Lynch  
Seconded by: Albert Aiello

THAT with respect to Report No. 2026-13 (Corporate Services Division) we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, approve Option 2 – transfer 50% of the surplus (\$1,340,350) to the Levy Stabilization Reserve Fund, returning 50% of the surplus to municipalities using the 2025 weighted assessment.

CARRIED

At 12:04 pm Aaron Park, Manager, Housing & Homelessness Programs and Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy joined the meeting.

2025 Investment Portfolio Performance

Report No. 2026-14 (Corporate Services Division) was presented to the Board providing information relative to the performance of the Board's investment portfolio for the 2025 year.

Richard Jagielowicz, Director Corporate Services Division, provided a brief overview of the highlights in the report.

10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan

Report No. 2026-15 (Integrated Social Services Divisions) was presented to the Board providing the Board with the final 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

Crystal Simeoni, Director, Integrated Social Services Division provided an overview of the report and plan and responded to questions.

Resolution No. 26/25

Moved by: Albert Aiello  
Seconded by: Brian Hamilton

THAT with respect to Report No. 2026-15 (Integrated Social Services Division) we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, approve the Under One Roof - Chapter 2: 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan 2026-2036 as presented;

AND THAT the Board authorizes Administration to submit the Under One Roof - Chapter 2: 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as required;

AND THAT an annual update be presented to the Board concerning the progress on the achievement of recommendations contained in the Under One Roof - Chapter 2: 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

CARRIED

At 12:15 pm Aaron Park, Manager, Housing & Homelessness Programs and Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy left the meeting.

Northern Ontario Service Deliverers'  
Association 2026 Annual General Meeting  
Attendance

Memorandum from Ken Ranta, CEO, (Chief Executive Officer Division) dated April 2, 2026 was presented to the Board providing information regarding attendance at the 2026 NOSDA AGM.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided an overview of the process and responded to questions.

Resolution No. 26/26

Moved by: Dominic Pasqualino  
Seconded by: Don Smith

THAT with respect to the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) 2026 Annual General Meeting, the following Members of the Board are appointed to serve as Members of NOSDA and to attend as voting delegates:

1. Jim Vezina
2. Kathleen Lynch

AND THAT if either of the above Board members are unable to attend, the following Members will be contacted to attend as voting delegates in their place:

1. Jim Moffat
2. Anne-Marie Bourgeault

CARRIED

### TBDSSAB 2025 Annual Report

Memorandum from Ken Ranta, CEO, (Chief Executive Officer Division) dated March 30, 2026 was presented to the Board providing the 2025 Annual Report.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided a brief overview of the 2025 Annual Report, noted a correction to be made to the final report and responded to questions.

Resolution No. 26/27

Moved by: Gordon Cuthbertson  
Seconded by: Dominic Pasqualino

THAT with respect to the memorandum dated March 30, 2026 from Ken Ranta, Chief Executive Office, we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) approve the 2025 Annual Report as amended;

AND THAT the 2025 Annual Report be posted to the TBDSSAB website and a notification be sent to partners and stakeholders.

CARRIED

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### 2026 Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference

Letter from the Lorne Coe Parliamentary Assistant, MCCSS, dated March 18, 2026 relative to the delegation meeting at ROMA was presented to the Board.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided a brief overview and responded to questions.

Jim Vezina, Chair provided further information.

2026 Ontario Child Care and Early Years  
Funding

Memorandum from Holly Moran, Assistant Deputy Minister, Early Years and Child Care Division, MOE, dated March 19, 2026 providing information regarding the 2026 Space Targets and ELCC Infrastructure Fund was presented to the Board.

Building Canada Homes and Improving  
Transportation Infrastructure Act

Letter from the Honourable Robert Flack, Minister, MMAH, dated April 1, 2026 relative to providing information regarding the proposed Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026 was presented to the Board

BY-LAWS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board was confirmed to be held on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom, TBDSSAB Headquarters, 231 May Street South, Thunder Bay, Ontario and via Microsoft Teams.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 26/28

Moved by: Kathleen Lynch  
Seconded by: Jim Moffat

THAT the Board (Regular Session) Meeting No. 07/2026 of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on April 30, 2026, be adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

CARRIED

  
Chair

  
Chief Executive Officer

Our File No.: SSF-110

May 29, 2026

Karen Paisley, Municipal Clerk  
Township of Conmee  
19 Holland Road W.  
RR#1  
Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0  
[conmee@conmee.com](mailto:conmee@conmee.com)

Dear Karen Paisley:

**Re: 2025 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements  
The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board**

The audited consolidated financial statements of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) for the year ended December 31, 2025, were approved by the Board at the Annual General Meeting held on April 30, 2026. The Financial Statements are available on the TBDSSAB website at [TBDSSAB 2025 Consolidated Financial Statements](#).

Should you have any questions with respect to the statements, please contact Richard Jagielowicz, Director, Corporate Services at 807-766-4071.

Sincerely,



Ken Ranta  
Chief Executive Officer

KR/gf

Copy to: Leanne Maxwell, Treasurer, [treasurer@conmee.com](mailto:treasurer@conmee.com)  
Richard Jagielowicz, CPA, CA, CBV, Director, Corporate Services

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Northern Municipal Leaders to Meet with Federal Transport Minister to Advance Highway 11 and 17 Modernization**

**June 1, 2026 – OTTAWA, ON** - Leaders from the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) will meet this week with the Hon. Steven MacKinnon, Federal Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, to advance discussions surrounding the modernization of the Northern segment of Canada's Trans-Canada Highway system through Highways 11 and 17.

The meeting will also include participation from the Hon. George Pirie, Ontario Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, reflecting a coordinated municipal-provincial effort to strengthen Canada's east-west transportation corridor and support long-term economic growth, internal trade, and supply chain resiliency.

Discussions will focus on the national importance of Highways 11 and 17 as Canada's only continuous domestic east-west highway corridor connecting Western and Eastern Canada entirely through Canadian territory. Municipal leaders will emphasize the importance of strengthening internal trade, improving transportation safety and reliability, supporting critical mineral and energy development, enhancing Northern and Indigenous connectivity, and building more resilient supply chains and transportation infrastructure.

The organizations will also advocate for strengthened federal-provincial collaboration on infrastructure funding participation, streamlined project approvals, and long-term investments supporting modernization of the Trans-Canada Highway through Northern Ontario.

"This meeting represents an important opportunity to continue building a strong partnership with the federal government around one of Northwestern Ontario's and Canada's most significant infrastructure priorities," said Rick Dumas, President of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association. "Highways 11 and 17 are critical to internal trade, supply chain resiliency, economic growth, and Northern connectivity. Modernizing the Trans-Canada Highway through Northern Ontario is not simply a regional issue — it is a national economic and strategic priority that will help support the movement of people, goods, resources, and future investment across Canada."

The meeting builds on ongoing collaboration between municipal organizations and provincial and federal partners to strengthen transportation infrastructure, improve economic competitiveness, and support long-term prosperity across Northern Ontario and Canada.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **NOMA President Shares Northern Ontario Priorities with Prime Minister Mark Carney in Ottawa**

**June 1, 2026 – OTTAWA, ON** – This afternoon, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) President Rick Dumas had the opportunity to briefly connect with Prime Minister Mark Carney during an event in Ottawa.

During the brief conversation, President Dumas highlighted the importance of modernizing the Trans-Canada Highway system, particularly Highways 11 and 17, and the critical role these corridors play in national connectivity, trade, economic development, and community safety across Northern Ontario and Canada.

President Dumas also presented the Prime Minister with the joint NOMA and FONOM Hill Days Delegation Book from December 2025, which outlines key priorities and advocacy issues identified by Northern Ontario municipalities. The document highlights priorities including bail reform, Highway 11 and 17 modernization, labour immigration and workforce development, natural resource development, and the importance of meaningful collaboration between municipalities and all levels of government.

“NOMA appreciated the opportunity to briefly connect with Prime Minister Mark Carney today and to directly provide him with our joint NOMA and FONOM Hill Days delegation book outlining the priorities and concerns of Northern Ontario municipalities,” said Rick Dumas, President of NOMA. “We appreciated the Prime Minister taking a moment to stop, connect with us, and hear directly about the importance of Highway 11 and 17 modernization, workforce development, natural resource opportunities, and the broader challenges and opportunities facing Northern Ontario communities.”

NOMA looks forward to continuing these important conversations tomorrow alongside FONOM and ROMA during a meeting with Federal Transport Minister Steven MacKinnon focused on transportation connectivity, infrastructure, and Northern Ontario priorities.

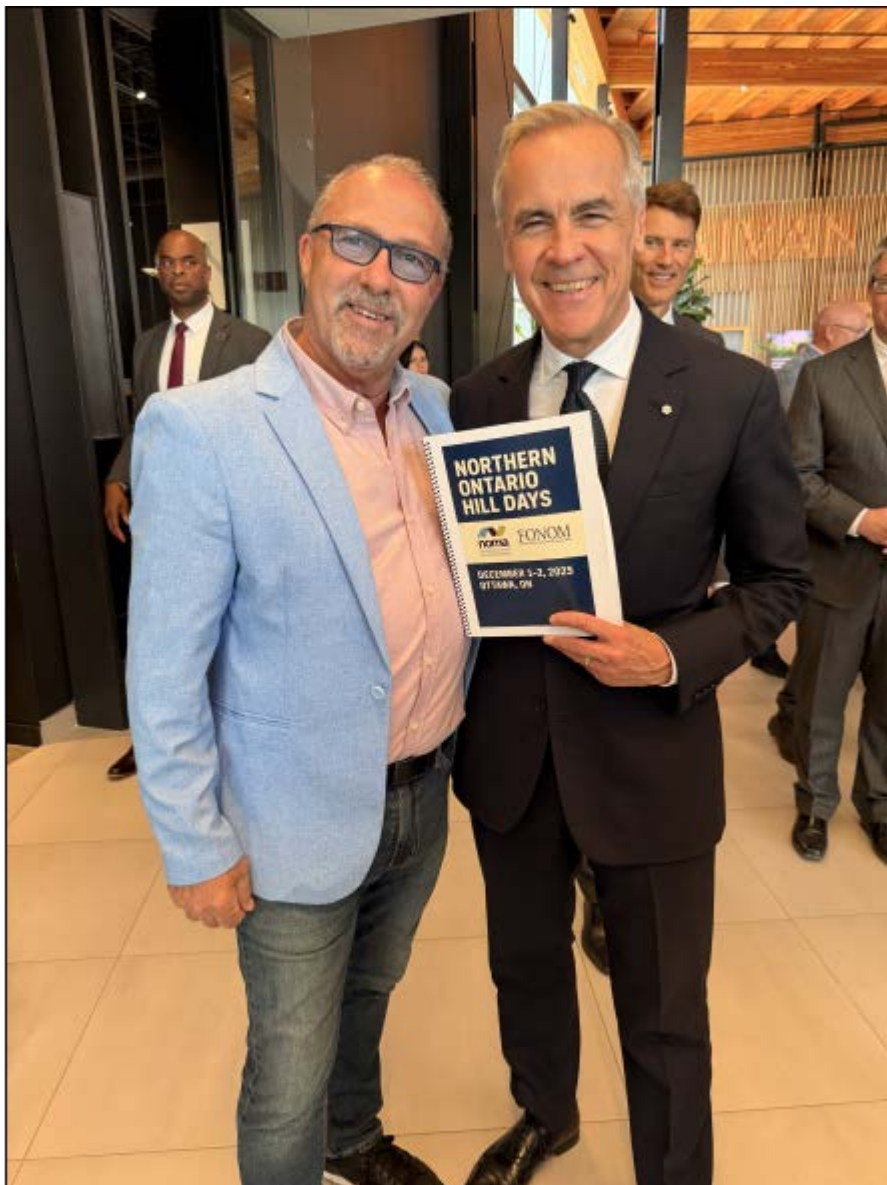
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234-2026-1746

June 1, 2026

On May 25, 2026, our government introduced the proposed [Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act, 2026](#) (Bill 119). Through this legislation, we are proposing new tools to address zoning by-law contraventions which respond to recommendations and requests from municipal leaders. The proposed *Planning Act* changes, if passed, would enable municipalities to use an administrative monetary penalty (AMP) system for zoning by-law contraventions which relate to land uses that are not permitted.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed changes. Comments can be made through the Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting [026-0558](#) Proposed Planning Act Changes (Schedule 7 of Bill 119 - *Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act, 2026* ) from May 26, 2026, to June 25, 2026. The government invites you to review the [Environmental Registry of Ontario and Regulatory Registry of Ontario](#) links provided above and share any feedback you may have.

If you have any questions, please reach out to my Director of Stakeholder Relations, Caucus Affairs and Public Appointments, Tanner Zelenko at [tanner.zelenko@ontario.ca](mailto:tanner.zelenko@ontario.ca).

I look forward to continued collaboration with you to address these and other important issues facing our communities.

Sincerely,

Hon. Robert J. Flack

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. The Honourable Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff Minister's Office

Matthew Rae, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing

Laura Smith, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing

Brian Saunderson, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing

Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing

David McLean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing

Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing

Municipal Chief Administrative Officers

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Northern Municipal Leaders Meet with Federal Transport Minister Steven MacKinnon on Modernization of Highways 11 and 17**

**June 2, 2026 - OTTAWA, ON** – Leaders from the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) met today with Federal Transport Minister Steven MacKinnon to discuss the continued modernization and long-term improvement of the Trans-Canada Highway system across Northern Ontario, specifically Highways 11 and 17.

Joining the discussion were Ontario Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth Hon. George Pirie, and Federal Minister of Jobs and Families and Minister responsible for FedNor Hon. Patty Hajdu, highlighting the growing collaboration between federal, provincial, and municipal partners on one of Canada’s most critical transportation and trade corridors.

The meeting focused on the importance of continued investments in highway twinning, targeted safety improvements, climate resiliency, transportation reliability, and strengthening the movement of people and goods across Northern Ontario and Canada.

The discussion builds on momentum generated following yesterday’s opportunity for NOMA President Rick Dumas to briefly connect directly with Prime Minister Mark Carney and share Northern Ontario municipal priorities, including the modernization of Highways 11 and 17.

“Today’s meeting was another important step forward in ensuring Northern Ontario’s transportation infrastructure remains part of the national conversation,” said Rick Dumas, President of NOMA. “There was strong recognition around the table that Highways 11 and 17 are not simply Northern highways — they are nationally significant trade, supply chain, and community lifelines that connect Canada from coast to coast.”

“Northern municipalities continue to advocate for meaningful investments that improve safety, strengthen economic competitiveness, and ensure our communities remain connected year-round,” said Dave Plourde, President of FONOM. “We appreciated the collaborative and constructive dialogue with Minister MacKinnon, Minister Hajdu, and Minister Pirie.”

“Reliable transportation infrastructure is essential for the economic success, safety, and long-term sustainability of rural and Northern communities across Ontario,” said Christa Lowry, Chair of ROMA. “Today’s meeting demonstrated the importance of all levels of government and municipal partners continuing to work together to advance practical and meaningful improvements to these nationally significant corridors.”

All parties agreed to continue building on today’s discussions and work collaboratively toward advancing meaningful action on highway expansion, safety improvements, and building a Trans-Canada Highway system that connects communities, protects travellers, and supports the long-term economic growth of Northern Ontario and Canada.

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**MINUTES of the EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
The Corporation of the Township of Conmee**

Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 3:00 pm

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PRESENT                      Mayor Sheila Maxwell – Alternate Emergency Management Coordinator  
Clerk Karen Paisley – Chief Emergency Management Coordinator  
Fire Chief Robb Day – EMC Member and Acting CEMC  
Councillor David Maxwell – Deputy Mayor  
Leonard Arps – Public Works Manager

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Karen Paisley, CEMC, at 3:11 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Mayor Maxwell, Seconded by Councillor Maxwell – carried.

**3. Approval of Minutes – December 16, 2025**

Moved by Councillor Maxwell, Seconded by Mayor Maxwell – carried.

**DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO THE COMMITTEE**

- At-a-Glance Changes for EMPC Meeting – ERP 2026 Edition
- Township of Conmee – CI Annex (CONFIDENTIAL)
- By-law 1307 – Emergency Response Plan establishing by-law (reference)
- Draft 2026 Emergency Management Program (EMP)
- 2025 Emergency Management Program (EMP) – comparison copy

**4. ANNUAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REVIEW**

**4.1 Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment (HIRA)**

The HIRA table was reviewed and approved by consensus. Fire Chief Day will conduct a comprehensive HIRA review.

**4.2 Critical Infrastructure (CI) Review**

Additional CI items were identified including additional places for potential beaver dams.

**4.3 Public Education Program**

Committee requested that newsletters group like information together. Clerk to advise Administration. Harvest Day was successful. FireSmart Education Family Event tentatively scheduled for June 13, 2026.

**4.4 Training Requirements – CEMC & MECG**

Training status reviewed: Mayor Maxwell requires EM200, EM300, IMS200; Fire Chief requires EM300; Clerk requires IMS200 and EM300. EMO field officers will be advising CEMC of upcoming training possibilities. Training is also available through the Emergency Management training portal. All committee members requiring training have access to the portal.

#### **4.5 Annual Exercise Requirement**

2025 tabletop exercise reviewed. 2026 exercise tentatively scheduled for July (TBD). MECP advised of “tabletop exercises in a box”; Clerk to investigate. Item tabled for further review.

### **5. REVIEW OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (ERP)**

#### **5.1 Summary of Plan Updates**

The Committee reviewed communications updates, including the need to ensure all Fire Department radios have standardized channel programming. The Committee also discussed the potential for the Fire Department to access the Public Works channel and to establish a dedicated channel on the fire hall tower, both of which would require Spectrum Group. Councillor Maxwell will assist with this review.

#### **5.2 Section-by-Section Review**

The Committee requested that the Emergency Management Committee roles be clarified in the ERP through a stand-alone, itemized list of responsibilities. The Committee reviewed establishing a roster of contractors for out-of-scope emergency work. Suggested firms included Bay City, the Allen Group, Chaschuk Enterprises, and Reids Backhoe. The Clerk will contact the Township of O’Connor to learn which contractors they use and will add confirmed vendors to the EMP contact lists.

#### **5.3 Endorsement of ERP**

Item tabled pending further review.

### **6. CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ANNEX**

The CI Annex was reviewed and approved with beaver dam updates.

### **7. 2026 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM WORKPLAN**

Reviewed public education initiatives, MECP training, July tabletop, communications options, and EOC supply updates (assigned to Admin Assistant).

### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business presented.

### **9. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday May 7th, 2026 at 3:15 pm.

### **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm.

For Immediate Release

## **Serving More People Than You Can Tax: The Fiscal Impact of Municipal “Fringe Populations” in Northern Ontario**

**June 02, 2026** – Municipal leaders in Northern Ontario have long raised concerns that some municipalities are financially burdened by the costs of serving residents of nearby unorganized areas. Living outside the municipal boundary, these “fringe populations” are unreachable by traditional property taxes. Northern Policy Institute’s latest publication finds that there is evidence to support this claim.

Through comparing spending by municipalities across Northern Ontario – and controlling for other factors that may influence spending – the report finds that municipalities with large fringe populations spend more per resident, on average, on various services. Specifically, municipalities with large fringe populations tend to spend more on protection services (such as police and fire), recreation and cultural services (such as libraries and parks) and social and family services (such as assistance for seniors). These results are a strong indication that in many communities in Northern Ontario, residents of unorganized areas benefit from the services of neighbouring municipalities without an offsetting contribution to tax revenues.

This arrangement where municipalities serve more people than they can tax can create financial challenges for municipalities. In some cases, municipalities may cut services or raise taxes on residents to offset the cost of serving non-residents. People living in unorganized areas can be disadvantaged too if they rely on services provided by a nearby municipality where they have no right to input into decision-making.

Addressing these issues will require cooperation to find mutually beneficial solutions. “Municipalities, residents of unorganized areas, and the province should work together to ensure people across Northern Ontario have access to adequate services, pay their fair share for these services, and have a voice in decision-making” said author William Dunstan. Potential options for reform include municipal annexation of certain unorganized areas, or adopting a system of regional government in Northern Ontario modelled on British Columbia’s regional districts.

Want to learn more? Read the report here: <https://www.northernpolicy.ca/municipal-finance>

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**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee  
Administrative Report**

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**Date:** June 9, 2026

**To:** Mayor and Council

**Subject:** Draft Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-law

**File Number:** 06-C02-0005 – Bylaws

**Submitted by:** Karen Paisley Clerk

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive the draft Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-law for review and provide direction to staff.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Township currently regulates open air burning and fireworks through By-law No. 690 and By-law No. 914. These by-laws are outdated and do not reflect current operational practices or enforcement needs.

The Clerk has prepared a consolidated draft by-law to modernize these provisions, improve clarity, and support more effective enforcement, with input from the Fire Chief and Bylaw Officer.

**DISCUSSION:**

The draft by-law introduces a number of updates to improve clarity and enforceability. A clear definition of “Recreational Fire” has been included, establishing a maximum size of 0.9 metres (3 feet) in height and diameter, which reflects current Township practice and does not require a permit when all safety requirements are met.

Schedule “A” has been added to outline operational requirements for open air burning, including setbacks, supervision, permitted materials, and required equipment. Consolidating these requirements into a schedule provides greater clarity for the public and allows for consistent application in the field.

Schedule “B” introduces a proposed set fine schedule under the Provincial Offences Act to support ticketing for non-compliance. The proposed fines have been aligned with provincial benchmarks under the Forest Fires Prevention Act and were developed using a comparable municipal by-law as a template.

The draft has been circulated to the Fire Chief and By-law Enforcement Officer for review. Any feedback received will be incorporated into a revised version.

Following Council direction, staff intend to bring forward a final by-law for adoption. Upon adoption, the Township will submit Schedule “B” to the Ontario Court of Justice for approval of the set fines by a Regional Senior Justice prior to implementation. Council review and direction at this stage will assist in finalizing the by-law prior to adoption.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE  
BY-LAW # 2026-0\*\***

A By-law to regulate Open Air Burning and the setting off of Fireworks within the Township of Conmee.

**Recitals:**

1. Council of The Corporation of the Township of Conmee is authorized under the *Municipal Act, 2001* to pass by-laws respecting the health, safety, and well-being of persons.
2. The *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* authorizes municipalities to regulate fire prevention and the setting of open-air fires.
3. The *Forest Fires Prevention Act* authorizes municipalities to regulate open air burning and to impose fire restrictions or fire bans in response to hazardous conditions.
4. Council considers it appropriate and expedient to modernize and consolidate its regulatory framework respecting open air burning and the use of fireworks within the Township.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Conmee enacts as follows:

**PART I – GENERAL**

**1. Short Title**

This By-law may be cited as the **Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-law**.

**2. Purpose**

The purpose of this By-law is to regulate open air burning and the sale, possession, and setting off of fireworks within the Township of Conmee in order to protect public safety, property, and the natural environment.

**3. Authority**

This By-law is enacted pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*, the *Forest Fires Prevention Act*, and any successor legislation.

**4. Definitions**

In this By-law:

- a) **Chief Fire Official** means the Fire Chief of the Township of Conmee or their designate.
- b) **Dangerous Conditions** means conditions that, in the opinion of the Chief Fire Official, increase the risk of fire ignition or spread, including weather conditions, drought, wind, fuel load, or proximity to combustible materials.
- c) **Fire Ban** means a temporary prohibition or restriction on open air burning or fireworks imposed due to fire hazard conditions.
- d) **Fire Permit** means a permit issued by or on behalf of the Township authorizing open air burning under prescribed conditions.

- e) **Fire Season** means a period during which additional restrictions on open air burning may be imposed due to elevated fire risk, as determined by the Chief Fire Official.
- f) **Low-Hazard Fireworks** and **High-Hazard Fireworks** have the meanings assigned under the *Explosives Act (Canada)*.
- g) **Municipality** means The Corporation of the Township of Conmee.
- h) **Open Air Burning** means the burning of materials outdoors and includes brush burning, debris burning, recreational fires, and agricultural burning, but does not include fires used solely for cooking or warmth where otherwise permitted.
- i) **Permit Holder** means a Person to whom a Fire Permit has been issued.
- j) **Person** means an individual, corporation, partnership, association, firm, or any other legal entity.
- k) **Recreational Fire** means an open air fire used solely for cooking, warmth, or recreational enjoyment that does not exceed 0.9 metres (3 feet) in height or in diameter, and that complies with all applicable requirements of this By-law and any additional criteria established by the Township from time to time.

## **PART II – OPEN AIR BURNING**

### **5. General Prohibition**

No person shall conduct open air burning within the Township except in accordance with this By-law.

### **6. Permit Requirements**

6.1 A Fire Permit is required for all open air burning unless specifically exempted under this By-law.

6.2 For the purposes of this By-law, the **Fire Season** shall be deemed to run annually from **April 1 to October 31**, inclusive, unless extended, shortened, or otherwise modified by the Chief Fire Official in response to prevailing conditions.

6.3 Outside of the Fire Season, a Fire Permit is not required for open air burning, except where a Fire Ban, Fire Season declaration, or other restriction has been imposed under this By-law.

6.4 Recreational fires that comply with Township-established size, location, and safety requirements may be exempt from permit requirements at any time, subject to any Fire Ban, Fire Season restriction, or other condition imposed by the Chief Fire Official.

### **7. Permit Issuance and Administration**

7.1 Fire Permits may be issued electronically or in such other form as the Township deems appropriate.

7.2 Fire Permits may be subject to a fee established by Council from time to time.

7.3 A Fire Permit may include conditions respecting:

- the hours during which burning may occur;
- the types of materials permitted to be burned;
- fire size and location;
- supervision and required firefighting equipment; and
- weather, seasonal, or fire hazard-related restrictions.

7.4 Fire Permits shall be valid only for the period specified therein.

## **8. Suspension, Revocation, Fire Seasons, and Fire Bans**

8.1 The Chief Fire Official may suspend, revoke, refuse, or shorten the duration of any Fire Permit where, in their opinion:

- fire hazard conditions exist;
- weather conditions are unsuitable;
- dangerous conditions arise; or
- public safety is at risk.

8.2 The Chief Fire Official may declare a Fire Season and impose additional conditions or restrictions applicable during that period.

8.3 The Chief Fire Official may declare a Fire Ban applicable to all or part of the Township.

## **9. Operational Requirements**

Every person conducting open air burning shall:

- remain on site and supervise the fire at all times;
- have adequate firefighting equipment readily available;
- maintain the fire under control at all times; and
- fully extinguish the fire before leaving the site or by the time specified in the permit.
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## **10. Prohibited Materials**

No person shall burn refuse, construction or demolition materials, plastics, rubber, treated or painted wood, household waste, or any material prohibited by provincial or federal legislation.

## **PART III – FIREWORKS**

### **11. Sale and Use Restrictions**

11.1 The sale of High-Hazard Fireworks is prohibited within the Township.

11.2 Low-Hazard Fireworks may be sold and used only in accordance with this By-law and applicable federal legislation.

### **12. Fireworks Permits**

12.1 No person shall set off High-Hazard Fireworks or hold a fireworks display without a permit issued by the Chief Fire Official.

12.2 A permit may be required for Low-Hazard Fireworks in circumstances determined by the Township, including organized displays or special events.

### **13. Permit Applications and Conditions**

13.1 Applications for fireworks permits shall be made in the form and within the timeframe established by the Township.

13.2 The Chief Fire Official may inspect the site of a proposed fireworks display where deemed necessary.

13.3 Fireworks permits may include conditions respecting:

- storage and handling;
- site safety;
- supervision and qualifications of operators;
- cleanup and disposal of debris; and
- weather, seasonal, or fire hazard-related restrictions.

#### **14. Fire Hazard Restrictions**

No fireworks shall be discharged during a Fire Ban, Fire Season restriction, or where fire hazard conditions render such activity unsafe, as determined by the Chief Fire Official.

### **PART IV – ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

#### **15. Enforcement Authority**

This By-law may be enforced by the Chief Fire Official, a By-law Enforcement Officer, or any other person authorized by the Township.

#### **16. Compliance Orders**

An enforcement officer may order any person to immediately extinguish a fire or cease fireworks activity where it poses a risk to life, property, or the natural environment.

#### **17. Cost Recovery**

Where the Township incurs costs responding to a fire or fireworks incident arising from non-compliance with this By-law, such costs may be recovered from the responsible person, including in a like manner as municipal taxes.

#### **18. Indemnification**

Except to the extent permitted by law, every person who conducts open air burning or sets off fireworks shall indemnify and save harmless the Township, its officers, employees, and agents from any claims, costs, or damages arising from such activities.

#### **19. Application of Greater Restrictions**

Where the provisions of this By-law are less restrictive than those imposed under provincial legislation, a Fire Ban, a Fire Season restriction, or an order of a competent authority, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

### **PART V – OFFENCES, PENALTIES, AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

#### **20. Offences and Penalties**

Every person who contravenes this By-law is guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, is liable to penalties as provided in the *Provincial Offences Act*.

#### **21. Set Fines**

21.1 The offences set out in Schedule “B” to this By-law are designated as offences for the purposes of Part I of the Provincial Offences Act.

21.2 For the purposes of proceedings under Part I of the Provincial Offences Act, the set fines indicated in Schedule “B” are hereby adopted.

21.3 Schedule “B” shall come into force upon approval by the Regional Senior Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice.

**22. Severability**

If any section, subsection, or provision of this By-law is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this By-law.

**23. Repeal and Replacement**

23.1 By-law No. 690, being a by-law to regulate open air burning, and By-law No. 914, being a by-law to regulate the setting off of fireworks, and all amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

23.2 This By-law is enacted in replacement of all former by-laws, resolutions, or portions thereof that regulate open air burning or fireworks within the Township of Conmee, to the extent of any inconsistency.

**24. Effective Date**

This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of passing.

Passed this XX day of XXXX, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

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Mayor Sheila Maxwell

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Clerk Karen Paisley

**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OPEN AIR BURNING**

**1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1.1 Every person conducting open air burning shall:

- (a) ensure the fire is supervised at all times;
- (b) have sufficient equipment available to control and extinguish the fire;
- (c) ensure the fire does not create a nuisance, hazard, or undue smoke affecting neighbouring properties or roadways; and
- (d) fully extinguish the fire before leaving the site.

**2. RECREATIONAL FIRES (NO PERMIT REQUIRED)**

2.1 A Recreational Fire does not require a Fire Permit provided that:

- (a) the fire does not exceed 0.9 metres (3 feet) in height or diameter;
- (b) the fire is used solely for cooking, warmth, or recreational enjoyment; and
- (c) all requirements of this Schedule and the By-law are complied with.

2.2 Every Recreational Fire shall:

- (a) be located at least 4 metres from any building, structure, fence, or combustible material;
- (b) be set on non-combustible ground or within a cleared area;
- (c) have a minimum vertical clearance of 4 metres from overhead vegetation; and
- (d) be controlled and extinguished in accordance with this Schedule.

2.3 Notwithstanding subsection 2.1, Recreational Fires are prohibited during a declared Fire Ban.

**3. FIRES REQUIRING A PERMIT**

3.1 Any open air burning that does not meet the definition of a Recreational Fire shall require a Fire Permit.

3.2 Without limiting the generality of subsection 3.1, a Fire Permit is required for:

- (a) brush burning;
- (b) land clearing or debris burning;
- (c) agricultural burning; and
- (d) any fire exceeding 0.9 metres (3 feet) in height or diameter.

**4. WEATHER CONDITIONS**

4.1 No person shall set or maintain a fire where:

- (a) wind speeds exceed 15 kilometres per hour; or
- (b) weather conditions increase the risk of fire spread, as determined by the Chief Fire Official.

**5. PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED MATERIALS**

5.1 Only the following materials may be burned:

- (a) untreated wood;
- (b) brush, branches, and natural vegetation.

5.2 No person shall burn:

- (a) household waste or garbage;
- (b) plastics, rubber, or synthetic materials;
- (c) painted, treated, or stained wood;
- (d) construction or demolition materials; or

(e) any material prohibited by provincial or federal legislation.

## 6. FIRE SIZE AND CONTROL

6.1 No person shall:

- (a) maintain more than two (2) burn piles at one time; or
- (b) exceed a total burn area greater than 0.04 hectares (0.1 acres).

6.2 No person shall maintain a brush pile exceeding 1.8 metres by 1.8 metres (6 feet by 6 feet) in size.

6.3 Every fire shall be kept under control at all times.

## 7. FIRE CONTROL EQUIPMENT

7.1 Every person conducting open air burning shall have immediately available:

- (a) a supply of water sufficient to control the fire; and
- (b) at least one (1) shovel or similar hand tool.

7.2 Additional equipment may be required by the Chief Fire Official based on the nature of the burn.

## 8. SUPERVISION

8.1 Every fire shall be attended at all times by a responsible person.

8.2 The person supervising the fire shall:

- (a) be capable of taking immediate action to control or extinguish the fire; and
- (b) not be impaired by alcohol or drugs.

## 9. HOURS OF BURNING

9.1 Unless otherwise authorized by a Fire Permit, no person shall:

- (a) start a fire earlier than two (2) hours before sunset; or
- (b) allow a fire to burn later than two (2) hours after sunrise.

## 10. FIRE PERMIT CONDITIONS

10.1 All fires conducted under a Fire Permit shall comply with:

- (a) this Schedule; and
- (b) any additional conditions imposed by the Fire Permit.

10.2 Where there is a conflict, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

## 11. FIRE BAN AND RESTRICTIONS

11.1 No person shall conduct open air burning during a declared Fire Ban.

11.2 All fires shall comply with any additional restrictions imposed by the Chief Fire Official.

## 12. COMPLIANCE

12.1 Failure to comply with this Schedule constitutes a violation of the By-law.

**SCHEDULE “B” – SET FINES****Part I Provincial Offences Act**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>SHORT FORM WORDING</b>	<b>PROVISION</b>	<b>SET FINE</b>
1.	Conduct open air burning without a permit	Section 6.1	\$200.00
2.	Fail to comply with conditions of a Fire Permit	Section 7.3	\$200.00
3.	Conduct open air burning during a Fire Ban	Section 8	\$300.00
4.	Fail to supervise a fire	Schedule A (1.1)(a)	\$200.00
5.	Exceed maximum brush pile size	Schedule A (6.2)	\$200.00
6.	Fail to keep fire under control	Schedule A (6.3)	\$200.00
7.	Fail to extinguish a fire	Schedule A (1.1)(d)	\$250.00
8.	Burn prohibited materials	Schedule A (5.2)	\$250.00
9.	Set off fireworks without a permit	Section 12.1	\$200.00
10.	Set off fireworks during a Fire Ban	Section 14	\$300.00
11.	Fail to comply with an order to extinguish fire	Section 16	\$300.00
12.	Fail to maintain required setback distance	Schedule A (2.2)(a)	\$200.00
13.	Fail to have required fire control equipment	Schedule A (7.1)	\$200.00

**Set Fines**

The offences set out in Schedule “B” to this By-law are designated as offences for the purposes of Part I of the Provincial Offences Act. Schedule “B” shall come into force upon approval by the Regional Senior Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice.

**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee  
Administrative Report**

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**Date:** June 9, 2026

**To:** Mayor and Council

**Subject:** Emergency Response Plan (2026)

**File Number:** 08-P03-0003 - Emergency Management Plan - 2026

**Submitted by:** Karen Paisley Clerk

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council approve the Emergency Response Plan (2026), as reviewed and recommended by the Emergency Management Program Committee;  
AND THAT Council adopt the Emergency Response Plan (2026) by passing By-law 2026-020.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act requires municipalities to review and adopt an Emergency Response Plan annually. The Emergency Management Program Committee reviewed the Plan on February 5 and May 27, 2026.

**DISCUSSION:**

This by-law is being brought forward to meet the Township's annual legislative requirement under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and continues the existing Emergency Management Program as previously approved by Council. There are no changes to how the program operates or to Council's authority.

The 2026 Plan confirms existing procedures, with no significant operational changes. A public version has been prepared for Council, with operational details maintained separately.

By-law 2026-020 is presented to ensure the Township's Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan remain current and compliant with legislative requirements.

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

### BY-LAW # 2026-020

A By-law to establish and maintain an Emergency Management Program and to adopt an Emergency Response Plan (2026) and to repeal By-law 1307

**Recitals:**

1. The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9, as amended, and Ontario Regulation 380/04 require municipalities to develop and implement an emergency management program.
2. The Corporation of the Township of Conmee has established an Emergency Management Program, consisting of an emergency response plan, training programs and exercises, public education, and other elements required under the Act.
3. The Emergency Management Program includes the designation of a Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC), the establishment of an Emergency Management Program Committee, a Municipal Emergency Control Group, and an Emergency Operations Centre, and the designation of an Emergency Information Officer.
4. The purpose of the Emergency Management Program is to protect public safety, public health, the environment, critical infrastructure, and property, and to promote economic stability and a resilient community.
5. The Emergency Management Program Committee has reviewed the Emergency Response Plan (2026) and recommended its adoption.

**ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Emergency Management Program**

1. An Emergency Management Program for the Township of Conmee shall be maintained and reviewed annually by the Emergency Management Program Committee in accordance with the Act and applicable standards.
2. The Emergency Management Program shall include:
  - a) an emergency response plan;
  - b) training programs and exercises;
  - c) public education on emergency preparedness; and
  - d) any additional elements required under the Act.
3. The Emergency Management Program shall be consistent with the objectives of protecting public safety, public health, the environment, critical infrastructure and property, and promoting a disaster resilient community.

**Emergency Response Plan**

4. The Emergency Response Plan (2026), attached hereto as Schedule "B", is hereby adopted.
5. The Emergency Response Plan shall be reviewed annually by the CEMC and the Emergency Management Program Committee.

6. The CEMC is authorized to make administrative updates to the Plan, including personnel, organizational, and contact information changes, to ensure it remains current. Substantive revisions shall be presented to Council for approval.
7. When an emergency exists but has not yet been declared, municipal employees and the Municipal Emergency Control Group may take such action under the Plan as may be required to protect property and the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Township.

**Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC)**

8. The Clerk is hereby appointed as the Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) for the Township of Conmee and shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Emergency Management Program, including the Plan, training, exercises, and public education.

**Emergency Management Program Committee (EMPC)**

9. The Emergency Management Program Committee shall oversee the development, implementation and annual review of the Emergency Management Program.
10. The Emergency Management Program Committee shall consist of:
  - CEMC
  - Mayor
  - Deputy Mayor
  - Fire Chief
  - Deputy Fire Chief
  - Public Works Manager
11. The CEMC shall serve as Chair of the Emergency Management Program Committee.
12. Terms of Reference for the Emergency Management Program Committee are provided under Schedule "A" of this By-law.

**Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG)**

13. The Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) shall be responsible for directing the emergency response and coordinating the provision of resources required to mitigate the effects of an emergency.
14. The Municipal Emergency Control Group shall consist of:
  - i. Mayor
  - ii. CEMC
  - iii. Deputy Mayor

**Emergency Operations Centre**

15. A primary and alternate Emergency Operations Centre shall be maintained by the Township and identified within the Emergency Response Plan.

**Emergency Information Officer**

16. The Clerk is hereby appointed as the Emergency Information Officer for the Township.

**Administration**

17. The Emergency Response Plan shall be made available to the public in its public version.
18. The Emergency Response Plan and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to Emergency Management Ontario, as required.

**Repeal and Effective Date**

19. By-law 1307, being a by-law to adopt the Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan (2021), is hereby repealed.

20. This by-law shall come into force and take effect upon passing.

Passed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila Maxwell, Mayor

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Karen Paisley, Clerk

**Schedule "A" to By-law 2026-020  
Emergency Management Program Committee Terms of Reference**

**SCOPE**

The Conmee Emergency Management Program Committee (EMPC) is a committee whose mission is to guide the development, implementation and maintenance of the Township's emergency management program including the municipal emergency response plan, public education program, training, and exercises. The committee is also accountable for the annual review of the Township's emergency management program.

**OBJECTIVES**

To create and maintain an emergency management program which conforms to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) and includes the five core components, namely: mitigation; prevention; preparedness; response and recovery.

To open appropriate lines of communication between the Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) and all Support Agencies. The committee shall advise Council on the development and implementation of the Township's emergency management program.

To serve as an advocate for the larger population and provide public education on risks to public safety and on public preparedness for emergencies.

**TERMS OF OFFICE**

The Mayor shall be appointed for a four-year term after the municipal election to sit on the Committee.

**QUORUM**

A quorum shall consist of 50% of the members.

**PROCEDURES**

Decisions made during Emergency Management Program Committee meetings are by making a motion, having it seconded and having it passed by the Committee.

Meetings of the Committee shall be governed by the Township Procedural By-law, applicable legislation, and Robert's Rules of Order.

The CEMC is appointed as the Chairperson of the EMPC. In the absence of the CEMC, the Mayor shall be the Chairperson for that meeting.

**REPORTING TO COUNCIL**

The Emergency Management Program Committee shall report to Council by:

1. Minutes of EMPC Meetings
2. As deemed necessary by the Committee for specific submissions

**FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS**

The Emergency Management Program Committee shall meet no less frequently than 3 times per year or at the call of the Chairperson.

**CLOSED SESSIONS**

Due to the nature of the activities, there may be the necessity for Closed Sessions. All Closed sessions shall conform to the Municipal Act regulations.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

All members shall abide by the rules outlined in the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and shall disclose any pecuniary interest to the Chair in the public agenda and shall absent him or herself from that portion of the meeting during which the topic is discussed and will refrain from voting or attempting to influence the vote on that matter.

**BUDGET**

Funds for the Emergency Management Program are included in the Budget for Emergency Planning.

**Township of Conmee**  
**Emergency Response Plan**  
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**Record of Annual Review and Updates**

**Annual Compliance Review Statement**

This Emergency Response Plan is reviewed annually by the Emergency Management Program Committee (EMPC), together with the Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA), Critical Infrastructure (CI) list, public education program, MECG training, and exercise documentation.

**Most recent review:** May 27, 2026 (EMPC).

**Notes:** Review included general updates to reflect recent events, confirmation of EOC redundancies, and administrative updates to supporting documentation (detailed information maintained in a non-public annex for Field Officer review).

2026 Edition: COUNCIL APPROVAL, as of June 9, 2026 council meeting:

**RESOLUTION No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Emergency Response Plan (2026), as reviewed and recommended by the Emergency Management Program Committee; AND THAT Council adopt the Emergency Response Plan (2026) by passing By-law 2026-020.

**CARRIED**

**Emergency Management Program Committee Approval:**

**February 5, 2026 – Reviewed**

**May 27, 2026 – Reviewed and Approved**

**Public Version Notice**

This document is the public version of the Township of Conmee Emergency Response Plan (2026). Certain operational details, including contact information, critical infrastructure data, and emergency forms, have been removed to protect the integrity of emergency operations. Full operational documents are maintained separately and are available to authorized personnel only.

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (2026)

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# 1 LIST OF ACRONYMS

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ARES	=	Amateur Radio Emergency Services
CANUTEC	=	Canadian Transport Emergency Centre
CAO	=	Chief Administrative Officer
CEMC	=	Community Emergency Management Coordinator
CN	=	Canadian National Railway
EMO	=	Emergency Management Ontario
EMP	=	Emergency Management Plan
EMPC	=	Emergency Management Program Committee
EMCPA	=	Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act
EOC	=	Emergency Operations Centre
FSRA	=	Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario
GFL	=	GFL Environmental Inc.
HIRA	=	Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis
LRCA	=	Lakehead Regional Conservation Authority
MDRA	=	Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance
MECG	=	Municipal Emergency Control Group
MNR	=	Ministry of Natural Resources
MP	=	Member of Parliament
MPP	=	Member of Provincial Parliament
MTO	=	Ministry of Transportation
NGO	=	Non-Government Organization
OFM	=	Office of the Fire Marshal
OPP	=	Ontario Provincial Police
PEOC	=	Provincial Emergency Operations Centre
TBDHU	=	Thunder Bay District Health Unit
TBDSSAB	=	Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board

## 2 INTRODUCTION

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The Township of Conmee is situated approximately 26 km northwest of the City of Thunder Bay and has a rural population of approximately 800.

Conmee has its own volunteer Fire Service, First Response Team and is policed by the Thunder Bay OPP Detachment. A CN rail line runs through the Municipality. The Kaministiquia River forms its eastern boundary. TransCanada Highway 11/17 runs north and south through its eastern side. Conmee has enhanced 911 service.

The most probable emergencies to affect the Municipality are floods, wildland fires, severe storms, power outages and highway accidents. All identified emergencies are listed in the HIRA (Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis).

## 3 FOREWORD

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Emergencies are defined as situations or the threat of impending situations abnormally affecting the health, safety, welfare or property of the community, which by their nature or magnitude, require a controlled and coordinated response by all agencies. These are distinct from routine operations carried out by municipal agencies, e.g., fire, police, or roads departments, etc.

The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) is the authority for the by-law formulating this emergency plan. This plan prescribes procedures for and the manner in which municipal employees and other persons will respond to an emergency.

The Act states "Head of Council may declare that an emergency exists in the municipality or in any part thereof and may take such action and make such orders as he/she considers necessary and are not contrary to the law to implement the emergency plan of the municipality and to protect the property and the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the emergency area"<sup>1</sup>. Accordingly, it is clear that the principal function of the Emergency Management Program Committee (EMPC), if assembled, is to assist the Head of Council in making and placing in effect any decisions and orders that are made to control and mitigate the effects of an emergency.

All members of Council, EMPC, and members of responding agencies should read the plan, know where their copy is kept, and be familiar with their duties in the event of an emergency.

In addition to this Emergency Plan, each responding department/agency will also have its own emergency plan or standard operating procedures, call-out and resource list.

In the event that the Mayor is not available, the Deputy Mayor will assume the Mayor's duties until such a time as when the Mayor returns.

## 4 AIM

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To establish a plan of action for the coordinated response in the event of an emergency, or impending emergency, in order to preserve life, health and property.

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**1 EMCPA, section 4(1)**

## 5 IDENTIFIED GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

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Detailed roles and responsibilities for emergency governance, coordination, operations, and support functions are maintained in a non-public appendix.

### 5.1 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE (EMPC)

#### 5.1.1 Description

The EMPC is the committee that meets outside of emergencies to set and formulate the Emergency Management Plan. They identify the most likely crises that could arise within the Township and create general guidelines for a response. The EMPC meets at a minimum of once a year.

#### 5.1.2 Composition

##### **Voting Members:**

- CEMC
- Mayor
- Deputy Mayor

##### **Non-Voting Advisors:**

- Fire Chief
- Deputy Fire Chief
- Public Works Manager

#### 5.1.3 Responsibilities and Powers

- Appoint the Chair of the EMPC in accordance with any current legislation.
- Review and approve the Hazard Identification Risk Analysis (HIRA) document annually
- Emergency Management Plan
- Review and approve the Emergency Management Plan's content annually
- Schedule reviews and revisions as required after notable training exercises.
- Schedule reviews and revisions as required after emergency events.

### 5.2 MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY CONTROL GROUP (MECG)

#### 5.2.1 Description

The Municipal Emergency Control Group is primarily mandated to address the ongoing, or potentially expanding threat to the broader community, including the health, safety and well-being of persons; property and infrastructure; essential services; the environment; the local economy, and to instill a level of confidence to the public.

Members of the Municipal Emergency Control Group shall gather at regular intervals to inform each other of actions taken and problems encountered.

#### 5.2.2 Composition

- Mayor
- CEMC
- Deputy Mayor

### 5.2.3 Responsibilities and Powers

- Appoint the Chair of the MECG in accordance with any current legislation.
- Activate the Township of Conmee emergency response plan;
- Advise the Mayor as to whether an emergency should be declared and what part of the municipality should be designated as the emergency area;
- Arrange extra resources (human and material);
- Assemble and oversee the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC);
- Authorize the expenditure of money;
- Direct and control all emergency operations;
- Direct the movement of equipment and resources beyond the immediate emergency site(s);
- Direct the use of municipal resources;
- Discontinue utilities or services on a wide scale;
- Ensure an incident commander has been appointed if required;
- Ensure that Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Ontario (OFM and EMO) have been notified of declared or impending emergencies;
- Implement a recovery strategy; and participate in post-emergency debriefings;
- Liaise with other municipalities and other levels of government, including the activation of mutual aid agreements;
- Maintain a log outlining decisions made and actions taken;
- Manage information, including maintenance and retention of events log and records pertaining to expenditures;
- Manage emergency information;
- Order evacuations as necessary based on site requirements of the incident commander;
- Recommend the termination of the state of emergency when appropriate.

## 5.3 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (EOC)

### 5.3.1 Description

The Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) acts as the base of operations for the duration of the emergency. It is assembled and overseen by the Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG). The EOC can be a command centre, muster point, or anything that the MECG requires to appropriately respond to an emergency or crisis.

### 5.3.2 Locations

The Primary Emergency Operations Centre is:

CONMEE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

19 Holland Rd W

Kakabeka Falls, Ontario, P0T 1W0

The Alternate Emergency Operations Centre is:

CONMEE FIREHALL

5750 Hwy 11/17

Kakabeka Falls, Ontario, P0T 1W0

Telecommunications redundancy for the Primary EOC includes landline, cellular, and two-way radio. Backup power is available via generator.

### 5.3.3 Alternative Locations

- Kakabeka Legion
- Public Works Garage
- Local school
- Local church

Alternative EOC locations are discussed on an as needed basis depending upon the type of emergency or crisis. For example, a fire or flood may impact more than one community and alternate EOCs may not be accessible for Conmee. Alternatively, a power outage may only effect one community and therefore, alternate EOC locations would still be available.

## 5.4 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR (CEMC)

### 5.4.1 Description

An individual appointed to coordinate emergency response by the Township of Conmee. The CEMC and/or Alternate CEMC are appointed by Council.

### 5.4.2 Responsibilities outside of an Emergency

- Be responsible and accountable for the creation of the Township of Conmee EMP;
- Remain up-to-date with all mandated CEMC training. Required courses include: EM200, EM300, IMS100, and IMS200;
- Sit on the EMPC;

### 5.4.3 Responsibilities during an Emergency

- Advise the MECG on administrative matters including Corporate Policies and Procedures;
- Advise on the necessity on an MDRA claim;
- Approve news releases and public service announcements from the EOC prior to their release;
- Arrange and participate in a post-emergency debriefing;
- Be responsible and accountable for the implementation of the Township of Conmee EMP;
- Chair the meetings of the Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG);
- Conduct planning cycle meetings on a scheduled basis;
- Coordinate and chair a post-emergency debriefing of all key personnel involved in the emergency operations; setup and maintain the operation of feeding, sleeping and meeting areas at the EOC as required;
- Coordinate efforts to re-establish essential services;
- Coordinate the arrangements for identification cards to be issued to the MECG, Township support staff and external resource personnel as required;
- Disseminate decisions or directions to all response agencies made by the MECG;
- Ensure the security of the EOC;
- In conjunction with the MECG appoint and direct individuals in within the roles identified within the EMP as required.
- Liaise with the CEMCs, CAOs, or Clerks of neighbouring municipalities affected by the emergency or providing assistance to Township of Conmee emergency operations;
- Liaise with regional public works and utility service agencies (i.e., hydro, gas, telephone, cable) and issue directions for the disconnection and reconnection of services;
- Maintain a detailed log of all actions taken during the emergency;
- Organize and supervise all activities within the EOC;
- Participate in decision making, determining priorities, and issuing strategic directives for the resolution of the emergency;
- Prepare a post-emergency report for submission to Council;
- Provide the MECG with information and advice on emergency management and progress of the program.

## 5.5 MAYOR

### 5.5.1 Description

The head of Council and spokesperson for the Township.

### 5.5.2 Responsibilities outside of an Emergency

- Aid in the creation and maintenance of the EMP;
- Sit on the EMPC;

### 5.5.3 Responsibilities during an Emergency

- As the Township of Conmee's key spokesperson, address the media as soon as possible after declaring an emergency. Staff advisors may accompany the Mayor to address technical questions if requested;
- Declare an emergency by completing the "Declaration of an Emergency";
- Keep Council updated regarding the situation and actions being taken to resolve the emergency;
- Maintain a detailed log of all actions taken during the emergency;
- Notify the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Ontario (OFM an EMO) of the declaration of an emergency;
- Participate in a post-emergency debriefing;
- Participate in decision making, determining priorities, and issuing strategic directives for the resolution of the emergency;
- Request assistance from senior levels of government, when required;
- Take action to make orders, contrary to law, to implement the Plan and to protect the property, health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the township;
- Terminate the emergency at the appropriate time and ensure all concerned have been notified.

## 5.6 EMERGENCY INFORMATION OFFICER

### 5.6.1 Description

This role is fulfilled by the Clerk, although it can be delegated elsewhere. The Emergency Information Officer primarily assists the Mayor in their role as spokesperson for the Township. They will research and gather information as required and communicate with both the media and the public when directed.

### 5.6.2 Responsibilities outside of an Emergency

This role does not exist outside of an emergency.

### 5.6.3 Responsibilities during an Emergency

- Advise the MECG on matters pertaining to public information, public affairs, and media relations;
- Arrange for photo or video records of the emergency operations;
- Coordinate all media requests, including arrangements for supervised tours near the emergency site(s);
- Direct the establishment and operation of an information centre, if required;
- Gather, process and disseminate information for use by the MECG;
- Issue public announcements, instructions, or warnings as directed by the Mayor or CEMC. Public releases shall be prepared by the Emergency Information Officer (EIO) and approved by the Mayor (or Acting Head of Council). Time-critical protective action messages may be issued by the EIO under pre-approved protocols with immediate notification to the Mayor;
- Maintain a detailed log of all actions taken;
- Participate in a post-emergency debriefing and provide reports as requested;
- Provide public relations support as required;
- Upon direction, release information to the public and media.

## 5.7 SCRIBE

### 5.7.1 Description

This role is fulfilled by the Clerk, although it can be delegated elsewhere. The Scribe primarily functions as a record keeper; they produce and maintain a detailed log on all actions taken by the CEMC and the MECG.

### 5.7.2 Responsibilities outside of an Emergency

- This role does not exist outside of an emergency.

### 5.7.3 Responsibilities during an Emergency

- Assist the CEMC and Mayor with their functions as requested;
- Coordinate the provision of clerical staff to assist in the EOC as required;
- Ensure that timely and correct information is displayed on the Main Event Board within the EOC;
- If directed by the Mayor, arrange a special Council meeting(s);
- If directed by the Mayor, ensure that all Councillors are advised of the declaration and termination of the emergency;
- Maintain a detailed log of all actions taken;
- Maintain a detailed log of all actions taken by the MECG;
- Participate in a post-emergency debriefing and provide reports as requested.

## 5.8 FIRE CHIEF

### 5.8.1 Description

The head of the Conmee Emergency Services. Schedules the training for all members of the EMS team and files the reports. They will be most active during fire and/or evacuation-based emergencies.

### 5.8.2 Responsibilities outside of an Emergency

- Ensure that both they and the members of the Conmee Emergency Services are trained to respond to an emergency;
- Identify any areas of concern with regards to their area of expertise as requested.

### 5.8.3 Responsibilities during an Emergency

- Arrange for additional equipment and materials as required pertaining to department role;
- Coordinate assistance with other municipal, regional, provincial, or federal departments and agencies;
- Ensure an incident commander or sector officer has been appointed to control operations at the emergency site;
- Establish a communications link with the onsite fire officer;
- If required activate mutual aid arrangements for the provision of additional firefighting resources and equipment;
- Maintain a detailed log of all actions taken by the Conmee Emergency Services;
- Participate in a post-emergency debriefing and provide reports as required;
- Provide information to the MECG to assist in decision making, determining priorities, and issuing strategic directives for the resolution of the emergency;
- Provide the MECG with information and advice on fire service matters.

## 5.9 PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

### 5.9.1 Description

The Township official with the most comprehensive knowledge of the infrastructure that are owned by the municipality.

### 5.9.2 Responsibilities outside of an Emergency

- Coordinate and/or participate in the regular maintenance of all municipally owned roadways and culverts;
- Identify any areas of concern with regards to their area of expertise as requested;
- Maintain an accurate log of road condition and any regular maintenance performed;

### 5.9.3 Responsibilities during an Emergency

- Arrange for and coordinate provision and use of personnel, materials, and equipment from other municipal, regional, provincial, or federal departments or private/commercial agencies;
- Assist with traffic control and emergency operations by clearing emergency routes, assisting the police in closing and opening roadways;
- Be prepared to conduct relief or preventative operations pertaining to their department;
- Coordinate debris removal activities;
- Coordinate demolition or securing of all “unsafe” buildings as directed by the Chief Building Official;
- Coordinate Public Works support for restoration and clean-up activities following the termination of the emergency;
- Direct and coordinate all Public Works operations in accordance with the Plan and directions issued by the MECG;
- Maintain a detailed log of all actions taken by the Public Works Department;
- Marking obstacles, installing emergency road signs, and other actions as required;
- Participate in a post-emergency debriefing and provide reports as requested;
- Provide information to the MECG to assist in decision making, determining priorities, and issuing operational directives through the CEMC for the resolution of the emergency;
- Provide personnel, materials, supplies, and equipment as required in support of emergency operations;
- Provide the MECG with information and advice on municipal roads and bridges;
- Under the direction of the MECG, coordinate with all relevant authorities to close roads and reroute traffic.

## 5.10 TREASURER

### 5.10.1 Description

The administrative officer in charge of finances for the Township.

### 5.10.2 Responsibilities outside of an Emergency

- Identify any areas of concern in accordance with their area of expertise when requested.

### 5.10.3 Responsibilities during an Emergency

- Act as a scribe while in the EOC if required;
- Coordinate the provision and use of all transportation resources in support of evacuation or other emergency operations as required;
- Coordinate the provision of emergency potable water, supplies, and sanitation facilities in support of emergency operations;
- Draft and submit an MDRA claim when directed by council;
- Ensure that records of expenses are maintained for future claim purposes;

- Ensure the prompt payment and settlement of all legitimate invoices and claims incurred during an emergency;
- Liaise, if necessary, with the Treasurers of other local and neighbouring municipalities;
- Maintain a detailed log of all actions taken;
- Participate in a post-emergency debriefing if requested;
- Provide and secure equipment and supplies not owned by the Township of Conmee;
- Provide information and advice on financial matters as they relate to the emergency.

## 5.11 CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL

### 5.11.1 Description

The officer in charge of building permits for the Township. They should be the most familiar with the building by-law of the Township. The Chief Building Official will normally only be called in to assist during an Emergency in the event that the structural integrity of a building is compromised: such as by fire or flood damage.

### 5.11.2 Responsibilities outside of an Emergency

- Identify any areas of concern in accordance with their area of expertise when requested.

### 5.11.3 Responsibilities during an Emergency

- Assist in the demolition of structures deemed to be unsafe;
- Assist in the securing of unsafe buildings;
- Coordinate with the municipal staff;
- Maintain a detailed log of all actions taken;
- Participate in a post-emergency debriefing if requested.

## 5.12 INCIDENT COMMANDER

### 5.12.1 Description

This role is designated as required. The Incident Commander shall almost always be the Fire Chief or the Deputy Fire Chief, though the role may be delegated to another member of the Conmee Emergency Services.

### 5.12.2 Responsibilities outside of an Emergency

- This role does not exist outside of an emergency.

### 5.12.3 Responsibilities during an Emergency

- Activate or coordinate with agencies, the evacuation of the immediate area or any area likely to be placed at risk, if warranted by conditions;
- Assess the situation under existing and potential conditions by consulting with sector officers and other agencies, take/authorize any action appropriate to preserve life, protect property and otherwise mitigate the adverse effects of the emergency;
- Brief sector officer regarding the situation as they become involved;
- Communicate the release of information at the scene with the emergency information officer and the MECG;
- Consider response alternatives and determine appropriate response actions (evacuation, containment, etc.) in consultation with sector officers and the MECG;
- Consult with experts, as required, to mitigate the emergency;
- Coordinate with the MECG and sector officers to ensure that the necessary equipment, supplies, and personnel are available;

- Develop an Emergency Site Organization Plan/Layout with the assistance of sector officers and establish inner and outer perimeters and staging areas to control access to and movement within emergency site(s);
- Ensure the overall safety of the emergency site, in particular that safety precautions are enforced regarding wearing personal protective equipment;
- Establish an on-site Command Post at an appropriate distance from the emergency area that provides a good vantage point from which access to the emergency site can be controlled;
- In consultation with sector officers, develop a demobilization plan for all resources within the emergency site and implement this plan upon official notification of the termination of the emergency;
- Obtain background information from those involved in the emergency or those who may have witnessed the incident, concerning the nature of hazardous material(s) and/or situation(s).
- Organize and coordinate the response at the emergency site(s) with all sector officers;
- Provide, at regular intervals, information updates and reports regarding activities at the emergency site to the MCEG;
- Request, from the MCEG, logistical support for emergency operations and personnel at the scene;
- Schedule briefings with individual and collective sector officers as to agency response status.

## 6 PROCEDURES

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### 6.1 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN

It is the responsibility of the first responding municipal agency at the scene of an emergency to assess the situation and to recommend to the Mayor whether this plan should be implemented. If the size or seriousness of the emergency appears beyond the capability or responsibilities of that agency, the plan shall be put into effect. Any member of the MECG, upon realizing the magnitude of an emergency or impending emergency warrants the plan's implementation, may do so. Once the emergency exists, the MECG may take such action(s) under this emergency plan as required to protect lives and property of the community even though an emergency has not been declared under the Act.

### 6.2 ALERTING THE MECG

On receipt of instructions from a member of the MECG, all members of the MECG will be notified by the CEMC using the most practical means. The member of the MECG that initiates the notifications will decide if this is a call-out or standby event.

The member making the call shall provide specific details and instructions on how to proceed.

It is recommended that the MECG consult the individualized the emergency plans for more specific guidelines on how to proceed.

#### 6.2.1 The following organizations will be called in as support, depending on the need.

- Ambulance (SNEMS)
- CN Rail
- Fire Department (Conmee Emergency Services)
- Hydro One
- Lakehead Regional Conservation Authority (LRCA)
- Ministries
  - Ministry of Health
  - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
  - Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
  - Ministry of Transportation
  - Others as Required
- Non-Governmental Agencies (NGO's)
  - Food Bank
  - Red Cross
  - Salvation Army
  - Others as Required
- Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)
- Public Works (Conmee)
- Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB)
- Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU)
- Neighbouring municipalities
- Canadian Forces Army
- Others as required

Note: All members of the MECG must be notified when the plan is activated. Not all of the MECG members have to be present for the MECG to function.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

Municipal Emergency Control Group Advisory & Support Staff may be formed from:

- Other Township staff
- Government Officials
- Community Stakeholders
- Outside Experts

All may be called by the CEMC or Mayor to join the MECG for resource and advisory purposes. These individuals do not have to be appointed by council as their invitation is specific to their expertise. Their advice, resources and information will assist the MECG in making decisions.

All support groups will provide information to the MECG on various matters relating to the area of expertise. For example, the Health Unit will advise on health matters and hospital on procedures, policies and capacity.

## 6.3 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MECG ONCE AN EMERGENCY IS DECLARED

### 6.3.1 Planning (Operating/Business) Cycle

The Mayor shall declare an Emergency using the “Declaration of Emergency” form in full compliance with the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, and any other relevant legislation.

In conjunction with the MECG, the CEMC shall appoint and direct individuals within the roles identified within the EMP as required.

If necessary, the CEMC shall contact the OPP and MTO to shut down sections of HWY 11/17, in coordination with the Fire Chief and the Public Works Manager.

The CEMC will establish frequency of planning cycles and agenda items. Maps and status boards shall be prominently displayed and kept up to date.

If one has been appointed, the incident commander shall schedule regular briefings with sector officers.

All people called upon must keep and maintain an accurate record of their actions taken during the emergency.

#### 6.4 DECLARATION PROCEDURES

The Head of Council (Mayor), or in their absence the Deputy Mayor, of the Township of Conmee, is responsible for declaring an emergency. This decision is usually made in consultation with other members of the Municipal Control Group. Upon declaring or terminating an emergency, the Head of Council (Mayor) will notify:

- Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Ontario;
- Council;
- Public;
- Neighbouring community officials, as required;
- Local Member of the Provincial Parliament (MPP);
- Local Member of Parliament (MP)

A municipal emergency may be terminated at any time by:

- Mayor
- Council
- Premier of Ontario.

#### 6.5 EVACUATION PROCEDURES & ROUTES

- A. In the event that only a small portion of Conmee is ordered evacuated, reception centres in the safe areas of the Township will be utilized.
- B. In an evacuation whereby the residents of the Township are required to leave Conmee, the reception municipality is Thunder Bay. Evacuation routes will be selected depending on the road conditions and safety factor.
- C. The CEMC or Emergency Information Officer, will use all means available in alerting residents, explaining the mode of travel and evacuation route.

These may include, but are not limited to;

- All media sources available
- Door to Door
- Emergency Alert System
- News Broadcasts
- Public Alerting System
- Text Alerts

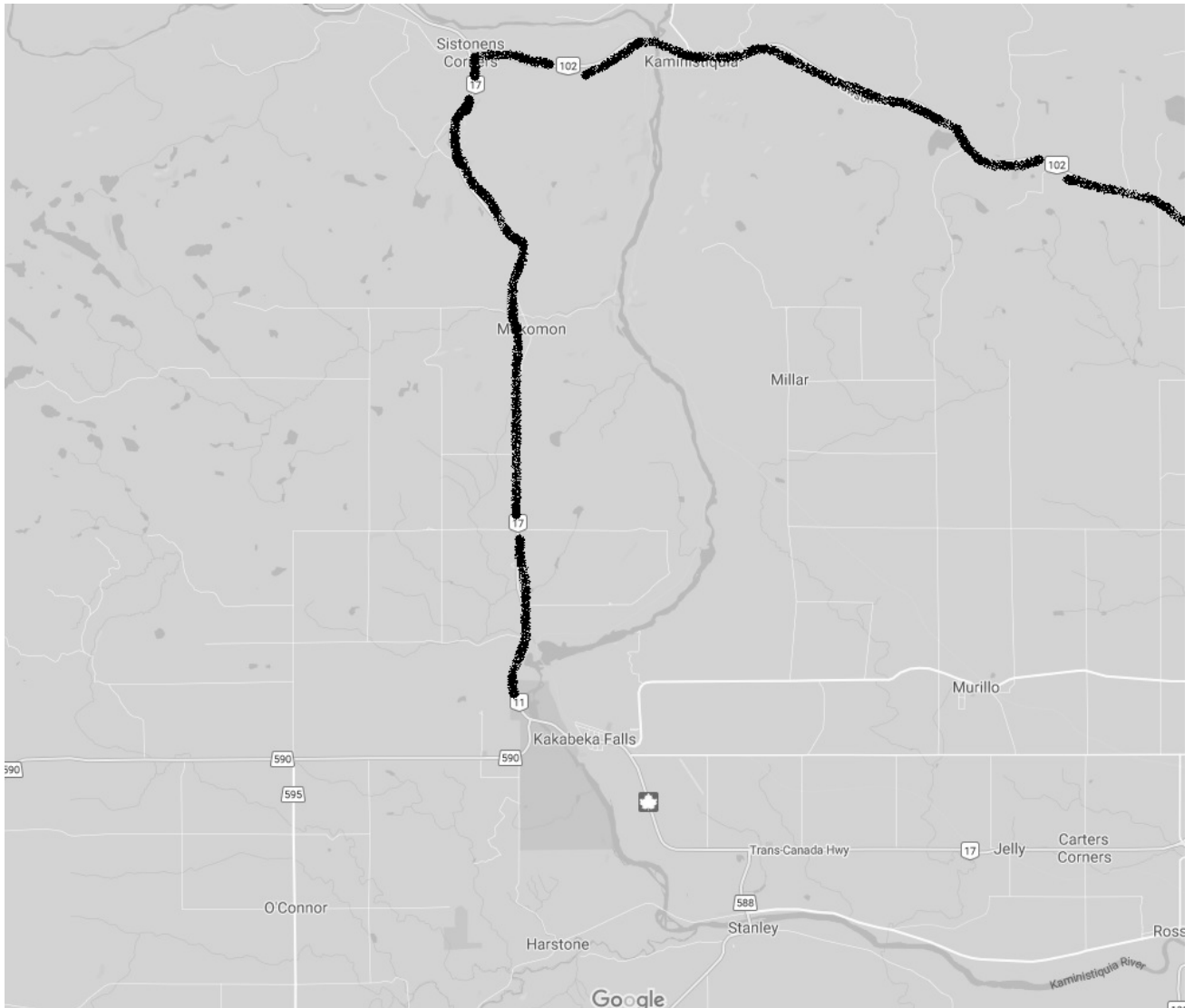
The evacuation routes are:

Primary - Go to Thunder Bay by taking Highway 11 & 17 East through Kakabeka Falls





Tertiary – Thunder Bay, Highway 11 & 17 North to Highway 102 East



#### 6.5.1 Partial Evacuation Procedures

In the circumstance that a partial evacuation is required, the Conmee Municipal Complex is designated the evacuation centre.

In the event circumstances will not allow the use of the Conmee Municipal Complex as the designated evacuation centre due to an emergency hazard such as a fire, flood, etc. the MECG will seek alternative arrangements immediately.

These alternative arrangements may require provincial support.

#### 6.5.2 Full Evacuation Procedures

In the circumstance that a full evacuation is required, the temporary location will be the Conmee Municipal Complex. It is likely that a large-scale evacuation would place the hall at full capacity and provincial support will then be required.

## 7 CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN

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### 7.1 PURPOSE

The Continuity of Operations Plan is developed as a guide for municipality and its departments to facilitate the maintenance of its essential services and functions during an emergency. The plan is a subsection of the greater EMP and is designed to be flexible and responsive to many different emergency types. Though this plan was originally developed strictly as a guide for responding to an influenza type pandemic, there are many reasons why the municipal office may not be staffed during an emergency, or why the public works department or emergency services may need to alter their response and workloads during an emergency. A well-managed plan in conjunction with any regional health authorities or government bodies can help mitigate the effects of an emergency.

The specific goal of the Continuity of Operations plan is to identify the essential services that the Township provides and develop strategies and recommendations to continue offering the aforementioned services.

### 7.2 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

#### 7.2.1 Understanding Risk

Any decisions made should be based on a good understanding of the emergency type and any risks involved. The approach that the municipality takes must be grounded in science and must consider any recommendations made by the appropriate governing bodies. The leaders of the Township must be made reasonably aware of the types of disasters that Conmee might face, and the actual likelihood of such an event occurring.

#### 7.2.2 Focus on Actions

While knowledge is important, only decisive action can actually mitigate any negative consequences of an emergency. The Township needs to take steps to ensure that the office can continue to function even if employees are unable to work in-person and that any and all records will be preserved and accessible in the event of a fire or similar disaster.

#### 7.2.3 Seek First Internal Protection

The Township's first priority is to its employees and the services that they provide. Protecting the workforce will help to avoid interruptions in any essential services.

### 7.3 OBJECTIVES

#### 7.3.1 Protection of Employees

Employees will look to the Township of Conmee Council for guidance and protection during an emergency. This could include revising workplace procedures to avoid exposure to hazardous material or infectious diseases; implementing work-from-home policies; and/or assisting in the acquisition and provision of childcare or caregiving for affected family members in the event that daycare, schools or other care facilities are closed or evacuated.

#### 7.3.2 Ensure the Delivery of Essential Services

Any reduction in the workforce will put the Township's ability to provide essential services at risk. A further consideration is that amenities or services that the Township requires may themselves experience interruption, further compounding any potential future issues.

### 7.3.3 Collaboration

Any emergency and its consequences can be managed more effectively through collaborated efforts of the many stakeholders in the Region and outside government agencies.

## 7.4 PROCESS

There are four phases to the internal planning process:

1. Definition of Priority Services
2. Identification and Categorizations of Essential Services by Department
3. Staffing Plans for Essential Services
4. Business Continuity for Priority 1 Services

## 7.5 DEFINITION OF PRIORITY SERVICES

### 7.5.1 Priority 1

A service where an interruption in delivery could lead to damages or loss of life. Any interruptions in service delivery require an immediate response.

### 7.5.2 Priority 2

A service where an interruption in delivery would not immediately lead to damages or loss of life if left unmaintained for long periods of time. Interruptions in service should be recorded but not require an immediate response.

### 7.5.3 Priority 3

A service where an interruption or cessation of delivery is not likely to cause damages or loss of life. Non-essential; any disruptions in service do not require response until resources permit.

## 7.6 IDENTIFICATION AND CATEGORIZATION OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES BY DEPARTMENT

### 7.6.1 Public Works

An identified area of concern is that Public Works only has two full-time employees. Should an emergency occur while one is otherwise unavailable, the Township may need to call on neighbouring municipalities for aid or contract out for machine operating services.

The Public Works Manager should be consulted during the EMP review process to ensure that this list is accurate.

#### 7.6.1.1 *Priority 1*

- Culvert Steaming
- Sanding
- Scarifying
- Snow Clearing
- Equipment Repairs
- removal of road blockages
- rebuilding essential infrastructure

#### 7.6.1.2 *Priority 2*

- Beaver Dam Removal
- Brushing

- Ditching

#### 7.6.1.3 *Priority 3*

- Building Maintenance
- Regular Road Maintenance

The priorities listed above are to be followed as a general rule. Road maintenance becomes more critical if the poor conditions could conceivably lead to an accident, and equipment repairs may not be a priority if only minor fixes are required.

#### 7.6.2 Conmee Emergency Services

A department where nearly all functions are considered Priority 1 services. Conmee falls under the Amethyst Sector for Emergency Management Ontario and has mutual aid agreements with most neighbouring municipalities. However, depending on the nature and scale of the emergency mutual aid may be unavailable as other municipalities will prioritize responding within their community first.

A key way to ensure that the Conmee Emergency Services will be as prepared as possible is to ensure that all volunteer members are up-to-date with any training recommended by the OFM and EMO.

The Conmee Fire Chief would coordinate with the Public Works Manager regarding emergency response needs in the community.

#### 7.6.2.1 *Priority 1*

- Emergency Response Services
- Equipment Repairs

#### 7.6.2.2 *Priority 2*

- Training Exercises
- Emergency Response Review

The priorities listed above are to be followed as a general rule.

#### 7.6.3 Landfill

Landfill operations are categorized as Priority 3. In a truly desperate situation, the gate could be left unlocked, and residents could take their garbage in as needed. Although this may contravene the Certificate of Approval for the landfill, the Government of Ontario should be able to recognize that it will only be done due to extraordinary circumstances.

#### 7.6.3.1 *Priority 3*

- All Regular Landfill Operations

#### 7.6.4 Cemetery

The Cemetery is categorized as Priority 2. Depending on the nature and severity of the emergency, demand for the cemetery may increase. As the cemetery is staffed by the Public Works department, it is likely that their time may be taken up responding to Priority 1 service disruptions. Conmee's Cemetery By-Law does allow for families to open and close their own graves with supervision.

#### 7.6.4.1 *Priority 2*

- All Regular Cemetery Operations

### 7.6.5 Community Centre

All regular Community Centre functions are categorized as Priority 3. During an emergency all rentals will be cancelled and any social events postponed.

#### 7.6.5.1 *Priority 3*

- Hall Rentals
- Social Committee Events
- Public Information Sessions (unless directly pertaining to the emergency)

### 7.6.6 Administration

#### 7.6.6.1 *Priority 2*

- payroll
- accounts payable
- accounts receivable
- public communication

#### 7.6.6.2 *Priority 3*

- reports

## 8 TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE HIRA

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A HIRA (Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis) was conducted for Conmee. The most serious are listed below and are scored both for probability of occurrence and potential consequence. The number on the left is the probability and the number on the right is the potential consequence. The study did not include only Conmee but took into account emergencies in similar Municipalities in the District of Thunder Bay.

### 8.1 SCORING

Probability of Occurrence	Consequence
1- No incidents in the last 15 years	1 - Negligible
2- Last incident 5-15 years ago	2 - Limited
3- One incident in the last 5 years	3 - Substantial
4- Multiple incidents in the last 5 years	4 – High

### 8.2 INDIVIDUAL SCORES

**3/4** Forest Fire: Both the risk and consequences are high and the most probable cause of a large-scale Municipal evacuation.

**2/3** Major Transportation Accident: (school bus, aircraft, train):

School bus – likely local children would be involved.

Aircraft crash – initial outside help could be slow due to distance or remoteness.

Train – passenger train could be using local line due to the main rail line being shut down.

Any transportation accident could have multiple casualties /deaths. **Several major transportation accidents have occurred at Sissonnes Corner which is located just outside the northern border of the Township.**

**1/3** Dangerous Goods Spills (road, rail): Nearly every dangerous good listed in the Emergency Response Guidebook is transported through the Municipality on both the TransCanada Highway and on the CN rail line. Some of these products listed in the Dangerous Goods Act require an evacuation or in-place protection of several kms.

**4/4** Heavy Rain Event: This could lead to flooding, infrastructure damage, or possible loss of life. Not only is Conmee dotted by beaver ponds and dams, it also bordered by the Kaministiquia River. 2008 and 2012 both saw century floods, with over 75% of road infrastructure impacted.

**Recent event**: Severe flooding event in Spring 2022 required the Township of Conmee to declare a state of emergency; several roads were closed; heavy damage to roads and road beds

**3/3** Severe Windstorms or Tornado (usually accompanied by a thunder/lightning storm): During the late 1980's such a storm with wind shear caused a major blow down of nearly all trees in an area approximately a quarter of a km. wide from near the Black Sturgeon River east to nearly the Pick River, a few km north of Hwy.

17. All large trees were either broken off or uprooted. We have all seen areas of blow down in the woods. This type of severe storm can cause major damage to any homes, businesses and power/telephone lines in its path. Such a loss of communications causes its own problems.

**Recent event: Severe windstorms in Spring 2022 sent many trees and branches onto the roads; power outages were caused by falling trees**

**4/4** Severe Snow Storm: Residents could be at risk being unable to obtain medical needs and possibly food and fuel. Police, fire and ambulance could be prevented from attending emergencies. Many roads could be closed or impassable.

**4/4** Extended Power Outage: Residential water supply entirely depends on electrical water pumps. Impact would be greater if the outage occurred during the winter. It would be difficult to look after every resident who doesn't have a source of heat which isn't dependent on electricity. Public education and encouraging family emergency plans can greatly mitigate this problem.

**4/4** Pandemic or Epidemic – Natural or Manmade: The COVID-19 pandemic exposed the need for cohesive and effective pandemic planning. Depending on the nature of the emergency, it could severely impact operations and potentially shut down both the office and the garage. As experienced during the 2020 – 2021 CoVID-19 pandemic, a key concern for rural residents is being able to access schooling or work during a prolonged event as broadband connection can be incredibly unreliable.

Probability of Occurrence

	4	3	2	1
4	Outage Rain Snow Pandemic	Forest Fire		
3			Windstorm Accident	Accident
2				
1				

## 9 INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED EMERGENCY PLANS

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### 9.1 PURPOSE

By creating individually tailored plans for each identified emergency within the larger HIRA, the township aims to be better prepared should any such event occur. By creating individualized plans, the township can better map out any areas of concern, plans for evacuation, guides for the public, and have more of a “head start” in responding to any crisis; no matter how rare it may be.

### 9.2 EMERGENCY PLAN: FOREST FIRES

#### 9.2.1 Description

A forest fire emergency is the potential or imminent threat posed by the forest fire to the residents and infrastructure in the Township of Conmee. Initially the threat may be from smoke which may impact health and the ability to travel safely. However, a forest fire could pose the risk of the destruction of infrastructure when it directly impacts facilities.

A forest fire is generally reported by residents to 911 and/or it may be discovered by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR). Depending on the location of the forest fire, suppression activities may be initiated by either the MNR or the Conmee Emergency Services. As there are large areas of crown land in the Township, an Agreement between MNR and the Township of Conmee has been developed, with mapping that shows the properties for which the MNR is responsible. The MNR may request assistance from Conmee Emergency Services. Alternatively, Conmee Emergency Services may request assistance from the MNR for aerial or ground support, particularly in the more remote parts of the Township. Under the Emergency Management Act, the MNR has ultimate responsibilities for forest fire emergencies that may impact communities and may take the lead at any time. If the MNR does take the lead the Conmee Emergency Services will have a support role: either in actively fighting the fire or in providing logistics under the Incident Management System.

If a forest fire causes imminent threat to the residents or structures of the Township, either by smoke or flames, the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) shall be activated, and the Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) members shall be notified. As the Fire Chief will usually be the point of contact between the MNR and the MECG, the situation will need to be closely monitored to determine whether additional resources or evacuations are required. The Fire Chief shall report regularly to the MECG.

#### 9.2.1.1 *Conmee Specific Risks*

The Township is a highly forested area, surrounded on all sides by largely coniferous forests. A forest fire could prove disastrous as they are known to spread more easily through the crown of coniferous trees. If one were to ignite during a sufficiently windy and dry day it is possible that the majority of the municipality could be engulfed. Although the severity will always depend on the weather, time of year and wind speed, a small fire could become unmanageable if not discovered quickly enough.

#### 9.2.1.2 *Identified Causes*

A Forest Fire within the Township is most likely to result from:

- A lightning strike;
- Out of control brush or campfire;
- Human negligence;
- Fire progressing from other areas into Conmee.

#### 9.2.2 Roles and Responsibilities during a Forest Fire

#### 9.2.2.1 *Mayor*

- Declare an emergency and order a partial or total evacuation of the community if necessary;
- Liaise with the MNR Fire Management Staff;
- Act as the spokesperson for the Township and communicate with all outside bodies of media.

#### 9.2.2.2 *CEMC*

- Operate and maintain the EOC;
- Maintain a detailed log of all actions taken;
- Liaise with the MNR Fire Management Staff.

#### 9.2.2.3 *Fire Chief*

- Direct operations on the Fire Ground if Conmee Emergency Services is the lead agency;
- Provide support activities to the MNR if the MNR is the lead agency;
- Report to the EOC and MECG regularly;
- Monitor weather and wind direction to inform decisions made by the MECG.
- Liaise with HazMat authorities as required

#### 9.2.2.4 *Public Works Manager*

- Provide barricades to close off access as necessary;
- Provide heavy equipment as needed;
- Provide traffic control as necessary in coordination with the OPP.

### 9.2.3 Roles and Responsibilities after a Forest Fire

#### 9.2.3.1 *Mayor*

- Act as the spokesperson for the Township and communicate with all outside bodies of media.

#### 9.2.3.2 *CEMC*

- Advise council on eligibility of an MDRA claim;
- Prepare and host a post-emergency debrief.

#### 9.2.3.3 *Fire Chief*

- Prepare and submit a report to council giving a 'breakdown' of the fire.

#### 9.2.3.4 *Public Works Manager*

- Survey all municipal infrastructure for damage and wear;
- Demolish any structures condemned by the Chief Building Official.

#### 9.2.3.5 *Treasurer*

- Prepare and present an analysis of the financial impact on Township infrastructure;
- Draft and submit an MDRA claim as directed by council.

#### 9.2.3.6 *Chief Building Official*

- Identify and condemn any unsafe structures;
- Assist in the demolition of unsafe structures.

### 9.2.4 Partner Agencies

- MNR
- OPP
- Hydro One
- MTO
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Neighbouring municipalities

## 9.3 EMERGENCY PLAN: DANGEROUS GOODS SPILL

### 9.3.1 Description

A dangerous goods spill is any transportation accident that results in the spill of any substance listed in the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act*; the *Packaging and Transport of Nuclear Substances Regulations*. Because of the wide range of goods listed a spill could mean anything from a total evacuation due to the nature of the goods spilled, a prolonged and extensive cleanup process to minimize the environmental damages; or a potential stay-at-home order.

This will likely work in conjunction with the Major Transportation Accident plan, located on page 36.

#### 9.3.1.1 *Conmee Specific Risks*

Conmee is bisected by the Trans-Canada Highway. It is bordered on the east by railroad running along the Kaministiquia River. Because of this, practically every type of substance classified under the acts and regulations listed above does travel through the Township at some point.

### 9.3.2 Roles and Responsibilities during a Dangerous Goods Spill

#### 9.3.2.1 *Mayor*

- Declare an emergency and order a partial or total evacuation of the community if necessary;
- Act as the spokesperson for the Township and communicate with all outside bodies of media.

#### 9.3.2.2 *CEMC*

- Operate and maintain the EOC;
- Liaise with any relevant body such as the MOE, the MTO, the OPP and so on;
- If necessary, contact CANUTEC – Contact Information is maintained in a non-public appendix.

#### 9.3.2.3 *Fire Chief*

- Provide support activities to the relevant lead authority as requested;
- Report to the EOC and MECG regularly;
- Monitor weather to inform decisions made by the MECG.
- Liaise with HazMat authorities if required

#### 9.3.2.4 *Public Works Manager*

- Provide barricades to close off access as necessary;
- Provide heavy equipment as needed;
- Provide traffic control as necessary in coordination with the OPP.

#### 9.3.2.5 *MECG*

- Monitor the situation
- Contact necessary people according to the situation

### 9.3.3 Main Contact

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Hydro One</li> <li>➤ OPP</li> <li>➤ MTO</li> <li>➤ GFL or A-1</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CNR (railway)</li> <li>➤ Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) (weather forecast)</li> <li>➤ MOE (maps, consultants)</li> <li>➤ Neighbouring municipalities</li> </ul> |
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## 9.4 EMERGENCY PLAN: SEVERE WINTER STORM

### 9.4.1 Description

A severe winter storm is characterized by a number of factors, though not all have to be present to qualify. Most commonly they are known for any combination of high winds (in excess of 40km/h); large amounts of snowfall (at least 20cm within a 12-hr period to qualify); freezing rain; reduced visibility; and extreme cold.

A winter storm usually comes with advance warning from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) or similar weather bodies in the form of either a severe weather watch and/or a severe weather warning. A watch does not guarantee a storm but merely indicates that the current weather conditions have a higher-than-average chance of producing a storm; for winter storms these are usually issued 12 – 24 hours in advance. A warning indicates that a severe weather event is imminent or currently occurring; for winter storms these are usually issued 6 – 24 hours in advance.

#### 9.4.1.1 *Conmee Specific Risks*

Being a municipality in Northwestern Ontario, Conmee is no stranger to winter storms. Thankfully this means that most of the Township's residents are used to the occasional severe blizzard or power outage and can normally cope for a day or two until roadways have cleared and/or hydroelectricity has been restored.

### 9.4.2 Roles and Responsibilities during a Severe Winter Storm

#### 9.4.2.1 *Mayor*

- Declare an emergency and order a partial or total evacuation of the community if necessary;
- Act as the spokesperson for the Township and communicate with all outside bodies of media.

#### 9.4.2.2 *CEMC*

#### 9.4.2.3 *Fire Chief*

#### 9.4.2.4 *Public Works Manager*

### 9.4.3 Roles and Responsibilities after a Severe Winter Storm

#### 9.4.3.1 *CEMC*

- assist residents with reports or claims for damages

### 9.4.4 Partner Agencies

- Hydro One
- OPP
- MTO
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)

## 9.5 EMERGENCY PLAN: EXTENDED POWER OUTAGE

### 9.5.1 Description

An extended power outage is defined as any interruption in hydro-electricity lasting longer than 24 hours. While both the Government of Canada and Hydro One recommend that individuals always be prepared to survive for 72 hours without heat or hydro, everyone's individual definition of being prepared is different.

#### 9.5.1.1 *Conmee Specific Risks*

- residential water systems may be inoperable due to loss of power to electrical well pumps

### 9.5.2 Roles and Responsibilities during an Extended Power Outage

9.5.2.1 *Mayor*

- Declare an emergency and order a partial or total evacuation of the community if necessary
- direct public communications (such as text service) to remind people to check on neighbours

9.5.2.2 *CEMC*9.5.2.3 *Fire Chief*9.5.2.4 *Public Works Manager*9.5.2.5 *Facilities Manager*

- Arrange access to Community Centre for water, warmth and other necessities

## 9.5.3 Partner Agencies

- Hydro One
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)

9.6 EMERGENCY PLAN: MAJOR TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENT

## 9.6.1 Description

9.6.1.1 *Conmee Specific Risks*

Conmee has the 11/17 Trans-Canada Highway straight through the middle and the railway alongside the Kaministiquia River. Practically every dangerous good is transported through Conmee at any given time. Conmee, like every community, also has school buses going through the municipality during the year.

This plan will likely work in conjunction with the Dangerous Goods Spill plan.

## 9.6.2 Roles and Responsibilities during a Major Transportation Accident

9.6.2.1 *Mayor*

- Declare an emergency and order a partial or total evacuation of the community if necessary;
- Act as the spokesperson for the Township and communicate with all outside bodies of media.

9.6.2.2 *CEMC*9.6.2.3 *Fire Chief*9.6.2.4 *Public Works Manager*

- Provide barricades to close off access as necessary;
- Provide heavy equipment as needed;
- Provide traffic control as necessary in coordination with the OPP.

## 9.6.3 Partner Agencies

- OPP
- MTO
- local media

9.7 EMERGENCY PLAN: SEVERE WINDSTORMS OR TORNADO

## 9.7.1 Description

9.7.1.1 *Conmee Specific Risks*

While a severe windstorm has not hit Conmee in quite some time, there are historic examples of microbursts

## 9.7.2 Roles and Responsibilities during a Severe Windstorm or Tornado

### 9.7.2.1 Mayor

- Declare an emergency, if necessary
- Act as the spokesperson for the Township and communicate with all outside bodies of media.

### 9.7.2.2 CEMC

### 9.7.2.3 Fire Chief

### 9.7.2.4 Public Works Manager

## 9.7.3 Partner Agencies

- Hydro One
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- OPP
- Text Alert System

## 9.8 EMERGENCY PLAN: PANDEMIC– NATURAL OR MANMADE

### 9.8.1 Description

A pandemic in the District of Thunder Bay would affect several municipalities and impact health services, community infrastructures, and the capacity to provide education, government, business, community and essential services at optimal levels.

#### 9.8.1.1 Conmee Specific Risks

- Some residents may have difficulty in accessing medical health care.

### 9.8.2 Roles and Responsibilities during a Pandemic or Epidemic – Natural or Manmade

#### 9.8.2.1 Mayor

- Declare an emergency and order a partial or total evacuation of the community if necessary;
- Liaise with all relevant authorities such as the TBDHU, TBDSSAB and others;
- Act as the spokesperson for the Township and communicate with all outside bodies of media.

#### 9.8.2.2 CEMC

- Liaise with all relevant authorities such as the TBDHU, TBDSSAB and others

### 9.8.3 Partner Agencies

- TBDHU
- OFM and EMO

### 9.8.4 Pandemic Plan Guidance

The Township will maintain a remote work protocol for administrative staff and ensure a minimum PPE stockpile (masks, gloves, sanitizer) for essential workers. These measures will be reviewed annually and adjusted based on provincial guidance.

## 9.9 EMERGENCY PLAN: HEAVY RAIN EVENT

### 9.9.1 Description

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) defines flooding as an overflow of water associated with a lake, river or stream that threatens the safety, welfare of people and/or damage to public and/or private property.

With climate change all areas of the world are seeing more frequent and more intense storms; Conmee is no exception. It is likely that as the climate crisis worsens flooding will only become a more prevalent issue.

#### 9.9.1.1 *Conmee Specific Risks*

The Township faces several challenges when dealing with flooding. The largest body of water in the Township is the Kaministiquia River which forms the eastern border of the Township. There are several smaller streams, ponds and swampy areas that are throughout the municipality. Most of the major access routes are in low-lying areas which could become impassible during a serious flood; there are likely several beaver dams throughout the Township that could burst if put under enough strain; and a bad enough flood could cause an immense amount of damage Township owned infrastructure.

During a major rainfall it is likely that the surrounding area would also be affected, which could lead to a large-scale power outage and/or communications blackout if power to the surround cell towers is interrupted.

#### 9.9.1.2 *Identified Causes*

A flooding event is most likely to result from:

- Torrential Rainfall;
- Sudden or extreme thaw;
- Burst beaver dam.

### 9.9.2 Roles and Responsibilities during a Heavy Rain Event

#### 9.9.2.1 *Mayor*

- Declare an emergency and order a partial or total evacuation of the community if necessary;
- Act as the spokesperson for the Township and communicate with all outside bodies of media.

#### 9.9.2.2 *CEMC*

- Operate and maintain the EOC;
- Maintain a detailed log of all actions taken;
- Liaise with the Lakehead Board of Education, LRCA, OPP, MTO, and MNRF as required;
- Coordinate sheltering procedures at the EOC if required;
- Request and coordinate food distribution from the Rural Cupboard Food Bank if necessary.

#### 9.9.2.3 *Fire Chief*

- Provide traffic control assistance in coordination with the OPP, MTO and Public Works Department as necessary.

#### 9.9.2.4 *Public Works Manager*

- Provide barricades to close off access as required;
- Provide heavy equipment as needed;
- Provide traffic control assistance in coordination with the CEMS, OPP and MTO as necessary.

#### 9.9.2.5 *Treasurer*

- Arrange for the delivery of food or necessities to the EOC if it is being used as an evacuation centre.
- Keep careful records of all hours worked by the Township in response to the emergency.
- Record and retain accurate expense information for any costs incurred while responding to the flood.

### 9.9.3 Roles and Responsibilities after a Heavy Rain Event

#### 9.9.3.1 *Mayor*

- Act as the spokesperson for the Township and communicate with all outside bodies of media.

#### 9.9.3.2 *CEMC*

- Arrange and chair a post-flood debriefing with all involved parties within the Township;

#### 9.9.3.3 *Public Works Manager*

- Assist in the securing of unsafe buildings condemned by the Chief Building Official;
- Participate in a post-flood debriefing;
- Regularly liaise with the CEMC and Treasurer to keep track of flood repairs;
- Report to council on progress when requested;
- Track any and all expenses and operator hours dedicated to repairs and/or improvements to infrastructure.

#### 9.9.3.4 *Treasurer*

- Advise council on the Township's eligibility for disaster relief funding;
- Prepare a report on the total exceptional expenses incurred by the flood;
- Project any future expenses in repairs and/or improvements to infrastructure;
- When directed, prepare and submit packages to any relevant disaster relief application programs.

#### 9.9.3.5 *Chief Building Official*

- Secure and condemn buildings rendered unsafe due to the flood.

### 9.9.4 Partner Agencies

- contractors
- MOE
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- LRCA

## 10 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

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The Township will provide at least one annual public education initiative on emergency preparedness (e.g., newsletter, social media, or community event) to meet EMCPA requirements.

Timely and accurate information is of utmost importance during an emergency. Sharing of information is critical for a coordinated response. Each department and position/person listed in the Emergency Plan must know their role in the Emergency Plan and their role in their everyday duties. This includes how they communicate on a regular basis and how they communicate when the normal lines of communication are out of service.

Upon implementation of the Emergency Plan, ensure the following is carried out to facilitate communication and an effective response:

### 10.1 MECG:

- Share information verbally, by flipchart, and by electronics means with other MECG members.
- Initiate and ensure two-way communication with your department and your department head at the site, via the best available method e.g., land line, telephone, cellular telephone, radio, fax, runner, ham radio.
- Create timely, accurate and appropriate information for the public for dissemination by the Public Information Co-Ordinator. Approved by the Emergency Information Officer (EIO) and the Mayor (or Acting Head of Council).
- Prepare public education bulletins for the public concerning health, safety or security as needed, for distribution to the public by the Public Information Co-Ordinator via the media, handout, etc.
- If reception centres are set up, provide above information via maps and hard copies
- Time permitting, the Mayor should give live media coverage initially or at a public meeting to give authority for the emergency.
- Liaise with mutual aid, corresponding municipal, provincial, federal and industrial counterparts.
- When official requests are made for provincial or federal help, communicate by the most secure and effective means via the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC). Otherwise, there could be a breakdown of communications and unneeded costs to the municipality.
- Ensure the Public Information Officer is in place and appoint as needed: Communications Officer, Citizen Inquiry Officer and a Site Media Officer. Make sure all the resources they need are available and that their duties are being carried out in a timely and accurate manner.
- Utilize Alert Ready "Appendix C" if necessary
- Utilize text services

### 10.2 METHODS OF NOTIFICATION

- Landline
- Cellular (voice, text)
- Internet (email, zoom, etc.)
- Social Media (ex. Facebook)
- Radio
- Fax
- In-Person
- 2-way radio



**Date:** 13 May 2026

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**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

**Seconded By:** Councillor John van Klaveren

## **Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario**

**WHEREAS** Municipal fire services in Ontario operate under legislative authority established by the province through statutes, regulations, codes, and prescribed standards governing training, equipment, certification, inspection, and operational requirements;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities are responsible for implementing and maintaining compliance with these provincially mandated requirements primarily through local property taxation;

**AND WHEREAS** current provincial fire service grant programs are available to both full-time and volunteer fire departments across Ontario and are distributed through competitive application processes that may not fully reflect the differing financial and administrative capacities of urban and rural municipalities, highlighting the need for a more balanced approach to funding that supports all fire services equitably;

**AND WHEREAS** volunteer firefighters represent approximately **70–75% of firefighters in Ontario**, protecting the majority of communities across the province and, particularly in rural areas, are frequently **the first emergency responders to arrive on scene ahead of other emergency services**;

**AND WHEREAS** other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services, receive stable and predictable provincial funding contributions or cost-sharing arrangements;

**AND WHEREAS** the absence of a comparable and stable funding model for fire services creates a structural imbalance between provincial regulatory authority and municipal financial responsibility;

**AND WHEREAS** reliance on competitive funding creates budget uncertainty, limits long-term financial planning, and may not reflect the actual operational needs of fire services, contributing to instability, reduced preparedness and the reduction of services within a critical emergency response sector;

**AND WHEREAS** stable and predictable funding is essential to maintain emergency preparedness, firefighter safety, service sustainability, and equitable protection for residents regardless of municipal size or tax base;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

The Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to **transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program** that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for **operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario**;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services;

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**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- The County of Lambton
- Lambton County Fire Chiefs Association
- All municipalities
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

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**AND FURTHER THAT, upon endorsement, this resolution be submitted to:**

- Steve Pinnsoneault MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
- Bob Bailey MPP Sarnia-Lambton
- The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario



Honourable Doug Ford,  
Premier of Ontario  
Via Email:  
premier@ontario.ca

Honourable Sylvia Jones  
Deputy Premier of Ontario  
and Minister of Health  
Via Email:  
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May 25, 2026

Honourable Marjorie  
Michel, Minister of Health  
Via Email:  
hcminister.ministresc@hc-  
sc.gc.ca

The Ontario Medical  
Association  
Via Email: info@oma.org

RE: Township of Puslinch Support Resolution No.2026-128, Regarding Consent item 6.8  
Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 6, 2025  
considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2026-128:**

Moved by Councillor Bailey and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**That the Consent Agenda item 6.8 be received; and**

**Whereas Council supports the WOWC resolution that Council direct staff to send a  
support resolution accordingly.**

**CARRIED**



As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC:  
The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA)  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Ontario Big City Mayors  
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Monday, April 20, 2026

Premier of Ontario  
 Hon. Doug Ford  
 Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
 Toronto ON M7A 1A1  
 Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: Support of Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform**

At its regular meeting on April 10, 2026, the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus adopted the following motion in support of Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform:

**#11 Moved by D. Bailey seconded by B. Clark:**

**WHEREAS** growing pressures across the Ontario healthcare system are increasing patient volumes in emergency rooms (ER), requiring more complex care, and contributing to longer patient wait times in ERs for residents in Ontario's largest municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** Health Quality Ontario data from October 2025 reports that patients needing admission to the hospital waited an average of 19-20 hours, with high-urgency patients waiting close to 5 hours on average to be seen by a physician; and

**WHEREAS** in December 2023, the Auditor General of Ontario reported that significant hospital staffing shortages were reducing access to timely emergency care; and

**WHEREAS** the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario reported in March 2023 that ER wait times were increasing significantly with the longest wait times recorded in over 15 years and that provincial funding was \$21.3 billion short to maintain current health programs through 2028; and

**WHEREAS** according to the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), Ontario has had the lowest per capita hospital expenditure in Canada since 2018; and

**WHEREAS** according to the OHA, approximately 4,200 alternate level care (ALC) patients remain in acute beds (40% awaiting long term care), worsening ER delays; and

**WHEREAS** Canadian ER researchers have highlighted that between 8,000 and 15,000 Canadians die prematurely as a result of ER overcrowding; and

**WHEREAS** reports of patients dying in crowded ERs across Canada are increasing, such as 16-year-old Finlay van der Werken who waited over 8 hours in an Oakville ER without being seen by a physician and tragically passed away on February 9, 2024 from pneumonia that developed into sepsis; and

**WHEREAS** ER delays are contributing to excessive ambulance offload times, adding undue strain on response capacity of municipal paramedic services across Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Government has taken important steps to improve health care in Ontario, however additional funding and staffing resources for hospitals to reduce ER wait times and increase capacity to provide timely access to care for all patients in ER's remains critical; and

**WHEREAS** despite growing concerns regarding staffing shortages in and closures of ERs across Ontario, as well as failure to meet federal standards such as the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale, the Provincial Government continues to receive full contributions of Canada Health Transfers from the federal government.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus calls on the Provincial Ministry of Health to take immediate action to reduce ER wait times with consideration for the importance of enhanced ER triage protocols and increased funding to strengthen emergency readiness;

**AND THAT** the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus calls on the Provincial Ministry of Health to introduce Finlay's Law to ensure that no child in Ontario is left without timely emergency medical care in hospitals by:

- Setting legal maximum ER wait times for children under 18 (e.g., physician assessment within 2 hours, admission within 8 hours).
- Mandating safe pediatric nurse-to-patient and physician-to-patient ratios in emergency settings.
- Establish independent oversight to audit hospitals, investigate pediatric ER deaths, and enforce compliance.
- Mandate public, independent, and timely (within 1 year) inquiry by the Chief Coroner of Ontario of every pediatric death in an ER waiting area.
- Fund better pediatric emergency readiness, including staffing, training and infrastructure

**AND THAT** the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus calls on the Federal Ministry of Health to enforce the principles and requirements of the Canada Health Act through its spending power of Canada Health Transfers to Ontario by:

- monitoring compliance to national health standards, such as Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS) in ERs;
- and establishing and ensuring compliance with a new sepsis care

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Health, the Federal Minister of Health, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

**Carried.**

Please contact the office if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Marcus Ryan  
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc.  
Hon. Marjorie Michel, Federal Minister of Health  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health  
Ontario Medical Association  
Ontario Hospital Association  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Big City Mayors  
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus  
Western Ontario Municipalities



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MOVED BY:

- Jason Cote  
 Marc Lepine  
 Ray Maltais  
 Bert McDowell

SECONDED BY:

- Jason Cote  
 Marc Lepine  
 Ray Maltais  
 Bert McDowell

RESOLUTION # 26 – 061

Date: April 13, 2026

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) provide policing services to both organized municipalities and unorganized territories across the Province of Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** organized municipalities receiving OPP policing services are billed under the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model, which includes a base service cost and additional costs related to calls for service;

**AND WHEREAS** unorganized townships and territories contribute to policing costs through provincial taxation mechanisms and pay only a base rate while receiving OPP policing services;

**AND WHEREAS** residents of unorganized territories receive comparable OPP policing services to those provided in organized municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** recent increases in OPP policing costs have placed a growing and disproportionate financial burden on organized municipalities and their taxpayers;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities have limited revenue tools and must rely primarily on property taxation to fund essential services such as policing;

**AND WHEREAS** the current funding structure creates an inequitable situation in which organized municipalities are required to subsidize a larger share of policing costs while similar services are provided in unorganized territories at a significantly lower contribution level;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin calls upon the Province of Ontario to conduct an immediate review of the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model and the policing funding structure for unorganized territories



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**AND FURTHER THAT** the Province be requested to implement a fair and equitable funding model that ensures all communities receiving OPP policing services contribute appropriately to the cost of those services;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Province be requested to consult with municipalities, particularly those in Northern Ontario, regarding the financial impacts of OPP policing costs and the current inequities in the system;


**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Minister of the Solicitor General, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and neighbouring municipalities for their support.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

  
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CAO/Clerk – Administrator/Treasurer  
Holly Zahorodny

I DECLARE THIS RESOLUTION

- Carried
- Defeated
- Deferred

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
	For	Against
V. Gorham	—	—
J. Cote	—	—
M. Lepine	—	—
R. Maltais	—	—
B. McDowell	—	—



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Date: May 26, 2026

**Motion # 2026-158**

WHEREAS Highways 11 and 17 are critical transportation corridors connecting Northern Ontario communities and supporting national trade, tourism, emergency response, and economic development; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario residents, travellers, commercial drivers, and emergency services rely on safe and accessible year-round highway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS many stretches of Highways 11 and 17 lack sufficient rest areas, washroom facilities, truck parking, warming centres, fuel access, and safe pull-off locations, particularly in remote areas of Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS inadequate rest stop infrastructure contributes to driver fatigue, safety concerns, limited accessibility, and challenges for tourism and commercial transportation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour calls upon the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to prioritize the development of new and upgraded highway rest stops and traveller infrastructure along Highways 11 and 17 across Northern Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such infrastructure include year-round washrooms, safe parking areas, commercial truck parking, warming shelters, electric vehicle charging stations, fuel access, tourism information, and improved emergency communication services where feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario work collaboratively with Northern municipalities, FONOM, NOMA, Indigenous communities, and industry stakeholders to identify priority locations for investment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to FONOM, NOMA, AMO, local MPPs and MPs, the Premier of Ontario, and Ontario municipalities.

<b>Moved by:</b>	Blakelock, Rod	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Seconded by:</b>	Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Brandt, Jerry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Carried / Defeated 

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded vote requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Recorded Vote:

Blakelock, Rod  
Brandt, Jerry  
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy  
Ward, Rod  
Whitwell, Wendy

For	Opposed
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# Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

## Council Resolution

**Date:** May 27, 2026

### Request for Provincial Review of CVA-Based Apportionment for Shared Municipal and Provincially Mandated Services

**Resolution Number:** 2026-173

**Moved By:** Mayor Gould

**Seconded By:** Councillor Manson

WHEREAS many provincially mandated services, shared municipal services, and board-imposed levies are apportioned among municipalities using Current Value Assessment (CVA) or weighted assessment formulas; and

WHEREAS CVA-based apportionment formulas are intended to reflect municipal assessment capacity, but often do not adequately account for population, service access, geographic isolation, infrastructure constraints, or the differing realities of small and rural municipalities; and

WHEREAS municipalities with significant industrial assessment, utility corridors, resource infrastructure, protected lands, seasonal properties, or large geographic areas may experience disproportionately high per-resident levy impacts despite limited local services and lower resident incomes; and

WHEREAS some municipalities contribute substantially toward regional services such as long-term care, policing, conservation authorities, social services, and other provincially mandated boards and agencies, while residents may have limited local access to those services due to geography, travel distance, or service availability; and

WHEREAS increasing levy pressures are creating significant financial strain for small and rural municipalities and their residents;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Municipality of Calvin requests that the Province of Ontario, including the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Finance, undertake a review of policies, legislation, and regulations governing the use of Current Value Assessment (CVA) and weighted assessment as the basis for apportioning provincially-mandated levies and shared municipal service costs;

AND THAT the Province consider developing fairer and more balanced apportionment models which may include:

- hybrid formulas incorporating both CVA and population;
- consideration of service access and service availability;
- household count or permanent population metrics;
- ability-to-pay considerations for small and rural municipalities;
- rurality and geographic isolation factors; and
- measures to limit disproportionate per-resident levy impacts on smaller municipalities; and


AND THAT the Province work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), rural municipalities, municipal service boards, and regional service providers to develop best practices and model apportionment frameworks for shared municipal services and provincially mandated boards;

AND THAT this resolution with the mayor's report attached, be circulated to:


- the Premier of Ontario;
- the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- the Minister of Finance;
- The Minister of Rural Affairs
- the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- the Rural Ontario Municipal Association
- local Member of Provincial Parliament;
- all Ontario municipalities;
- and relevant municipal service boards and associations for consideration and support.

**Result: Carried**

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of  
Resolution No. 2026-173 passed by the Council of  
The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin  
on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.



Trish Araujo  
Deputy Clerk



Report to Council by: Mayor Richard Gould Date: May 26, 2026

Subject: Request for Provincial Review of, and Change to CVA-Based Apportionment

The purpose of this report is to provide background information and supporting rationale for the attached resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario review the use of Current Value Assessment (CVA) and weighted assessment formulas as the basis for apportioning costs for provincially-mandated services, regional boards, and shared municipal services.

The report focuses on the growing financial impacts that CVA-based apportionment can have on small and rural municipalities, particularly where assessment values do not accurately reflect resident income levels, service access, or local municipal capacity.

Many shared municipal services and provincially-mandated boards in Ontario allocate costs among participating municipalities using Current Value Assessment (CVA) or weighted assessment formulas.

Examples include: Long-Term Care facilities; District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSAB); policing costs; conservation authorities; health and social service boards; and School boards and other regional service arrangements.

Under these formulas, municipalities with higher assessment values contribute a larger percentage of overall costs.

The intent of the current CVA-based apportionment is only a reflection of the municipalities "ability to pay." However, in many rural municipalities, assessment values do not accurately represent:

- or the actual level of services available within the municipality
- resident income levels;
- local economic strength;
- access to services;
- population density;
- transportation challenges.

As a result, some rural municipalities experience disproportionately high levy impacts on a per-household or per-resident basis.

#### Rural and Northern Municipal Realities

Small rural municipalities often differ significantly from urban centres in both geography and service availability.

In many cases:

- residents must travel substantial distances to access healthcare and government services;
- municipalities may lack public transit;
- municipalities may not have local hospitals, long-term care homes, or other major services;
- populations may be older and more geographically dispersed;
- infrastructure costs may be high due to large geographic areas and low population density.

At the same time, rural municipalities may contain:

- pipelines;
- hydro corridors;
- industrial infrastructure;

- protected lands;
- provincial parks;
- seasonal properties;
- or large acreages.

These features can substantially increase municipal assessment values while providing little indication of the financial capacity of local residents. This creates a disconnect between the assessed property value; and actual household ability to absorb increasing levy costs.

The Municipality of Calvin is a small rural municipality with approximately 230 households.

A significant portion of municipal assessment is influenced by industrial infrastructure, including a major pipeline corridor. The municipality also contains multiple provincial parks and large acreages, much of which limits future residential or commercial development opportunities.

Many residents live on inherited rural properties and have fixed or modest incomes. While assessment values may appear significant on paper, they do not necessarily reflect disposable household income or enhanced municipal service levels.

The Township has no hospital, no long-term care facility, no public transit, and limited local health and social service infrastructure.

Despite these limitations, the Township contributes toward many regional services through CVA-based apportionment formulas.

#### Cassellholme Capital Cost Example

The attached Appendix "A" illustrates the distribution of Cassellholme redevelopment capital costs among participating municipalities using:

- the current CVA formula;
- a household-based formula; and
- a hybrid formula combining CVA and household count.

The analysis demonstrates substantial differences in per-household impacts between municipalities.

Under the current CVA model:

- Calvin households contribute approximately \$393.89 per household;
- South Algonquin contributes approximately \$377.48 per household;
- Mattawan contributes approximately \$283.74 per household.

By comparison:

- Mattawa contributes approximately \$94.50 per household;
- Chisholm contributes approximately \$193.18 per household;
- North Bay contributes approximately \$203.56 per household.

Under a purely household-based model, the contribution would be approximately \$209.09 per household across all municipalities.

The analysis suggests that CVA-based formulas can create substantial disparities in per-household costs between municipalities, particularly in smaller rural communities where industrial or resource-based assessment inflates municipal valuation figures.

### Hybrid and Alternative Models

The report recommends that the province review whether the current reliance on CVA alone remains the most equitable method of apportionment in all circumstances.

Alternative approaches could include:

- hybrid formulas combining CVA and household count;
- formulas incorporating permanent population;
- service availability considerations;
- rurality and geographic isolation factors;
- ability-to-pay considerations;
- or mechanisms to limit disproportionate impacts on smaller municipalities.

The attached example demonstrates that even a partial hybrid approach can reduce extreme disparities while still recognizing assessment capacity.

### Broader Provincial Relevance

This issue extends beyond the Municipality of Calvin.

Many rural Ontario municipalities face similar circumstances where; industrial assessment; utility corridors, hydro infrastructure, pipelines, resource lands, or protected lands, increase municipal assessment values without proportionally increasing local service access or household financial capacity.

As provincial and regional levy pressures continue to rise, concerns regarding the fairness and sustainability of existing apportionment models are likely to become increasingly significant for rural municipalities across Ontario.

### Conclusion

The current use of CVA and weighted assessment formulas was developed to reflect municipal assessment capacity. However, the growing divergence between assessment values and the realities facing many rural municipalities suggests that a provincial review is warranted.

The Municipality of Calvin is requesting that the Province of Ontario review the use of CVA-based apportionment for provincially-mandated and shared municipal services and consider more balanced approaches that better reflect:

- household impacts;
- rural realities;
- service access;
- and municipal capacity.
- The attached resolution seeks to initiate that broader provincial discussion.
- Recommendation:

That Council adopt the attached resolution requesting a provincial review of Current Value Assessment (CVA)-based apportionment formulas for shared municipal and provincially-mandated services.

## Appendix A:

## Distribution of Capital cost for Cassellholme construction:

This chart shows the distribution of costs based on current CVA, Per Household, and a Hybrid of 75% per household and 25% CVA.

Municipality	Households	Current CVA			Per Household			Hybrid 75/25		
		Current CVA Pct	Current CVA Annual	Per household	Household based PCT	Household Based Annual	by household only	Hybrid PCT	Hybrid Annual	hybrid by household
North Bay	23470	79.187%	\$4,777,615.40	\$203.56	81.34%	4,907,375.69	209.09	80.8000%	4,874,935.62	207.71
East Ferris	1890	7.742%	\$467,100.64	\$247.14	6.55%	395,182.79	209.09	6.8480%	413,162.25	218.60
South Algonquin	530	3.316%	\$200,065.32	\$377.48	1.84%	110,818.45	209.09	2.2066%	133,130.17	251.19
Bonfield	890	3.237%	\$195,298.99	\$219.44	3.08%	186,091.37	209.09	3.1225%	188,393.27	211.68
Papineau-Cameron	405	1.726%	\$104,135.33	\$257.12	1.40%	84,682.03	209.09	1.4842%	89,545.35	221.10
Chisholm	510	1.633%	\$98,524.33	\$193.18	1.77%	106,636.63	209.09	1.7338%	104,608.55	205.11
Calvin	227	1.482%	\$89,414.00	\$393.89	0.79%	47,463.75	209.09	0.9605%	57,951.31	255.29
Mattawa	860	1.347%	\$81,269.00	\$94.50	2.98%	179,818.62	209.09	2.5721%	155,181.22	180.44
Mattawan	70	0.329%	\$19,861.73	\$283.74	0.24%	\$14,636.40	209.09	0.2642%	15,942.73	227.75
TOTAL	28852		\$6,033,284.73		99.99%	\$6,032,705.73	209.09	1.00	6,032,850.48	

Totals      65693                      \$6,033,284                      \$6,033,333                      \$6,033,333

Total Capital rebuild cost is and estimate of \$121,000,000 plus \$110,000,000 interest, minus the \$50,000,000 arranged by the province to be divided in each of the first years of the loan. This is a Total of \$181,000,000. Divided over the next 30 years this equals \$6,033,333 per year.



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May 28, 2026

To whom it May Concern:

**RE: Resolution – support Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Resolution No.2026-02 - Establishment of a Northern Ontario Policing Grant**

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Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake's Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Resolution #15, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Hull

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly

**Carried**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake supports the resolution from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding the Establishment of a Northern Ontario Policing Grant

WHEREAS Municipalities across Northern Ontario face disproportionately high policing costs due to low population densities, geographic isolation, and limited municipal tax bases;

AND WHEREAS many Northern communities rely on the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for policing services, while others operate municipal police services that are also experiencing significant cost pressures;

AND WHEREAS recent increases in policing costs have placed unsustainable pressure on municipal budgets, forcing communities to make difficult decisions between maintaining public safety and funding essential municipal services such as infrastructure, roads, water systems, and recreation facilities;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario municipalities provide essential services across a vast geographic region while supporting key sectors of Ontario's economy, including mining, forestry, transportation, and energy;

AND WHEREAS municipalities require predictable and equitable provincial support to ensure policing costs remain sustainable and communities remain safe;

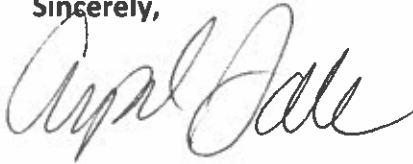
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities call on the Government of Ontario to establish a \$100 million Northern Ontario Policing Grant, phased in over three years, to support the 157 municipalities across Northern Ontario served by both the Ontario Provincial Police and municipal police services;

AND THAT the grant include a base funding allocation for all municipalities, with additional funding distributed based on population to ensure equitable support across communities of varying sizes;

AND THAT the Province work collaboratively with Northern municipal leaders, including FONOM and NOMA, to design and implement a sustainable funding framework that recognizes the unique economic and geographic realities of Northern Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and all Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,



**Crystal Labbe**  
**CAO/ Clerk Treasurer**

**Encl.**

**cc:** Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General  
Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)

May 29, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 26, 2026 the following resolution regarding the Better Regional Governance Act was carried.

**RESOLUTION NO.** 2026-246

**DATE:** **May 26, 2026**

**MOVED BY:** **Councillor MacNaughton**

**SECONDED BY:** **Councillor Branderhorst**

**WHEREAS** electoral representation is the keystone of Canadian democracy; and,

**WHEREAS** the Better Regional Governance Act, 2026 (Act) received royal assent on May 7th; and,

**WHEREAS** the Act allows the provincial government to interfere with shape and composition of certain local and regional governments in Ontario without consultation, clear rationale or democratic process; and,

**WHEREAS** the Act allows the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, without consultation, clear rationale, or democratic process to appoint or vacate heads of council; and

**WHEREAS** the Act allows any appointed, non-elected head of council to have the voting rights of an elected mayor which may include strong chair powers; and

**WHEREAS** these changes are part of a series of anti-democratic decisions that undermine municipal authority and centralize local decision making at the province;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Prince Edward County Council, in solidarity with the impacted municipalities, urge the Province to recommit to local democracy, empower municipalities to determine their own composition, and restore the requirement that all local governments and regional council members including regional chairs be directly elected by their communities to ensure heads of council remain directly accountable to local voters; and,

**THAT** Council urge the province to restrict any further changes or expansion of the Act in any way that could undermine the democratic vigour of any additional municipality; and,

**THAT** this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, and Member of Provincial Parliament, Tyler Allsop; and

**THAT** this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor MacNaughton, Councillor Branderhorst



May 29, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 26, 2026 the following resolution seeking support for sustainable funding for Public Health Units was carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-244**

**DATE: May 26, 2026**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Nieman**

**WHEREAS** Ontario public health units and agencies provide a vital service to Ontarians that keeps people healthy, out of hospitals and out of the acute care system;

**WHEREAS** rural-urban equity in Ontario's public healthcare delivery is essential for a thriving provincial economy that keeps people at work and contributing;

**WHEREAS** Ontario's public health units & agencies sector has received a mere 1% in its annual budget increase from Queen's Park since 2018, a sum significantly below inflation and real-world cost increases;

**WHEREAS** public health faces steadily increasing demands, such as a 231% increase in respiratory outbreaks supported in Ontario's long-term care homes, hospitals, and retirement homes since 2018, as well as a 637% increase in Infection Prevention & Control complaints follow-ups;

**WHEREAS** according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), municipalities across Ontario spend close to \$4 billion on health despite receiving less than \$2 billion in provincial grants, and Canada's Constitution Act 1867 clearly asserts provincial responsibility for health;

**WHEREAS** Ontario consistently ranks at the bottom for provincial health spending per capita, at \$876 below the average of other provinces using 2022-2023 data;

**WHEREAS** 60% of Ontario's hospitals are overwhelmed and in dire operating deficits, yet the Canadian Public Health Association asserts that investment in Ontario public health's preventative and health promotion initiatives delivers a 4:1 return on investment, for example, for every dollar spent on upstream public health vaccine immunization of children, \$16 in downstream hospital and primary health care costs are saved;

**WHEREAS** municipalities are being asked to shoulder an escalating percentage of public health unit costs while also asked to solve complex social determinates of health such as rural homelessness and food insecurity but with limited revenue tools;

**WHEREAS** the province and federal governments continue to collect significant revenue from local/municipal property transactions through the Land Transfer Tax and Goods & Services Tax;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward requests:

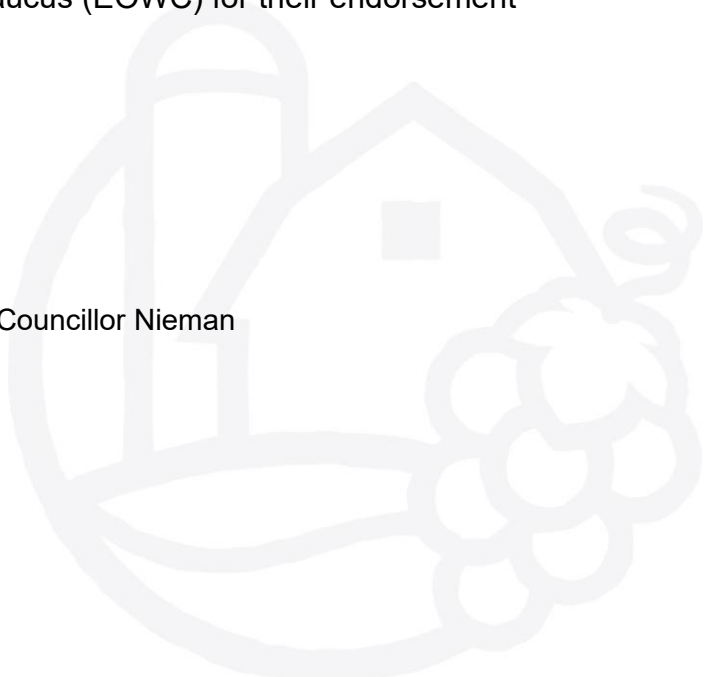
1. **THAT** the Provincial Government redistribute a portion of the Land Transfer Tax to municipalities to address public health funding gaps and the rising % share of municipal contributions to public health units;
2. **THAT** when the province announces its new Ontario Public Health Standards, it also commits to minimum annual funding increases tied to Ontario's consumer price inflation, currently holding at 2.4%;
3. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Bay of Quinte Member of Parliament, Chris Malette, and Member of Provincial Parliament, Tyler Allsop; and
4. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) for their endorsement and advocacy.

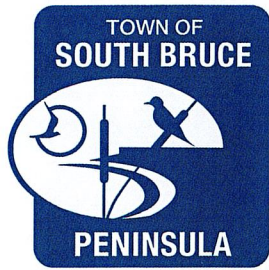
Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Nieman





## Excerpt from Council Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2026

### 19. Notice of Motion – Deputy Mayor Hull – Affirming Outdoor Education as an Essential Part of Public Education in Ontario

Deputy Mayor Hull explained the importance of outdoor education and how this motion is in response to the closure of the Toronto District School Board outdoor education centre. He explained that he is asking for the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department to be mindful of outdoor nature-related opportunities for citizens; he is not asking for a formal report.

Discussion included staff evaluation and making a change to the motion to recognize the work staff currently undertake regarding outdoor opportunities.

#### R-151-2026

It was **Moved** by C. Hull, **Seconded** by J. Kirkland and **Carried**

**Whereas** outdoor and experiential education provides students with critical opportunities to improve mental health, physical well-being, environmental literacy, teamwork, leadership, resilience, and academic engagement;

**And whereas** access to nature and outdoor learning opportunities should not depend on a family's income, geography, or ability to afford private camps, cottages, or outdoor recreation;

**And whereas** many students, especially those living in urban communities, rely on publicly funded school programs as their primary opportunity to experience forests, trails, waterways, dark skies, overnight camping, and land-based learning;

**And whereas** closures of Outdoor Education Centres risk creating long-term negative consequences for student wellness, environmental stewardship, and equitable access to experiential learning opportunities;

**And whereas** knowledgeable and experienced outdoor education staff are essential to delivering safe, inclusive, and curriculum-based learning experiences;

**And whereas** municipalities that benefit from tourism connected to parks, trails, and natural spaces depend on environmentally responsible stewardship by visitors.

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Town of South Bruce Peninsula requests the Province of Ontario to:

1. Recognize outdoor education as an essential educational service and commit to equitable access for all Ontario students, and
2. Halt the closure of outdoor education centres and restore stable funding for programming across Ontario;

**And that** the Town's Parks, Recreation and Culture Department continues to evaluate how it can increase nature-related educational opportunities for citizens of all ages and abilities;

**And further that** this motion be forwarded to the Bluewater District School Board Trustees, MPP Paul Vickers, the Ontario Minister of Education MPP Paul Calandra, AMO, ROMA, The Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario, and all other municipalities across Ontario.

## Village of Merrickville Wolford

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May 26, 2026

### **Re: OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, at its Regular Meeting on May 25, 2026, passed the following motion pertaining to the OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques:

**Resolution #:** R-24-05-25-26

**Moved by:** Councillor Maitland

**Seconded by:** Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the resolution from the Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board dated May 7, 2026 regarding traffic calming and speeding mitigation techniques;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the resolution from the OPP Detachment Board and direct staff to circulate the resolution of support to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, MPP Steve Clark, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Police Service Boards, and all 444 Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca](mailto:clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca).

Thank you.



Julia McCaugherty-Jansman  
Clerk

May 7, 2026

### **Traffic Calming/Speeding Mitigation Techniques**

The North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board, at its Meeting on May 7, 2026, passed the following motion with the request for municipal support:

**Moved by:** Ian Fraser

**Seconded by:** Jim Goodman

WHEREAS history demonstrates that speeding and public safety concerns are increasing across Ontario;

WHEREAS the Provincial government has shown interest and allocated financial resources to certain municipalities to implement alternative measures to photo radar, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to addressing public safety issues;

WHEREAS this commitment currently applies only to municipalities utilizing photo radar as a deterrent;

AND WHEREAS such funding support would assist municipalities with limited financial resources in protecting their citizens - especially seniors and school-aged children.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grenville 1 OPP Detachment Board respectfully request North Grenville and Merrickville-Wolford Councils advocate that the province expand its stated interest and financial commitment to include all municipalities in Ontario, adopting a province-wide approach to public safety and thereby ensuring the well-being of all Ontarians;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the following:

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Transportation

Minister of Finance

MPP Steve Clark

AMO

ROMA

All Ontario Police Service Boards

And all 444 Municipalities in Ontario

**Carried.**



Box 608, Little Current, POP 1K0  
705-368-3500

June 3, 2026

Please see attached a motion passed unanimously by our Council regarding the need of our health care system.

**Resolution No. 133-06-2026**

Moved by: D. Orr

Seconded by: G. Williamson

Whereas the Canadian Center for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) has conducted research which unequivocally identifies that Ontario Hospitals are underfunded by the Government of Ontario;

And Whereas the CCPA study, Failure by Design, clearly identifies that smaller and rural hospitals are disproportionately disadvantaged by the underfunding;

And Whereas as a direct result of the underfunding Emergency Department wait times for an initial physician assessment have increased to 4.5 hours in 2024 – 2025 from 2.7 hours in 2020 – 2021;

And Whereas 90 percent of patients spend on average 44 hours in the emergency department waiting to be admitted when further care is required;

And Whereas the Provincial Government increased total health care spending from 7.4 percent of GDP in 2014 to only 7.6 percent of GDP by 2023, which did not keep pace with raising health care costs:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands request that the Province of Ontario provide immediate and sustained funding to improve hospital finances and capacity, which as per the recommendations in the CCPA study, would require an immediate injection of \$3.2 billion supported by annual increases of 6% per year thereafter.

Carried

We would appreciate your support by forwarding your supporting motion on to the Provincial Government.

Thank you



June 4, 2026

Request for Support – Ontario Firefighter Certification Requirements

Dear Municipal Clerks,

The Town of Iroquois Falls is seeking support from neighboring municipalities regarding the implementation of Ontario Regulation 343/22 (Firefighter Certification), which requires firefighters performing certain suppression and extrication activities to obtain prescribed certifications by July 1, 2026.

While we support the importance of firefighter training and safety, The Town of Iroquois Falls has concerns about the impact these requirements may have on volunteer and composite fire departments, particularly in rural and northern communities.

Council recently passed a resolution requesting that the Office of the Fire Marshal revisit the mandatory certification program and consider greater flexibility while maintaining high standards of public and firefighter safety.

We respectfully ask that you share the attached resolution with your Fire Chief for review and consideration. If your municipality shares similar concerns, we welcome your support and advocacy on this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Maureen Reeder, Clerk  
The Town of Iroquois Falls

**ADDRESS**

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Iroquois Falls, Ontario P0K1G0

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF IROQUOIS FALLS

## REGULAR MEETING

DATE: May 25, 2026

RESOLUTION NO.: 2026-129

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9. B) 3)

**MOVED BY:** R. Charlebois**SECONDED BY:** C. Tremblay

THAT Council authorizes the Town of Iroquois Falls to engage and advocate with the Fire Marshall's Office to revisit the mandatory certification program in hopes of keeping training requirements consistent with how our local department currently delivers training and certification to ensure we can continue to meet and exceed our expectations towards emergency response and extrication.

AND THAT a copy of this motion be sent to municipalities and fire chiefs along the highway 11 corridor, CDSB and the provincial government.

**DECLARED THE MOTION:**

Dated at Iroquois Falls,  
this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

- CARRIED  
 DEFEATED  
 AMENDED  
 DEFERRED

  
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 MAYOR (CHAIR)

**RECORDED VOTE**

NAME	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor (Jamy) Bernier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor (Keval) Brahmhatt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor (Richard) Charlebois	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor (Gilles) Giguere	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor (Ben) Lefebvre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor (Claude) Tremblay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor (Tory) Delaurier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Choose an item.

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 DISCLOSED HIS/HER INTEREST(S)

VACATED HIS/HER SEAT

Abstained from discussion and did not vote on this item.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE**

**BY-LAW # 2026-021**

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting.

**Recitals:**

Subsection 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, requires a municipal Council to exercise its powers by by-law, except where otherwise required.

Council from time to time authorizes action to be taken which does not lend itself to an individual by-law.

The Council of The Corporation of the Township of Conmee deems it desirable to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting by by-law to achieve compliance with the Municipal Act, 2001.

**ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

**1. Ratification and Confirmation**

The actions of this Council at its meeting held June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by this Council at the meeting, are adopted, ratified and confirmed as if such proceedings and actions had been expressly adopted and confirmed by by-law.

**2. Execution of all Documents**

The Mayor of the Council and the proper officers of the Township are authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the actions authorized at the meeting, and/or to obtain approvals where required, and except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Township to such documents.

Passed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

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Mayor Sheila Maxwell

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Clerk Karen Paisley