

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 28th, 2023 – 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Sheila Maxwell
Councillor Grant Arnold
Councillor David Maxwell
Councillor David Halvorsen
Councillor Chris Kresack

ALSO PRESENT: Shara Lavalley, CAO/Clerk
Nadia Kukkee, Treasurer
Len Arps, Public Works Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO 2023-069

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular council meeting of March 28th 2023
be approved, amended

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. DEPUTATIONS

4.1 Thunder Bay + Area Food Strategy

Presenters: Karen Kerk, Coordinator
Jeff Burke, Executive

As the scheduled speakers were not present in the council chambers at
the time, it was agreed to table the item until they arrived.

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5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

5.1. Minutes – Special Council Meeting (Budget) – March 14th 2023

RESOLUTION NO 2023-069

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on March 14th 2023 be approved

CARRIED

5.2. Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – March 14th 2023

RESOLUTION NO 2023-070

Moved by: Councillor Halvorsen

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 14th 2023 be approved

CARRIED

6. DISBURSEMENT LIST

6.1 Payment Register

RESOLUTION NO 2023- 071

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the disbursements represented by Check Numbers 6321 through 6348, totalling \$130,784.06

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

7.1. Clerk's Report

Council discussed the upcoming funding announcement by MPP Holland on April 14th regarding the Township of Conmee's intern funding from through NOHFC. Councillor Halvorsen and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Cava will attend the announcement. Mayor Maxwell will provide a quote for the MPP office.

According to the latest estimates on usage and remaining capacity provided by NorthRock, the landfill has only enough capacity for 5.5 years. The last time the Township applied for an expansion was in 2015 at a cost of \$23,900 and it took about a year to complete and then another

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year to receive approval from the MECP. Council agreed with the recommendation that Clerk begin the quote process to determine the costs of submitting a landfill expansion application in 2024.

7.2. Public Works Report

Public Works Manager Arps provided a summary of activities. Preparations have started in advance of the annual spring melt.

7.3. Councillor Reports

Mayor Maxwell assisted the Social Committee with the recent movie night. She also attended a funeral at the community centre. She attended the bi-monthly LRMC meeting and the annual TBDML conference.

Councillor Arnold also attended the annual TBDML conference. He attended a TBDHU seminar.

Councillor Halvorsen did not attend the monthly LRPB meeting as it was cancelled.

Councillor Maxwell attended the annual TBDML conference.

Councillor Kresack attended the monthly Rural Cupboard Food Bank meeting. He relayed some requests which the secretary had for the Treasurer.

7.4. Other agencies report

Received for information

7.5. Treasurer's Report

The 2022 audit continues with on-site attendance expected by the auditors later that week.

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Landfill Summary Report (as presented by North Rock)

Council reviewed the report and its conclusions with the Public Works Manager. One groundwater monitoring well needs to be replaced. However, considering the estimated cost (~\$15,000), it was considered prudent to wait until the landfill expansion plans were drafted.

Public Works Manager Arps left council chambers at 7:54 p.m.

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- 8.2. Public Hearing Concerning Proposed New Lot (provided by the Lakehead Rural Planning Board)
- a. Application for Consent 1B-03-23
 - b. Application for Consent 1B-04-23

Council received notification of a proposed property severance which would occur in the vicinity of municipal property. Council had no objections to the proposed severance.

- 8.3. Draft Zoning By-Law (as presented by FOTENN)
Council reviewed the draft zoning by-law. An Open House meeting shall be scheduled for April 24th; standard notice to be provided to the residents.
- 8.4. Exclusion of Amortization, Post-Employment Benefits and Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Post-Closure from Budget

RESOLUTION NO 2023-072

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt Treasurers Report No. 2023-01 dated March 28, 2023 respecting the exclusion of amortization, post-employment benefits and solid waste landfill closure and post-closure expenses from the 2022 Budget, as required under Ontario Regulation 284/09.

CARRIED

- 8.5. Budget 2023 draft

Amendments were identified in the budget. The Treasurer shall update the draft and distribute to the Budget Committee for review.

- 9 BY-LAWS
none

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10 CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 City of Cambridge
a. Resolution regarding “Barriers for Women in Politics”

RESOLUTION NO 2023-073

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee supports the resolution passed by the City of Cambridge regarding “Barriers for Women in Politics”

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the City of Cambridge, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Powlowski, MPP Holland, AMO, NOMA and TBDML

CARRIED

- 10.2 Town of Petrolia
a. Resolution regarding “Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors”

RESOLUTION NO 2023-074

Moved by: Councillor Halvorsen

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee supports the resolution passed by the Town of Petrolia regarding “Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors”

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Elections Ontario, and MPP Holland

CARRIED

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- 10.3 Town of Petrolia
a. Resolution regarding “calling on Ontario to end homelessness”

RESOLUTION NO 2023-075

Moved by: Councillor Halvorsen

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee supports the resolution passed by the Town of Petrolia regarding AMO’s call on Ontario to end homelessness

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Children Community and Social Services, the Minister of Health, AMO, NOMA and TBDML

CARRIED

- 10.4 Thunder Bay Court Services
a. 2022 Budget estimate actuals
b. 2023 Budget Summary

Received for information; the draft budget will be updated accordingly

- 10.5 MMAH – Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program
The Township of Conmee is potentially eligible for up to \$146,000 for the operating and capitals costs related to the Spring 2022 flooding.

- 10.6 EMO – Senior and Elected Officials Workshop
Council requested that the workshop be scheduled for all members. Neighbouring municipalities are welcome to attend as well.

- 10.7 OPG – Kakabeka Generating Station
Received for information. Further consultation with OPG is expected.

- 10.8 Other Correspondence
Received for information

11 UPCOMING MEETING DATES

April 11 th , 2023	Regular Council Meeting
APRIL 24, 2023	OPEN HOUSE – OFFICIAL PLAN (FOTENN)
April 25 th , 2023	Regular Council Meeting
May 9 th , 2023	Regular Council Meeting
May 23 rd , 2023	Regular Council Meeting

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12 CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO 2023-076

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:58 p.m., Council resolve into closed session, under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(b) and (d) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to discuss Item 12.2-12.4 regarding identifiable individuals and labour relations;

And under the authority of those paragraphs of the Municipal Act, 2001 for which they were authorized to be closed, to review the minutes of the closed session of the meeting of Mar 14th and Feb 28th 2023

CARRIED

- 12.1 Closed Minutes – Mar 14th 2023
- 12.2 Human Resources
- 12.3 Human Resources

Treasurer Kukkee left council chambers at 9:09 p.m.

- 12.4 Human Resources

RESOLUTION NO 2023-077

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 10:13 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session

AND THAT administration proceed as directed

AND THAT the Closed Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Mar 14th 2023 be approved

CARRIED

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Clerk ____

13 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

13.1 By-law 1387 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

RESOLUTION NO 2023-078

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1387 be passed;

AND, FURTHER, THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1387, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

CARRIED

14 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting is adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Clerk Shara Lavallee