

MINUTES - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, August 26th, 2026 – 6:30 pm

PRESENT Councillor David Halvorsen
Councillor Chris Kresack

PRESENT VIRTUALLY Mayor Sheila Maxwell
Councillor David Maxwell

ALSO PRESENT Karen Paisley, Clerk
James Klapperich, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Intern
Robb Day, Fire Chief

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
Mayor Maxwell provided a statement of land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No amendments requested.

RESOLUTION 2026 – 165

Moved by: Councillor Halvorsen

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the special council meeting of August 26, 2026, be approved.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations were made.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 GovDeals Bid – Surplus Tanker Truck Purchase

Council reviewed a report regarding the potential purchase of a 2005 International 7400 Fire Tanker through the GovDeals online auction platform. Council discussed the condition of the vehicle, the absence of a built-in pump, available options for utilizing existing portable pumps, transportation costs, certification requirements, and available funding from the Equipment Replacement Reserve. Members also discussed the risks associated with purchasing a vehicle through an auction on an "as-is, where-is" basis and the need to remain below the Municipal Act restricted acts period spending threshold.

Council was advised that the current bid was \$10,400 and that staff recommended a maximum hammer bid of \$28,000, with a total project budget of up to \$40,000 to cover the purchase, buyer's premium, HST, transportation, inspections, and certification costs, not to exceed \$49,999. Fire Chief Day and Councillor Maxwell provided additional information regarding tanker operations, available pumps, staffing qualifications, and potential transportation arrangements.

RESOLUTION 2026-166

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the report respecting the proposed purchase of a 2005 International 7400 Fire Tanker; **AND THAT** Council approve an exception to Municipal Procurement By-law No. 1270 to permit bidding on a public surplus auction platform; **AND THAT** Council authorize staff to proceed with bidding on the 2005 International 7400 Fire Tanker currently listed on GovDeals up to a maximum purchase hammer price of \$28,000 CAD; **AND THAT** a total project budget of up to \$40,000

CAD be approved from the Equipment Replacement Reserve to cover the buyer's premium, HST, transportation, safety inspection, and certification costs, not to exceed \$49,999.

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

By-law 2026-026

RESOLUTION 2026-167

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

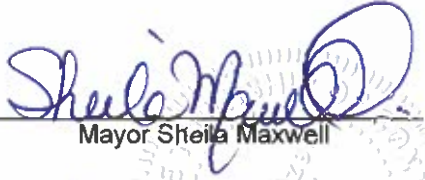
Seconded by: Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2026-026 be passed; AND, FURTHER, THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Comtee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 2026-026, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to attend to, the mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Mayor Sheila Maxwell



Clerk Karen Raisley

