

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 9th, 2021 – 5:00 pm

- PRESENT:** Mayor Kevin Holland
Councillor Sheila Maxwell
Councillor Robert MacMaster (virtual)
Councillor Leslie Kivisto (virtual)
Councillor Grant Arnold (virtual)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Shara Lavallee, Clerk
Nadia Kukkee, Treasurer (departed 6:31 p.m.)
Len Arps, Public Works (departed 6:09 p.m.)
Jason Fleck, Fire Chief (arrived 6:40; departed 7:12 p.m.)
- REGRETS:** Councillor Leslie Kivisto (virtual)

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Holland called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Resolution No. 2021-033
Moved by: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by: Councillor MacMaster
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Meeting Agenda, as amended, be approved.
CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
Mayor Holland declared pecuniary interest in the following items:
Item 6.3 regarding discussion of the municipal half-ton truck as he is employed by Holland Enterprises which provided recommendations and options to the Public Works Manager
Item 7.1 Disbursements as he is employed by Holland Enterprises

4. DEPUTATIONS

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
 - 5.1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting held January 26, 2021

Mayor _____

Clerk _____

(Minutes of the Closed Session portion of Regular Council Meeting held January 26, 2021, at Item 12.1 on the Agenda, may be approved in this resolution if there are no questions or corrections. Otherwise, closed session discussion will occur.)

Resolution No. 2021-034

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on January 26th 2021 be approved;

AND, FURTHER THAT the Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Meeting of Council held on January 26th 2021 be approved

CARRIED

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Clerk's Report

The office staff was primarily occupied with sending out late notices and interim tax bills. The Clerk discussed several training opportunities with Council and received feedback. The Clerk also provided a list of membership renewals, reports files and meetings attended. Council was also informed about the progress on the council chambers renovation project.

The former Conmee Library was dismantled to increase the amount of useable space. Some fixtures (ex. shelves) were repurposed for other areas. An old television and computer chairs were discarded as they had no value. The majority of the former library books were donated to the Oliver-Paipoonge Library and several non-profit organization. The remaining items were declared surplus by the Clerk and shall be sold at an appropriate price.

6.2 Councillor Reports – verbal

Mayor Holland attended a variety of meetings. His meeting with MindBeacon, a mental health services provider, was informative and he requested that information regarding accessing their free services be made available via the municipal website and newsletter. Mayor Holland also attended ROMA board meeting. He and the Clerk had a meeting with Linda Braun, MNDM advisor, to discuss the Township of Conmee and potential programs provided by MNDM. The office administration held a

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general staff meeting wherein the Mayor attended in his position as office liaison. Mayor Holland attended a Vaccine Update presented specifically for mayors.

Mayor Holland requested Council send a letter to the federal government regarding concerns with the vaccination program including supply and delivery. All of Council was in consensus and the Clerk was directed to draft the letter with the assistance of the Mayor. The letter shall be sent to key member of the federal government, LRMC, and ROMA.

Councillor Arnold attended the LRCA meeting and appointed Vice-Chair.

6.3 Public Works Report – to be hand delivered

The Public Works Manager provided a summary of recent work conducted by the staff.

Mayor Holland left the council chambers at 5:41 p.m.

The Public Works Manager and Council discussed the condition of the half-ton truck. In consideration of the truck's required repairs, age and body condition, the Public Works Manager determined it was time to replace the truck with a vehicle more appropriate for the work required. The Treasurer agreed with the decision and confirmed that the current truck had passed its amortization life and a replacement was consistent with budgeting expectations.

The Public Works Manager and the Treasurer shall coordinate efforts to obtain quotes for a new public works truck. A rental truck shall be obtained, if necessary, until the replacement is purchased.

Mayor Holland returned to the council chambers at 5:59 p.m.

6.3.a Hauling application

Resolution No. 2021-035

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor MacMaster

BE RESOLVED THAT a hauling permit be issued to Chaschuk Enterprises Ltd. with the approved roads being Sovereign Rd and Olson Road and speed be limited to the Public Works Manager discretion.

FURTHER THAT a bond in the amount of \$5,000 will be required to be paid prior to issuing the permit.

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CARRIED

The Public Works Manager left at 6:09 p.m.

6.4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer provided a summary of her activities. She provided an update on tax arrears and banking issues.

Treasurer Kukkee left the council chambers at 6:31 p.m.

6.5 Telecommuting Policy

Council provided feedback and requested changes. The Clerk shall bring the draft policy back to Council at a later date.

Fire Chief Fleck entered the council chambers at 6:40 p.m.

6.6 Other Board and Agency Reports

Received for information

6.7 Fire Chief Report

The Fire Chief provided a summary of activities. Fire extinguishers will need to be replaced in the near future. The Fire Chief shall provide a quote for inclusion in the budget.

Fire Chief Fleck left the council chambers at 7:12 p.m.

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

Resolution No. 2021-036

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the disbursements represented by Check Numbers 5339 through 5386 (Batch 2021-00002 to 2021-00020), totalling \$83,210.52.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. BY-LAWS

9.1 By-Law 1263, being a By-law to amend By-Law 1261

Resolution No. 2021-037

Moved by: Councillor MacMaster

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Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1263 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. 1263, being a By-law to amend By-Law 1261

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Closure of the Ontario Fire College
Received for information

10.2 Township of Baldwin
Support of resolution requested; draft resolution provided

Resolution No. 2021-038

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor MacMaster

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee supports the resolution passed by the Township of Baldwin on February 1, 2021 regarding the closure of the Ontario Fire College

AND directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Premier, MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell, and Solicitor-General Sylvia Jones

CARRIED

10.3 MMAH – Municipal Modernization Program
Council discussed the funding program. The Clerk was directed to submit applications.

10.4 MNDM – Feedback requested on long-term energy planning
Received for information

10.5 Thunder Bay Vet Services Committee
Council requested the item be brought back for discussion at next meeting.

10.6 MECP – Proclamation of Provisions of the Conservation Authorities Act
Received for information.

10.7 Hydro One Community Fund

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Council discussed the funding program and directed the Clerk to submit an application.

10.8 Other correspondence
Received for information.

11. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

February 23, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

12. CLOSED SESSION

none

13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

13.1 By-law 1264 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Resolution No. 2021-039

Moved by: Councillor MacMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1264 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. 1264, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Holland adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Mayor Kevin Holland

Clerk Shara Lavallee

Mayor _____

Clerk _____