

MINUTES - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
June 1st, 2023 – 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Sheila Maxwell
Councillor Grant Arnold
Councillor David Maxwell

REGRETS: Councillor David Halvorsen
Councillor Chris Kresack

ALSO PRESENT: Rosalie Evans, Deputy Clerk

AUDIENCE: Christina Dysievick
Julia Turner
Jim Burke
Margaret Hess
Ellen Knutsen

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m., after quorum was achieved. The Mayor advised that this was a special public meeting relating to a request for a Minister's Zoning Order to enable construction of two apartment units, for affordable housing for seniors, on the Township's property on Hume Road, in the event that the Township's funding application for construction costs is approved.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations of interest were put forward.

3. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

3.1 Report Relating to Requesting a Minister's Zoning Order for the Pines on Hume Property

The Deputy Clerk overviewed the report and responded to questions from members of Council and from members of the audience.

Questions involved the zoning by-law in general, the proposed design of the apartment buildings, timing for the potential approval of the funding application, and "waiting lists" for the apartments.

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

RESOLUTION NO 2023-0114

Moved by: Councillor G. Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor D. Maxwell

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Township of Conmee (the “Township”) has applied to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for funding under its “rapid housing initiative” program to construct two apartment buildings to create affordable housing for senior citizens;

AND WHEREAS The Township has envisioned a development on its 90 acre property on Hume Road that would involve seniors’ housing, which vision has been the subject of public meetings in 2019 and in 2022-2023, and has received significant support and interest from local residents;

AND WHEREAS the Township’s Official Plan and Zoning By-law are currently under review for updating, and the process will not be finished in time to allow the development, in the event that the Township’s application for funding is successful;

AND WHEREAS Affordable housing is important to all orders of government, including the Township;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of The Corporation of the Township of Conmee request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for Ontario to issue a “Minister’s Zoning Order” under Section 34.1 of the Planning Act (R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended) for the Township’s property on Hume Road, legally identified as:

Part of Lot B, Concession 1 East, Parcel 1574,
to allow multi-residential construction that will enable the Township to move forward with construction of seniors’ residences on the site;

AND, FURTHER, THAT Administration is instructed to consult with the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and Indigenous peoples with respect to the application;

AND, FURTHER, THAT Administration publish information relating to the application on the Township’s website, and keep information available at the Township office for interested persons to review.

CARRIED

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

4. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

4.1. By-law 1395 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

RESOLUTION NO 2023-0115

Moved by: Councillor D. Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor G. Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1395 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. 1395, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

The formal portion of the Council meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. The Deputy Clerk remained in the open, public meeting room until 8:00 p.m. to respond to questions should any further persons arrive. No further attendees came, and the room was closed at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Deputy Clerk Rosalie Evans