

AGENDA FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 24th 2024 – 6:00 pm



1. CALL TO ORDER

Land Acknowledgement

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. DEPUTATIONS

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

5.1. Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – September 10th 2024

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Sept 10th 2024 be approved

6. DISBURSEMENT LIST

6.1. Payroll Report

6.2. Payment Register

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the disbursements represented by Check Numbers 7095 through 7111 totalling \$30,393.57 and electronic bank payments totalling \$4,908.95, for a grand total of \$35,302.52

7. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

7.1. Clerk's Report

Topics include: dog complaints, co-op student, fire auxiliary, grant opportunities

7.2. Public Works Report

Topics include: maintenance, equipment repairs

7.3. Fire Chief Report (verbal)

7.4. Councillor Reports (verbal)

Topic: A summary of activities and meetings

7.5. Other Agencies' Reports

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Hiring Process – CAO/Clerk

8.1.1 Resignation – CAO/Clerk Lavallee

9. BY-LAWS

none

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 NOMA letter of support for *Solve the Crisis* Campaign

10.1.1 News Release – OBCM launches *Solve the Crisis* Campaign regarding homelessness

Action requested: review, comment, support

10.2 Township of O'Connor – resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario consider establishing a funding program specifically for the purchase of fire trucks

Action requested: review, support

10.3 Tillsonburg – resolution regarding cellular coverage concerns

Action requested: review, support

10.4 Other correspondence

11. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

October 8th, 2024

Regular Council Meeting

October 22nd, 2024

Regular Council Meeting

November 12th, 2024

Regular Council Meeting

November 26th, 2024

Regular Council Meeting

December 17th, 2024

Regular Council Meeting

January 14th, 2025

Regular Council Meeting

January 28 th , 2025	Regular Council Meeting
February 11 th , 2025	Regular Council Meeting
February 25 th , 2025	Regular Council Meeting
March 11 th , 2025	Regular Council Meeting
March 25 th , 2025	Regular Council Meeting
April 9 th , 2025	Regular Council Meeting
April 23 rd , 2025	Regular Council Meeting

12 CLOSED SESSION

- 12.1 Closed Minutes – September 10th 2024
- 12.2 Human Resources - VFD

13 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

- 13.1 By-law 1467 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1467 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. 1467, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

14 ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 10th 2024 – 6:00 pm



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

ALSO PRESENT: Shara Lavalley, CAO/Clerk
Len Arps, Public Works Manager
Tara Wupori, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Leanne Maxwell, Treasurer

REGRETS: Councillor David Halvorsen

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Maxwell provided a statement of land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION 2024-0176

Moved by Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular council meeting of September 10th, 2024 be approved

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. DEPUTATIONS

None

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

5.1. Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – Aug 27th 2024

RESOLUTION 2024-0177

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Aug 27th 2024 be approved as amended

CARRIED

5.2. Minutes – Special Council Meeting – Aug 29th 2024

RESOLUTION 2024-0178

Moved by Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Aug 29th 2024 be approved

CARRIED

6. DISBURSEMENT LIST

6.1. Payroll Report

6.2. Payment Register

RESOLUTION 2024-0179

Moved by Councillor Kresack
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the disbursements represented by Check Numbers 7079 through 7094 totalling \$15,927.60 and electronic bank payments totalling \$1,652.16, for a grand total of \$17,579.76

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

7.1. Clerk's Report

Annual roads inspection is scheduled for September 21st. EMPC meeting is scheduled for September 25th. The annual tabletop emergency exercise is scheduled for October 29th evening.

The Clerk surveyed Council's interest in drafting a property standards by-law since the new Official Plan shall provide such opportunity. Council decided not to pursue a property standards by-law until the interests of the residents is more fully understood. Public input shall be gathered at a later date once the new Official Plan has been place for sufficient time.

Council approved office closures for Oct 1st-2nd so that staff can attend the AMCTO zone meeting for training purposes.

A local high school student requested a co-op placement at the municipal office. Council had no concerns about incorporating a co-op student into

7.2. Treasurer Report

The bank loan for the property on Hume Road was paid off on August 30, 2024, in the amount of \$152,180.86. There were no additional charges or fees. The first installment of the Final Tax Bill was due August 30, 2024. The second installment is due October 31, 2024.

7.3. Public Works Report

Maintenance included grading and landfill upkeep. The summer student painted the benches and fence posts at the cemetery. Gravel was hauled and spread on Torrie Road, Teitto Road, and landfill driveway. Equipment maintenance include replacement of hydraulic hoses and mud flaps.

7.4. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Report

Activities included health & safety inspections, grant applications and administrative work.

7.5. Councillor Reports (verbal)

Mayor Maxwell assisted the Social Committee with bartending duties at a local event. She had several meetings with VFD members.

Councillor Arnold attended the monthly LRCA meeting.

Councillor Maxwell also assisted the Social Committee with bartending duties at a local event. He recommended that a professional be contacted to address the performance issues with the audio-visual system in the hall.

Councillor Kresack is scheduled to attend a regular meeting of the Rural Cupboard Food Bank. The new freezer has been delivered to the food bank.

7.6. Other Agencies' Reports

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Tax Arrears

Tax arrears continue to go down.

8.2 Municipal Alcohol Policy

Amendments were requested. An updated draft shall be brought back to at a later date.

9 BY-LAWS

9.1 Bylaw 1464 - Social Committee Terms of Reference

Action requested: approve by-law

RESOLUTION 2024-0180

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1464 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. 1464, being a by-law to establish Social Committee Terms of Reference

CARRIED

10 CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 FOTENN: comments on the proposed modifications to the updated Official Plan by MMAH
FOTENN reviewed the modifications; there were no major concerns on the proposed tracked changes. The majority of the modifications were minor (removing or adding language to better reflect Provincial policies, adding policies which are consistent with the PPS, removing outdated policies and procedures).

10.2 MMAH – review of the updated Official Plan
10.2.1 Proposed modifications
10.2.2 Reference – Updated Official Plan (as approved by Council)
The draft decision included proposed modifications based on an analysis of the adopted official plan for consistency with the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement and conformity with the requirements of the Planning Act. Council reviewed the draft decision and the proposed modifications. No comments or concerns were noted.

10.3 LRCA – 2025 Draft Budget
The budget proposed a 3.08% increase compared to 2024. The actual levy increase will vary for each member municipality depending on current value assessment.

10.4 NOMA
10.4.1 News Release – OBCM launches *Solve the Crisis* Campaign regarding homelessness
10.4.2 NOMA letter of support for *Solve the Crisis* Campaign
10.4.3 NOMA Board Meeting Summary Report for August 18, 2024
10.4.4 NOMA – Full delegation package (AMO 2024)

Council reviewed the documents. It was requested that Item 10.4.2 be tabled for the next council meeting for further discussion.

10.5 Intact Insurance - Fall 2024 webinars

A variety of free webinars are available for the next few months. Filed for information.

10.6 Other correspondence
Filed for information

11 UPCOMING MEETING DATES

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12 CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 2024-0181

Moved by Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 7:39 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 12.3 and Item 12.4 regarding identifiable individuals, labour relations, and negotiations

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 meetings of August 27th and August 29th 2024

CARRIED

- 12.1 Closed Minutes – August 27th 2024
- 12.2 Closed Minutes – August 29th 2024
- 12.3 Human Resources (VFD)
- 12.4 Human Resources (Administration)

RESOLUTION 2024-0182

Moved by Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:46 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session

AND THAT the Closed Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 27th 2024 be approved

AND THAT the Closed Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on August 29th 2024 be approved

AND THAT Administration proceed as directed

CARRIED

13 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

- 13.1 By-law 1465 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

RESOLUTION 2024-0183

Moved by Councillor Kresack

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1465 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. 1465, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

CARRIED

14 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Staff Payroll -September 13, 2024

	Administration	Public Works	Landfill	Complex	Fire	Council	Total
Wages	6,627.53	5,335.60	452.13	243.16			12,658.42
EI	154.03	130.6	10.93	5.88			301.44
CPP	370.31	278.66		7.04			656.01
RRSP	225.06	170.63					
mileage							0.00
total	7,376.93	5,915.49	463.06	256.08	0.00	0.00	14,011.56

Township of Conmee
Payment Register
Report Date

Batch: 2024-00098 to 2024-00106 2024-09-20 2:28 PM

Bank Code: GEN - TD Operating Account

Payment #	Vendor	Date	Amount	
7095	Township of Centre Wellington	2024-09-06	2,839.74	tax payment sent to us by mistake
7096	1Northwest Securities Services	2024-09-10	474.60	baseball banquet
7097	Munisoft	2024-09-10	307.32	
7098	Municipality Oliver Paipoonge	2024-09-10	905.23	fire department
7099	Nu-Steel Door Systems	2024-09-10	1,676.92	garage - door opener motor
7100	Staples Professional	2024-09-10	501.31	
7101	Xerox Canada Ltd	2024-09-10	106.23	
7102	REV - AIG Insurance Company	2024-09-10	0.00	
7103	AIG Insurance Company	2024-09-20	3,246.48	fire department
7104	AMCTO - Zone 9	2024-09-20	360.00	
7105	Bay City Contractors	2024-09-20	13,969.76	gravel for roads
7106	De Lage Landen Financial Serv	2024-09-20	1,021.54	photo copier contract
7107	Kakabeka Esso	2024-09-20	126.03	
7108	Local Authority Services	2024-09-20	337.72	
7109	Municipality Oliver Paipoonge	2024-09-20	566.98	
7110	Pioneer Research Corporation	2024-09-20	1,470.35	
7111	Ultramar	2024-09-20	2,483.36	
Total for Computer Cheque:			30,393.57	
2	TD Visa	2024-09-11	227.11	
101	TD Visa	2024-09-11	613.24	
123	Hydro One Networks	2024-09-12	207.94	
202	TD Visa	2024-09-11	91.06	
211	TD Visa	2024-09-11	2,043.88	AMO conference
252	TBayTel	2024-09-11	100.65	
257	TBayTel	2024-09-11	135.28	
562	Hydro One Networks	2024-09-12	1,195.26	
566	Hydro One Networks	2024-09-12	199.53	
572	Bell Canada	2024-09-09	95.00	
Total for Other:			4,908.95	
Total for GEN:			35,302.52	

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

Date: September 24 2024

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Administrative Activity Report

File Number: 01-C10-0000 Administrative Activity Reports

Submitted by: Shara Lavallée, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

Council to provide direction as requested

BACKGROUND:

Administration reports to Council, at regular council meetings, on its activities.

DISCUSSION:

The MBLEO responded to complaints regarding dogs running at large. One Owner was given a warning; next time a fine will be issued. Another Owner is being monitored as the Complainant declined to make an official complaint. The reports were filed at the office.

The co-op student started on Wednesday September 19th. He will be at the office in the mornings for the entire semester. He will be attending the morning portions of the AMCTO zoning meeting with the rest of the staff (no registration cost).

The Conmee Fire Department Auxiliary requests permission to use the Conmee Community Centre parking lot during the winter for its bottle drives. The Clerk has no concerns with the request, provided the Auxiliary informs the Facilities Manager of the day/time and there are no conflicts with rentals/events.

Grant opportunities

1. NOFHC

The office recommends that a grant application be made under the NOHFC Rural Community Enhancement Stream for the Pavilion, specifically for the rink boards and the skate shack. Both items require significant renovations. The NOFHC funding could

potentially provide up to 90% of the costs. If Council is in agreement, a draft project list and budget shall be drafted.

<https://nohfc.ca/en/pages/programs/community-enhancement-program/rural-enhancement-funding-stream>

2. Intact Insurance

Municipal Climate Resiliency Grants are available, specifically for flooding and wildfire mitigation. Applications will be accepted until January 31st 2025. Funding is potentially up to \$200,000.

Potential projects could be homeowner subsidies (upgrades, installations), voluntary home inspections (flood risk, fire risk), firebreaks, FireSmart training, or improving access to dependable water supply (ex. water tanks).

Assistance with the grant application could be provided by LRCA or the VFD.

If Council is interested in exploring the grant, the staff shall bring back potentials projects and budgets for review.

<https://www.intactfc.com/in-the-community/municipal-climate>

Office schedule:

Sept 30 th	Clerk	off (O/T)
Oct 1-2 nd	Office Closed	AMCTO Zone meeting
Oct 13 th	Office closed	Holiday (Thanksgiving)
Oct 30 - Nov 1	Treasurer	Off (O/T; Vacation)

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

Date: September 26th 2024
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Public Works Report
Submitted by: Len Arps, Public Works Manager

Activities

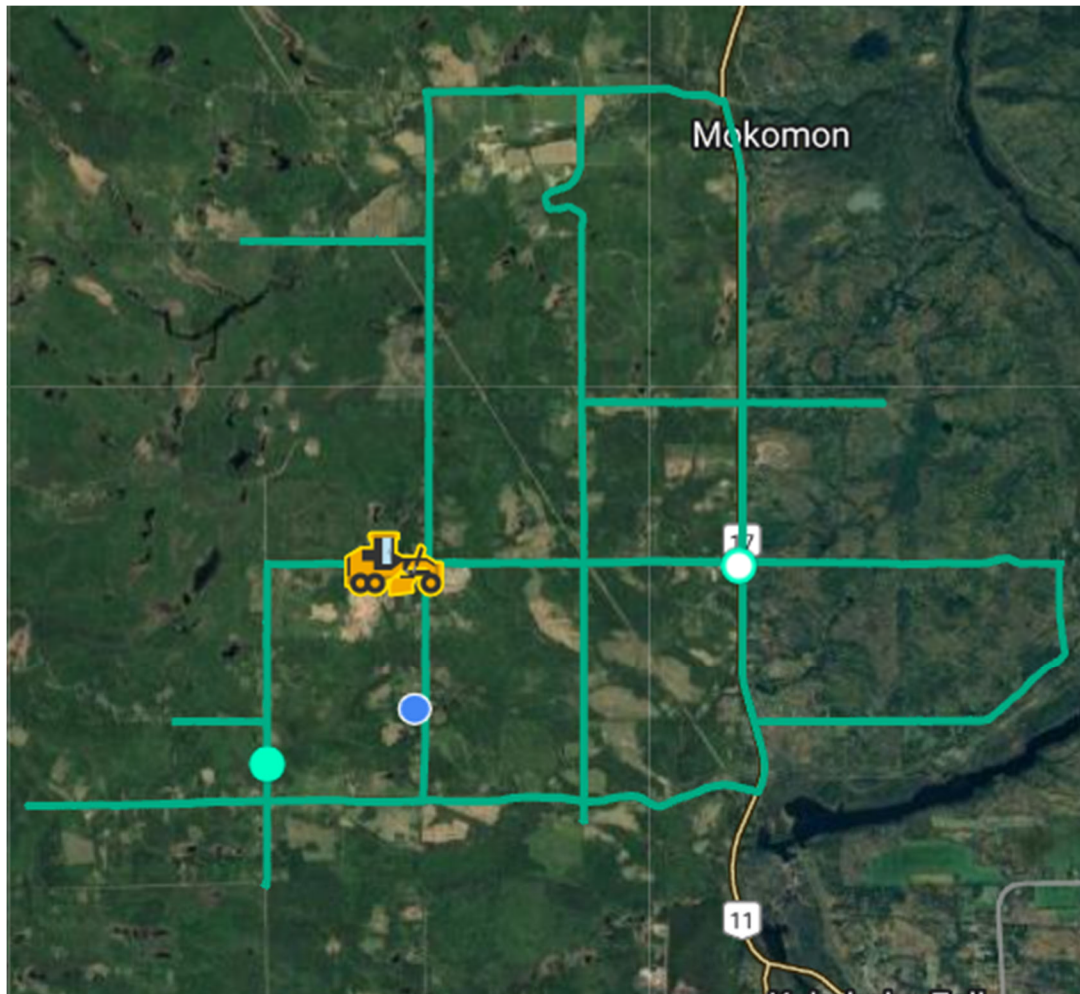
Roads

- Grading
- Work at landfill with 190
- Haul and spread 19 loads of gravel on Pokki
- Fill water tank at cemetery x2
- Take community centre garbage to landfill
- Check all road signs for replacing - New

Equipment

- Kal-Tire out to repair tire on 190 and 550

Grader Map



Other Agencies' Reports

The actual email is available if you would like it sent; most reports are also available online

1. LRCA – Minutes May 204
2. LRCA – Minutes June 2024
3. TBDHU – Minutes June 2024
4. TBDSSAB – Minutes July 2024

The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Administrative Report

Date: September 24 2024

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Administrative Activity Report

Submitted by: Shara Lavallée, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommended that a Hiring Committee be formed to conduct the recruitment and selection

Recommend that an Acting Clerk be selected and retained in the event that the next CAO/Clerk cannot start on November 18th

BACKGROUND:

When a position becomes vacant, the Hiring Policy takes effect.

DISCUSSION:

As per the Hiring Policy, Council may establish a Hiring Committee or delegate the hiring process to key staff/council. Usually, a Hiring Committee is used to ensure accountability and transparency in the hiring process. Internal and External job postings can be concurrent or staggered as appropriate.

It is recommended that the Hiring Committee be comprised of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, and the HR Assistant.

In the event that a CAO/Clerk cannot be recruited in time to start on Nov 15th, it will be necessary to appoint an Acting Clerk. The appointment of a Clerk is mandatory under the Municipal Act s.228(1).

It is recommended that Ms. Rosalie Evans be approached as she is currently a Deputy Clerk and has prior experience as Acting Clerk for Conmee.

The resignation letter is appended to this report.

Tentative Recruitment Schedule:

- Review CAO/Clerk job description (App “A”);
- HR Assistant to create job posting – to be approved by Hiring Committee
- Advertise positions (both internally & externally)
 - Facebook
 - Job posting sites
 - Bulletin boards
 - Newsletter/Flyer
 - Website
- Committee to determine interview process and selection criteria
- Interviews and selection
- Reference checks
- Report to Council – candidate selected; Final review of draft employment contract
- Approval of Employment Contract
- Passing of Appointment By-Law
- New employee starts in the FT perm position; ideally only a week or two will be necessary to show the new person the “ropes”

Schedule: "A"

The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Job Description

POSITION TITLE: Clerk/CAO

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP: Reports to the Council

PURPOSE OF POSITION:

To provide the services required of a Municipal Clerk/CAO under the Municipal Act, 2001 and other relevant provincial statutes

SALARY: as per contract

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1.1. Provide services as the Township's Clerk as set out in various provincial statutes, including:
 - Provide Parliamentary Procedure assistance to meeting chairs.
 - Attend Council and/or Committee meetings and record proceedings.
 - Prepare minutes.
 - Undertake follow-up work as directed at the meetings.
 - Maintain appropriate files and records.
 - Liaise with residents and non-resident ratepayers, as well as other members of the general public.
 - Represent Council to the general public and to senior orders of government, as instructed by Council.
 - Process planning applications for re-zonings and respond to stakeholder queries relating to planning matters.
 - Liaise with the Lakehead Rural Planning Board on some applications under the Planning Act.
 - Prepare and support reports making recommendations to Council on matters of local and provincial interest.
 - Keep abreast of policies and statutes of senior orders of government and advise Council with respect to same.
- 1.2. Function as the Council's sole employee in the capacity of the Chief Administrative Officer – Manage the affairs of the Municipality to ensure effective and efficient operations.
- 1.3. Maintain and keep current the Corporation's website.

- 1.4. Assume the role of Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator for the Municipality.
- 1.5. Assist the Treasurer in fulfilling all of the requirements of the Municipal Treasurer as required by Ontario law and handling all of the financial affairs of the Municipality, on behalf of, as in the manner directed by, the Council, and as prescribed by statute

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Works in municipal public office conditions and in full view of the public; work is subject to frequent and ongoing interruption and priority shifts.

Work involves a heavy volume and variety of tasks, many of which have tight deadlines and frequent periods of peak activity. Incumbent is required to work the hours necessary to complete tasks assigned.


Open office hours are subject to Council approval and may be adjusted from time to time. The office staff work with one another to ensure customer service availability within open hours, together with appropriate required evening meeting attendance.

Meetings are required outside of office hours from time to time. Periodic attendance at training courses may be required.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

The following skills and knowledge are required for the position:

- formal training and/or relevant responsible experience in office administration;
- a good grasp of the English language and proper grammar;
- financial acumen;
- report and correspondence-writing aptitude;
- resourcefulness and research skills;
- organizational skills;
- analytical ability;
- attention to detail;
- judgement, tact and the ability to maintain strict confidentiality;
- public relations and communications skill;
- the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships inside and outside the corporation;
- the ability to operate and manage computers, with word processing and spread sheet capability;
- web site management abilities;
- technical aptitude for office equipment (projectors, computers, photocopiers, etc.); and
- a willingness to work with others.




Shara Lavallee
Conmee, Ontario

September 20th, 2024

Delivered by hand

The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Attention: Mayor Sheila Maxwell
19 Holland Road West
R.R. #1
Kakabeka Falls, Ontario P0T 1W0
Facsimile: 807-475-4793



Please accept this letter as a formal notice of my resignation from my position as CAO/Clerk with the Township of Conmee. My last working day will be Friday November 15th.

I wish you and the Township of Conmee continued success.

Sincerely,



Shara Lavallee, AMP

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August 29, 2024

To whom it may concern:

The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association fully supports Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) and Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors (NOLUM) to Back 'Solve the Crisis' Campaign to Address Homelessness and Support Vulnerable Populations.

NOLUM, representing Greater Sudbury, North Bay, Timmins, Thunder Bay, and Sault Ste. Marie, have united in support of OBCM's 'Solve the Crisis' campaign, calling for immediate and decisive action from the Government of Ontario to address the escalating homelessness crisis. NOMA's 37 member municipalities across Northwestern Ontario continue to feel the pressures of homelessness in their communities. Municipalities across the North are struggling to manage the impacts of homelessness without adequate support from higher levels of government.

The humanitarian crisis unfolding on Ontario's streets is a stark reality: unprecedented numbers of individuals are experiencing homelessness, residing in unsafe encampments, and grappling with severe mental health and addiction issues. Despite the efforts of municipalities and community organizations, the crisis is worsening, and existing measures are proving insufficient. The complexity and scale of the issue requires an all level of government coordinated and well-resourced response that goes beyond the capabilities of individual municipalities.

Over the last few years NOMA, with our partners the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association, and the Northern Policy Institute advocated for the provincial government to address this crisis as it unfolds on our streets, affecting our downtowns, impacting our public spaces, and hurting our most vulnerable residents. Together we developed a series of papers that looked at strategies to address Mental Health, Addictions, and Homelessness across the North and provided actions all level of government could consider address the complex issue.

The federal and provincial governments have taken some action on this issue, including Ontario's Roadmap to Wellness, the creation of the Homelessness Prevention Program and investments in youth wellness hubs. But it's just not enough. This issue spans multiple ministries and we need someone to take the lead and act now.

NOMA supports the 'Solve the Crisis' campaign that advocates for several key actions:

- **Appoint a Responsible Ministry and Minister:** Appoint a responsible ministry and Minister with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports.

- **Establish a Task Force:** Have this Minister strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a Made in Ontario Action Plan.
- **Provide Municipal Support:** Provide municipalities with the tools and resources to transition those in encampments to more appropriate supports, when deemed necessary.
- **Commit to Targeted Funding:** Commit to funding the appropriate services these individuals need, community by community where there are gaps in the system.
- **Invest in Community Hubs:** Invest in 24/7 Community Hubs / Crisis Centres to relieve pressure on emergency centres and first responders.

I appreciate your time and consideration to this matter. Please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,



Wendy Landry, President, NOMA
Mayor, Municipality of Shuniah

Cc: Premier Doug Ford
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones
Minister Paul Calandra, MMAH
MPP Greg Rickford (Kenora – Rainy River) Minister of Northern Development & Indigenous Affairs & First Nations Economic Reconciliation
MPP Kevin Holland (Thunder Bay - Atikokan)
MPP Lise Vaugeois (Thunder Bay - Superior North)
MP Patty Hajdu (Thunder Bay - Superior North)
MP Marcus Powlowski – Thunder Bay-Rainy River
MP Eric Melillo – Kenora
AMO
FONOM
NOSDA
ROMA
OBCM
All member municipalities CAOs and Clerks

Ontario's Big City Mayors Launch *Solve the Crisis* Campaign

August 8, 2024

TORONTO - There is a humanitarian crisis happening on our streets. An unprecedented number of Ontarians are homeless, living in encampments and other unsafe spaces, and too many are dying from addictions and mental health issues. Municipalities have done everything we can, but we don't have the resources or expertise to take this on alone. That is why today Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) are launching our '*Solve the Crisis*' campaign.

Together with various community partners, municipalities have been tackling this issue head on, funding various programs and spaces to find solutions. Despite the success of many of these programs, the crisis continues to grow and municipalities need help.

Over the last few years OBCM has requested that the federal and provincial governments address this crisis as it unfolds on our streets, affecting our downtowns, impacting our public spaces, and hurting our most vulnerable residents. The federal and provincial governments have taken some action on this issue, including Ontario's Roadmap to Wellness, the creation of the Homelessness Prevention Program and investments in youth wellness hubs. But it's just not enough. This issue spans multiple ministries and we need someone to take the lead and take action now.

We want to '*Solve the Crisis*' together, today we are requesting that the provincial government:

- Appoint a responsible ministry and Minister with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports.
- Have this Minister strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan*.
- Provide municipalities with the tools and resources to transition those in encampments to more appropriate supports, when deemed necessary
- Commit to funding the appropriate services these individuals need, community by community where there are gaps in the system.
- Invest in 24/7 Community Hubs / Crisis Centres to relieve pressure on emergency centres and first responders

We are asking for all Ontarians to join our call by visiting www.solveethecrisis.ca and show their support by signing up and contacting your local MPP to tell them that you want the province to take action now. Together we can do this, but we need your help. To watch our video please visit our YouTube channel here - <https://youtu.be/6VRioEqQm98>

Quotes

"There is a humanitarian crisis happening on our streets, people are dying and something needs to be done. The number of people who are unhoused, as well as those suffering with mental health and addictions issues, is growing at alarming rate, and municipalities cannot tackle this crisis alone. We need the province, along with all levels of government and community partners, to implement the programs that have proven to be effective. This cannot wait, we must work together to solve this crisis now."

- **Marianne Meed Ward**

Chair of Ontario's Big City Mayors and Mayor of Burlington

"As Mayor, I have witnessed firsthand the devastating impacts of homelessness and the urgent need for comprehensive solutions. Our city, like many others, has been working tirelessly to address this crisis, but we cannot do it alone. The 'Solve the Crisis' campaign is a crucial step in bringing together all levels of government and community partners to ensure that every Ontarian has access to safe, supportive housing and necessary mental health and addiction services. The only way we can solve this crisis is by working together."

- **Josh Morgan**

Vice-Chair Ontario's Big City Mayors and Mayor of London

"We're proud to work in lockstep with Ontario Big City Mayors on this humanitarian crisis. Our branches work with municipalities to support individuals facing mental health, addictions and housing-related issues. Our hope is for increased investments to community mental health and addictions to support Ontarians in need."

- **Camille Quenneville**

CEO of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario Division

"The Ontario BIA Association (OBIAA), working together with the 300 BIAs and more than 120,000 businesses along our main streets and commercial cores, stands with the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) in asking the province to take action to address this crisis. Our main streets, our businesses and those living rough, are suffering and it is time for strong and positive action."

- **Kay Matthews**

Executive Director, Ontario BIA Association



— **OBCM** —
Ontario's Big City Mayors

About Ontario's Big City Mayors

Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) is an organization that includes mayors of 29 single and lower-tier cities with a population of 100,000 or more, who collectively represent nearly 70 percent of Ontario's population. OBCM advocates for issues and policies important to Ontario's largest cities.

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September 13, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier:

Council, at their meeting held on September 9, 2024, passed a resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario consider establishing a funding program specifically for the purchase of fire trucks.

For your information I have enclosed a copy of the resolution, and I trust that you will give it your consideration and support.

Yours truly,

Lorna Buob
Clerk-Treasurer

Cc: Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Legislative Affairs and
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
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TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR
R. R. #1 KAKABEKA FALLS, ONTARIO POT 1W0

September 9, 2024 NO. 8

Moved by J. Sobolta

Seconded by A. Crane

WHEREAS fire safety and emergency response services are critical to the well-being and safety of our community;

WHEREAS Township of O'Connor, along with many other municipalities, face significant challenges in maintaining and upgrading essential firefighting equipment due to financial constraints and limited tax base;

WHEREAS the purchase of new firetrucks is essential for ensuring that our fire departments have the necessary tools to effectively respond to emergencies and protect lives and property;

WHEREAS the cost of acquiring modern firetrucks represents a substantial financial burden for individual municipalities, particularly smaller and rural communities;

WHEREAS the Ontario provincial government has the capacity to provide support through inter-municipal funding initiatives that could alleviate these financial pressures and enhance the overall safety infrastructure across the province;

WHEREAS the collective effort of multiple municipalities requesting assistance can demonstrate a unified need and potentially strengthen the case for provincial support;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of O'Connor hereby requests that the Ontario provincial government consider establishing a funding program specifically for the purchase of firetrucks;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of O'Connor urges that other municipalities collaborate in advocating the provincial government for supporting this initiative, to ensure equitable distribution of resources and enhanced fire safety across the province.

J. Vezina
MAYOR



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TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR

CARRIED

DEFEATED

RECORDED VOTE

ALEX CRANE ☐

BRENDAN REA ☐

JOHN SOBOLTA ☐

CARLY TORKKELI

JIM VEZINA

Laina Buol
CLERK-TREASURER



September 17, 2024

Hon. Francois-Phillip Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry of
Canada, Government of Canada
Hon. Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic
Development, Government of Canada
Arpan Khanna, MP
Ernie Hardeman, MPP

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Tillsonburg, at its meeting on
September 9th, 2024 passed the following resolution:

- A. THAT report EDM 24-029 titled “Cellular Coverage Concerns” be received;
- B. THAT Council of the Town of Tillsonburg endorses the following:
 - a. Whereas the residents of our community are not able to have reliability and confidence in our telecommunications infrastructure for our commercial establishments and economic growth, employment, school, virtual medical appointments, mental health, welfare and emergency services;
 - b. Whereas many areas in and around the Town of Tillsonburg are considered “Dead Zones” causing rural and urban communities to incur prohibitive costs which include roaming and overage fees and/or alternative resources in order to gain basic and limited communication functionality;
 - c. Whereas the Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) has committed to have a reliable Network and states that, “*Reliable telecommunications networks have never been more*

crucial. They support not only a wide range of economic and social activities but also other critical infrastructure sectors and government services, and they are crucial for emergency services and public safety. They are fundamental to the safety, prosperity and well-being of Canadians.”

- d. THAT the top priority of the ISED as stated in the Telecommunications Reliability Agenda is, *“Robust Networks and Systems – This means there is robust architecture for telecommunications networks with appropriate redundancy, diversity, and hardening against hazards, with particular care for emergency services. There are systems with controls and monitoring and the telecommunications supply chain including supplier equipment is trusted and secure. Investments are made to support these activities including in rural and remote areas or to address coverage gaps.”*
- C. THAT the Council of the Town of Tillsonburg requests that the Federal Government and ISED make it their priority to push forward with their commitment to provide this crucial infrastructure in a meaningful and time manner and provide action and enforcement on the regulations that mandate timely installation of approved cell tower installations; and
- D. THAT a copy of this resolution be also sent to all Ontario municipalities, SWIFT, local telecommunications providers, the local MP and MPP.

Sincerely,



Laura Pickersgill
Executive Assistant
Town of Tillsonburg

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities, SWIFT, Bell Canada

List of Correspondence

Electronic

1. MNR - Launch of FHIMP Extension Program - message with corrected links
2. Treasury Board Secretariat - Project Status Update – 2024 Provincial Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) Program (Amethyst Sector)
3. Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce - Support is growing for our provincial immigration request

Upcoming Training Available

Various	AMO	New Councillor Training (\$525/ea)
Various	AMO	New Head of Council Training (\$525/ea)
Various	AMO	Foundations in Planning for Elected Officials (\$225)
Various	AMO	Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official (\$200)
Various	AMO	Foundations in Planning for Elected Officials (\$250)
Various	AMO	Indigenous Community Awareness Training (\$375)
Various	AMO	Advanced Councillor Training Series (\$425)
On demand	NOMA	Webinar On-Demand: How to Attract New Residents to Your Community

Upcoming Conferences/Events (please refer to the Conmee Conference Attendance Policy)

2024

Sept 25 th	AMO	Advanced Councillor Training \$425
Sept 26 th	AMO	Competing Rights: What You Need to Know! \$525
Oct 1-2	AMO	Knowledge Exchange: Community and Supportive Housing Symposium \$600 Toronto
Oct 9	OGRA	Low Volume Road Maintenance Workshop – Barrie \$375
Oct 16-18	MFOA	Northern Finance Workshop – Thunder Bay \$75 (free accommodations)
Nov 5-6	WSPS	Partners in Prevention Regional Health & Safety Conference
Nov 14 th	AMO	Competing Rights: What You Need to Know! \$525

2025

Apr 8-10		Northwest Response Forum (Dryden)
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

BY-LAW # 1467

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 action of this Council at its meeting set out below, with respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by this Council at its meeting is adopted, ratified and confirmed as if such proceeding and action were expressly adopted and confirmed by by-law:

Meeting held September 24th, 2024

2. Execution of all Documents

That 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 said action or to obtain approvals where required and except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Township to such documents.

Passed this 24th day of September, 2024.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

Sheila Maxwell, Mayor

Shara Lavallee, CAO/Clerk