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AGENDA FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday September 8th, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.



Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82852685949?pwd=WQBnwlDtrQGsxS1idFs3suGDIFRaR.1>
Meeting ID: 828 5268 5949
Passcode: 652102

1. CALL TO ORDER

Land Acknowledgement

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of September 8th, 2026 be approved as circulated. (Alternatively, amendments to be noted; with approval as amended.)

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. TOWN HALL SEGMENT

Resident – Open Air Burning and Fireworks Bylaw

5. DEPUTATIONS

SASI - Proposed Water Cistern System for Fire Protection and Rink Flooding

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 Minutes – Open Session Regular Council Meeting – August 11th, 2026

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Open Session of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 11th, 2026, be approved as circulated. (Alternatively, corrections to be noted; with approval as amended.)

6.2 Minutes – Open Session Special Council Meeting – August 26th, 2026

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Open Session of the Special Council Meeting held on August 26th, 2026, be approved as circulated. (Alternatively, corrections to be noted; with approval as amended.)

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

7.1 Payroll Report

7.2 Payment Register

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the disbursements represented by electronic bank payments and cheque numbers 7954 to 8027 totalling \$166,699.95.

8. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS (as available)

8.1 Clerk's Report

8.2-1 Treasurer's Report

8.2-2 Conmee Rink - plans

8.3 Public Works Report (no report this meeting)

8.4 Fire Chief's Report (verbal)

8.5 Council Member Reports (verbal)

8.6 Reports from Other Agencies: As Listed in the Clerk's Report

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the reports presented as listed in Section 8 of this evening's agenda. (Alternatively, directions to Administration as per Council's determination)

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Resident Request to Amend Open Air Burning Hours

9.1-1 Report to Council

9.1-2 Bylaw 2026-022 – Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-law

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council received the report for information; (Alternatively; direction to Administration as per Council's determination.)

9.2 Approval of Set Fines and Housekeeping Amendments to Bylaw No. 2026-022

9.2-1 Report to Council

9.2-2 Letter to Township from RSJ Gibson

9.2-3 Order – August 2026

9.2-4 Approved Schedule B – Set Fines

9.2-5 Draft Bylaw – amending bylaw no. 2026-022 – Open Air Burning and Fireworks Bylaw

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the report regarding the approval of set fines for By-law No. 2026-022, being the Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-law; AND THAT Council adopt By-law No. 2026-027 to replace Schedule "B" of By-law No. 2026-022 with the court-approved Schedule of Set Fines approved by Regional Senior Justice David Gibson on August 13, 2026, and to correct minor clerical and formatting issues within the by-law.

9.3 Correspondence from Residents Regarding Wolfe Road

9.3-1 Report to Council – Wolfe Road Correspondence

9.3-2 Email from Residents re: Wolfe Road

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the report and correspondence regarding Wolfe Road for information. (Alternatively; direction to Administration as per Council's determination.)

9.4 Application for a Permit to Exceed Posted Maximum Registered Gross Vehicle Weights

9.4-1 Report to Council

9.4-2 Application for Permit – Dustin Blunt O/A 686863 Ontario Ltd.

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the application from Dustin Blunt O/A 686863 Ontario for a Permit to Exceed Posted Maximum Registered Gross Vehicle Weights pursuant to Township of Conmee By-law No. 1272 for hauling operations on Mokomon Road, Holland Road and Pokki Road; AND THAT the Township retain the existing \$5,000 security deposit until completion of the haul and any required inspection of the affected Township roads.

9.5 Proposed Water Cistern System for Fire Protection and Rink Flooding

9.5-1 Report to Council – Proposed Water Cistern System for Fire Protection & Rink Flooding

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the report regarding the proposed water cistern system for fire protection and rink flooding presented by SASI Water for information. (Alternatively; direction to Administration as per Council's determination.)

10 BYLAWS

10.1 Bylaw 2026-027 – Bylaw to Amend Bylaw No. 2026-022 – Open Air Burning and Fireworks Bylaw

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2026-027, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2026-022, the Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-law, be passed this 8th day of September, 2026.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

List of Resolution Support Requests from other municipalities, agencies & the provincial government:

11.1-1 Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan - Resolution re: AORS Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns

11.1-2 Town of Latchford - NOHFC Funding Official Plan & Zoning By-law Updates

11.1-3 Municipality of Trenton Hills - Elimination of the WSIB's Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF)

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence presented as listed in Section 11 of this evening's agenda. (Alternatively; directions to Administration as per Council's determination).

12 UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Regular Council Meetings: September 22nd, October 13th, November 10th & 17th (Inaugural), December 1st & 15th, 2026.

13 CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT, at ____ p.m., Council move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, to consider; Item 13.1, being the Closed Session minutes of the Regular Council meeting held August 11th, 2026, under the same authority as the original meeting; Item 13.2, being human resources and employment-related matters, including personal matters about identifiable individuals, pursuant to Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001; and Item 13.3, being a matter involving litigation or potential litigation under Section 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act, 2001 and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege under paragraph 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

13.1 Minutes – Closed Session Regular Council Meeting – August 11th, 2026

13.2 Human Resources and Employment Matters

13.3 Legal Advice Regarding Municipal Property

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being ____ p.m., Council rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

14 BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 11th, 2026, be approved as circulated. (Alternatively, corrections to be noted; with approval as amended.) AND THAT Administration be authorized to proceed in accordance with the direction provided in Closed Session.

15 CONFIRMING BYLAW

By-law 2026-028 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2026-028 be passed, and FURTHER, THAT the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 2026-028, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

16 ADJOURN

Recommendation: There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor declares the meeting to be adjourned at ____ p.m.

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday August 11, 2026 – 6:00 pm

PRESENT Mayor Sheila Maxwell
Councillor David Maxwell

PRESENT VIRTUALLY Councillor David Halvorsen

REGRETS Councillor Grant Arnold
Councillor Chris Kresack

ALSO PRESENT Karen Paisley, Clerk
Leanne Maxwell, Treasurer
Len Arps, Public Works Manager
James Klapperich, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Intern

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Maxwell provided a statement of land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Administration requested that Closed Session Item 13.5, Briggs Pit Excess Soil Relocation, be considered immediately following the Public Works Report so the Public Works Manager could participate in the discussion before leaving the meeting. Council agreed to the amendment.

Resolution 2026-153

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of August 11, 2026, be approved as amended.

CARRIED**3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None declared.

4. TOWN HALL SEGMENT

No members of the public were present.

5. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were scheduled for this meeting.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**6.1 Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – July 14, 2026**

Council reviewed the minutes of the July 14, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. No amendments were requested.

RESOLUTION 2026–154

Moved by: Councillor Halvorsen

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the open session of the regular council meeting of July 14, 2026, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

7.1. Payroll Report

Council reviewed the payroll report as presented.

7.2. Payment Register

Council reviewed the payment register, including electronic bank payments and cheque disbursements.

RESOLUTION 2026-155

Moved by: Councillor Halvorsen

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the disbursements represented by electronic bank payments and cheque numbers 7942 to 7953 totaling \$75,590.46.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

8.1. Clerk's Report

Council reviewed the Clerk's Report. The Clerk provided updates regarding regional wildfire coordination efforts, the Highway 11/17 project, the Briggs Pit excess soil relocation matter, long-term water supply discussions for the rink and fire hall, election preparations, and ongoing operational matters. Council discussed the status of the rink and fire hall water supply project, and the Clerk advised that discussions remain ongoing. Council also received an update regarding nominations for the 2026 municipal election, noting that nomination filings remain open.

8.2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that final tax notices had been issued and tax payments were beginning to be received. Council discussed upcoming grant applications for the Fire Department, including a decontamination shower project and wildfire preparedness funding opportunities. Council also discussed reports of hazardous material being transported through the region and requested that Administration make inquiries regarding notification protocols and emergency preparedness considerations.

8.3. Public Works Report

The Public Works Manager reported on recent road maintenance activities, including grading, shoulder work, and ditch maintenance following heavy rainfall. Updates were provided regarding landfill operations, cemetery maintenance, seasonal staffing, and repairs to the two-ton truck. Council discussed ongoing efforts to minimize gravel loss from road shoulders and maintain landfill access.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Intern left the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 2026-156

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, at 6:23 p.m., Council moved into Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, to consider Item 13.5, being the Briggs Pit Excess Soil Relocation matter, pursuant to Section 239(2)(k) of the Municipal Act,

2001, being a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality.

CARRIED

During closed session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION 2026-157

Moved by: Councillor Halvorsen

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 6:55 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED

Open session resumed.

Public Works Manager left the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Intern joined the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

8.4. Fire Chief's Report

The Fire Chief was unable to attend due to work commitments. Council reviewed the Fire Chief's Report. Mayor Maxwell provided updates regarding recent wildfire training, firefighter recruitment efforts, volunteer participation, and equipment donations received from GlobalMedic. The Clerk advised that information respecting the use of green warning lights by volunteer firefighters had recently been included in the municipal newsletter for public awareness purposes. Council discussed the use of green warning lights by Fire Department members.

8.5. Council Member Reports

Mayor Maxwell reported on attending regional wildfire briefings on July 17 and July 24 at the Township office, and communications with residents regarding wildfire activity. The Mayor also provided an update on upcoming AMO Conference delegations, including meetings relating to emergency services, municipal infrastructure, finance, and rural healthcare concerns.

Councillor Maxwell reported attending the landfill attendant interviews on July 31, 2026, and advised of his upcoming attendance at the AMO Conference.

Councillor Halvorsen reported that he had no updates other than work-related commitments. Council discussed arrangements for municipal representation during the AMO Conference while both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor were attending conference events.

8.6. Other Agencies' Reports

Council reviewed correspondence and reports received from other agencies as listed in the Clerk's Report, which were received for information.

RESOLUTION 2026-158

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the reports presented as listed in Section 8 of this evening's agenda, AND THAT Administration is authorized to proceed in accordance with Council's direction.

CARRIED

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 North Rock Water Monitoring Report – 2023 to 2025

Council reviewed the 2023–2025 Water Quality Assessment Report for the Conmee Waste Disposal Site prepared by North Rock Engineering Inc.

RESOLUTION 2026-159

Moved by: Councillor Halvorsen

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the 2023–2025 Water Quality Assessment Report for the Conmee Waste Disposal Site prepared by North Rock Engineering Inc. for information; AND THAT Council direct Administration and Public Works to review and implement the recommendations contained within the report, as appropriate.

CARRIED

10. **BY-LAWS**

No bylaws were presented for consideration.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Council reviewed correspondence from the Town of Bruce Mines regarding physician recruitment and retention challenges in Northern Ontario, the Township of South-West Oxford respecting weed management in playground areas, the Township of North Stormont regarding permanently doubling the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, and the Town of Tudor & Cashel regarding disposable propane cylinders. Council determined that the correspondence would be received for information.

RESOLUTION 2026-160

Moved by: Councillor Halvorsen

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED

12. **UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

Council reviewed the list of upcoming meeting dates. No changes were proposed.

The Deputy/Clerk Treasurer left the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

13. **CLOSED SESSION**

RESOLUTION 2026-161

Moved by: Councillor Halvorsen

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, at 7:22 p.m., Council move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, to consider; Item 13.1, being the Closed Session minutes of the Regular Council meeting held July 14th, 2026, under the same authority as the original meeting; Item 13.2, being human resources and employment-related matters, including personal matters about identifiable individuals, pursuant to Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001; Item 13.3, being Council governance matters, including personal matters about identifiable individuals, pursuant to Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001; and Item 13.4, being advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege under paragraph 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

CARRIED

During closed session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION 2026-162

Moved by: Councillor Halvorsen

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:01 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED

Open session resumed.

14. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 2026-163

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Closed Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 14, 2026, be approved; AND THAT Administration be authorized to proceed as directed during Closed Session.

CARRIED

15. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

By-law 2026-025

RESOLUTION 2026-164

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2026-025 be passed; AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 2026-025, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Clerk Karen Paisley

MINUTES - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGWednesday, 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 Conmee 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 Paisley

Staff Payroll - August 14, 2026
 -August 28, 2026
 Council Payroll -August 31, 2026

	<u>Administration and</u>		
	<u>Public Works</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Wages	26,777.90	9,207.82	35,985.72
EI	611.10	210.10	821.20
CPP	1,377.25	319.37	1,696.62
RRSP	724.64		724.64
mileage	170.46	45.99	216.45
total	<u>29,661.35</u>	<u>9,783.28</u>	<u>39,444.63</u>

Township of Conmee

Payment Register

Report Date

Batch: 2026-00117 to 2026-00130 2026-09-01 10:51 AM

Bank Code: GEN - TD Operating Account

Payment #	Vendor	Amount	
7954-7981	VOID - Cheque Confirmation	0.00	
7982	Rosslyn Service Ltd	3,727.87	trailer for fire dept
7983	Thunder Bay DSSAB	8,306.00	
7984	Lakehead Cleaners	129.72	
7985	Toodaloo Pest and Wildlife	110.74	
7986	MicroAge	497.88	
7987	Ultramar	3,175.40	
7988	BMO	147.98	
7989	Brule Creek Farms	2,800.00	grass cutting
7990	Kakabeka Esso	100.90	
7991	Bay City Contractors	12,804.23	gravel
7992	MicroAge	2,519.58	new computer and set up
7993	MNP	4,746.00	
7994	NorthRock Engineering	3,638.60	
7995	Pollard Distribution Inc	15,594.00	calcium
7996	Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd	531.10	
7997	Total Power Limited	626.02	generator
7998-8006	VOID - Cheque Printing	0.00	
8007	Armtec Inc	6,162.05	culverts
8008	Goliboski Contracting Incorporated	19,068.75	truck repairs and safety
8009	Munisoft	168.37	
8010	Pines Hardware Inc.	36.10	
8011	RealTax Inc	1,344.70	
8012	Sasi Spring Water	15.54	
8013	Thunder Bay DSSAB	8,306.00	
8014	Bay City Contractors	1,291.73	gravel
8015	BMO	304.88	
8016	Chaschuk Enterprised Ltd	37,699.64	dump trucks
8017	GFL Environmental Inc	669.54	
8018	Beaver Trapping	815.25	
8019	Lakehead Cleaners	129.72	
8020	reimbursement	3,088.87	
8021	Minister of Finance	8,179.00	
8022	NorthRock Engineering	14,238.00	landfill - preparation of Hume Road Closure Plan
8023	Pines Hardware Inc.	25.15	
8024	Sasi Spring Water	1,991.55	water system
8025	Ultramar	2,908.39	
8026	AMCTO - Zone 9	360.00	
8027	Total Power Limited	440.70	
		166,699.95	
123	reimbursement	369.46	
123	Manulife	1,585.97	
591.65	TD Visa	591.65	
aug 11	Thunder Bay Xerographix Inc	38.17	copier
IO130	TD Visa	1,719.40	shed
IO360	TD Visa	348.45	
JH553	TD Visa	163.36	
JI331	TD Visa	180.47	
K9Y2L4	Hydro One Networks	266.87	
K9Y2L9	Hydro One Networks	1,745.13	

K9Y5R9	Bell Canada	95.81
Q2R3Y6	TBayTel	244.08
Q2R3Z5	TBayTel	256.94
Q2R4A3	TBayTel	133.33
Q2R4H3	Hydro One Networks	216.30
R8Z6W3	TBayTel	352.56
		8,307.95
		166,699.95

Payments Printed: 91

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

Date: September 8, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Administrative Activity Report

File Number: 01-C10-0000 Administrative Activity Reports

Submitted by: Karen Paisley Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council's information and direction as required.

BACKGROUND:

This report provides Council with an update on recent administrative activities and projects.

DISCUSSION:

Summer Recreation Program Update

The Township's Summer Recreation Program operated from July 2 to August 25, 2026, with a total of 31 possible program days offered throughout the summer. Administration promoted the program through the Township website, social media platforms, and community outreach efforts. The summer student played a significant role in the program's delivery by developing activities, creating promotional materials and posters, and organizing engaging recreation opportunities for residents.

Participation varied throughout the summer, with attendance recorded on 11 program days. The program experienced its highest level of participation during the week of July 13, when children attended every scheduled day of children's programming. A Movie Day held on July 17 was particularly successful, attracting 12 children and providing an enjoyable recreational opportunity for local families.

The summer season was affected by periods of heavy wildfire smoke as well as several rain events. To ensure programming could continue safely and consistently, activities were relocated indoors during periods of poor air quality and inclement weather. Participation continued during these indoor program days, demonstrating the flexibility of the program and the ability of staff to adapt activities to changing conditions.

In addition to children's programming, a weekly senior recreation program was offered every Wednesday throughout the summer. Unfortunately, despite promotional efforts, no participants attended the senior programming sessions. This information will be useful in evaluating future recreation offerings and identifying areas of greatest community interest. Overall, the program provided recreational opportunities for local children and families while demonstrating the Township's commitment to community programming. Administration would like to recognize the outstanding work of the summer student, whose creativity, enthusiasm, and dedication were evident throughout the summer. The student's efforts in developing activities, creating promotional materials, adapting programming to changing weather

conditions, and engaging with participants contributed significantly to the success of the program.

Based on the experience gained this year, Administration recommends that Council consider a more structured registration-based format should the Township continue the program in future years. Several residents inquired whether the program was a drop-off program, suggesting that there may be greater demand for a supervised recreation program where children are signed in and remain under the care of the Recreation Leader for the duration of the activity.

Administration also recommends consideration of a modest registration fee to help offset program costs and encourage participant commitment. Should Council continue to express a preference for hiring a Recreation Leader who is at least 18 years of age, a higher wage rate may be required to attract qualified candidates. Administration further recommends continuing to apply for Canada Summer Jobs funding, which offset 50 percent of the program's wage costs. The lessons learned through this year's program will assist Administration and Council in refining future recreation offerings and better aligning programming with community needs and expectations.

Annual Roads Inspection

Administration has recently become aware of Council's historical practice of conducting an annual roads inspection. As this requirement was not identified during the transition to new administrative staff, the inspection was not completed in 2025 and has not yet been scheduled for 2026.

With the 2026 Municipal Election scheduled for October 26, 2026, Administration recommends that the annual roads inspection be conducted in September to provide the current Council with an opportunity to complete the inspection before the end of its term.

Administration is seeking Council's direction regarding a preferred date for the 2026 annual roads inspection.

Recommendation:

That Council provide direction regarding the scheduling of the 2026 Annual Roads Inspection.

Results of GovDeals Bid

Following Council's authorization at the Special Meeting held on August 26, 2026, staff participated in the GovDeals auction for the 2005 International 7400 Fire Tanker. The Township was unsuccessful in its bid, as the auction closed with a winning bid of approximately \$72,000, significantly exceeding Council's approved spending limit. Staff continue to monitor opportunities to acquire a suitable tanker apparatus at a cost that aligns with the Township's financial capacity and operational needs.

Enders Road Bridge Project

Administration continues to move forward with the pre-design feasibility study for the Enders Road Bridge replacement project. Earlier this year, a quotation was received for the preparation of the study; however, Council directed staff to seek additional input before proceeding.

Administration contacted multiple engineering and consulting firms to obtain additional input on the proposed feasibility study. To date, one additional firm has advised that it is preparing a quotation, while others did not respond to the request. Staff have also confirmed that the original quotation provided by the contractor earlier this year remains valid. Once all available information has been received and reviewed, a recommendation will be brought forward to Council for consideration.

Radioactive Materials Transported Through the Township

At the direction of Council, staff made inquiries regarding the transportation of radioactive materials through Conmee Township and whether municipalities or local fire departments receive advance notification of such shipments. Correspondence was received from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and Transport Canada. Staff were advised that the transportation of dangerous goods, including radioactive materials, is regulated by Transport Canada under the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations. Transport Canada confirmed that the regulations do not require municipalities or local fire departments to be notified when radioactive material shipments travel through their jurisdiction. Staff were further advised that the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) is responsible for regulating the use of Class 7 radioactive materials and may provide additional information regarding shipment controls and emergency response protocols. Transport Canada has also referred the inquiry to its Emergency Response Assistance Plan (ERAP) section for further information regarding emergency response procedures. Staff will provide any additional information received from CNSC or the ERAP program to Council once available.

Zone 9 Fall Meeting & Conference

The Treasurer, Deputy Clerk Intern, and I would like to register for the AMCTO Zone 9 Fall Meeting & Conference being held in Thunder Bay on September 17 and 18, 2026. The conference provides professional development opportunities and updates on municipal issues affecting local government administration. As the Deputy Clerk Intern cannot be left to provide sole administrative coverage, I am also requesting Council's concurrence to close the Municipal Office on Thursday, September 17, 2026, and for a half day on Friday, September 18, 2026, to permit all administrative staff to attend the conference. Notice of the temporary closure will be posted in advance should Council support the request.

Performance Development Plans

Administration would like to clarify a comment made at the previous meeting regarding employee performance reviews. Following a review of the Township's Human Resources records, formal employee performance reviews, known as Performance Development Plans (PDPs), were completed in August 2025 for all full-time employees who had been employed with the Township for more than one year, including Public Works staff. The completed performance reviews are maintained in the Township's Human Resources files. Administration has discussed the 2026 performance review process with Human Resources, and arrangements are being made to complete employee Performance Development Plans (PDPs) within the coming weeks. Administration provides this information to ensure Council has accurate information regarding the Township's employee performance review process.

Other Agency Reports – 8.6

1. Namaygoosisagagun First Nation Wildfire – Request for Donations by No-profit Organization
2. NOMA – August 14 2026 – AMO Attendance
3. NOMA – August 16 2026 - \$1 Billion Infrastructure Investment for NWO Municipalities
4. NOMA – August 19 2026 – AMO 2026 – Major Funding Win & Strong Momentum
5. NOMA Statement on US Trade Negotiations – August 24 2026
6. LRCA Minutes – June 25 2026
7. LRCA Minutes – May 27 2026
8. Lakehead Region Conservation Authority – Draft 2027 Budget
9. NOMA – September 3 2026 – NOMA Welcomes VIA Rail Decision

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

Date: September 8, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Treasurer Report

Submitted by: Leanne Maxwell

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is for Councils information.

BACKGROUND:

The Treasurer reports to Council, at regular council meetings, as necessary, on their activities

FOR INFORMATION:

The final Tax Notices were mailed out at the beginning of August, and the first installment date has passed. The second installment date is October 29, 2026

The Hydro One Community Partnership Grant was submitted at the end of June, and the Fire Prevention Grant was submitted at the end of August.

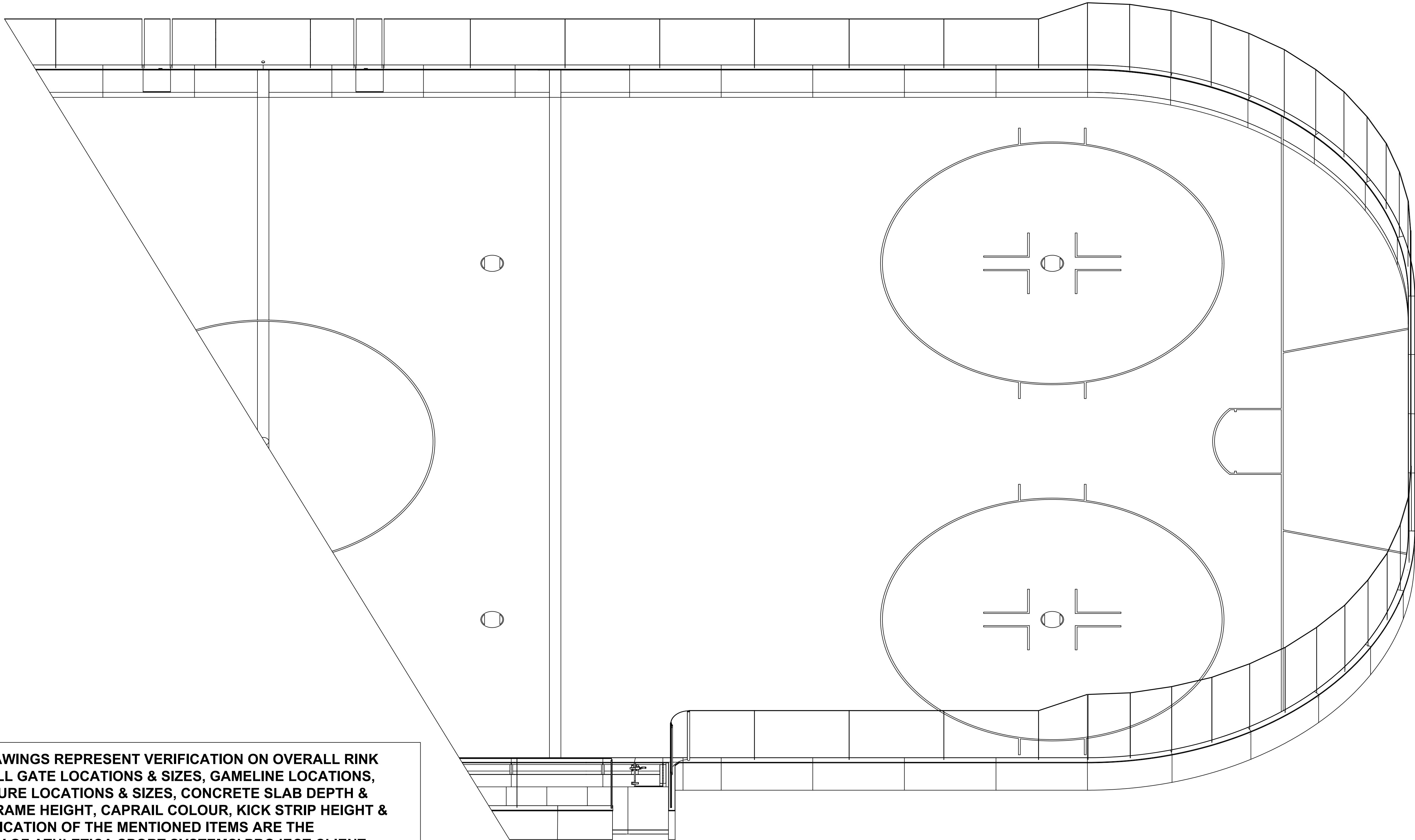
I attended the AMO Conference in Ottawa with Mayor Maxwell and Councillor Maxwell. I received some good information that I will be following up with in the future.

The boards have been ordered for the ice rink. The drawings have been attached. The one main change is that the new rink will have round corners instead of the angled ones it now has. Due to this, there will be exposed concrete in the corners (diagram 1). The new boards will be mounted on top of the concrete. Also, a new entrance will be added to the back end of the rink to allow closer access to the skate shack.

Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 17-18 – AMCTO Zone 9 Fall Conference

Project: Conmee Park



APPROVAL DRAWINGS REPRESENT VERIFICATION ON OVERALL RINK DIMENSIONS, ALL GATE LOCATIONS & SIZES, GAMELINE LOCATIONS, BUILDING FEATURE LOCATIONS & SIZES, CONCRETE SLAB DEPTH & DIMENSIONS, FRAME HEIGHT, CAPRAIL COLOUR, KICK STRIP HEIGHT & COLOUR. VERIFICATION OF THE MENTIONED ITEMS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ATHLETICA SPORT SYSTEMS' PROJECT CLIENT.

☐ APPROVED FOR MANUFACTURING

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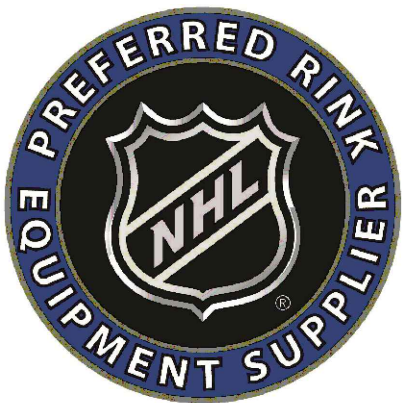
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SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____



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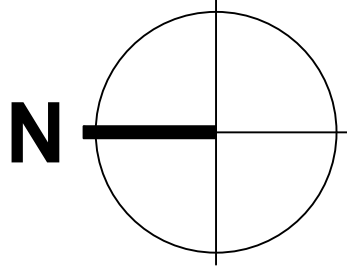
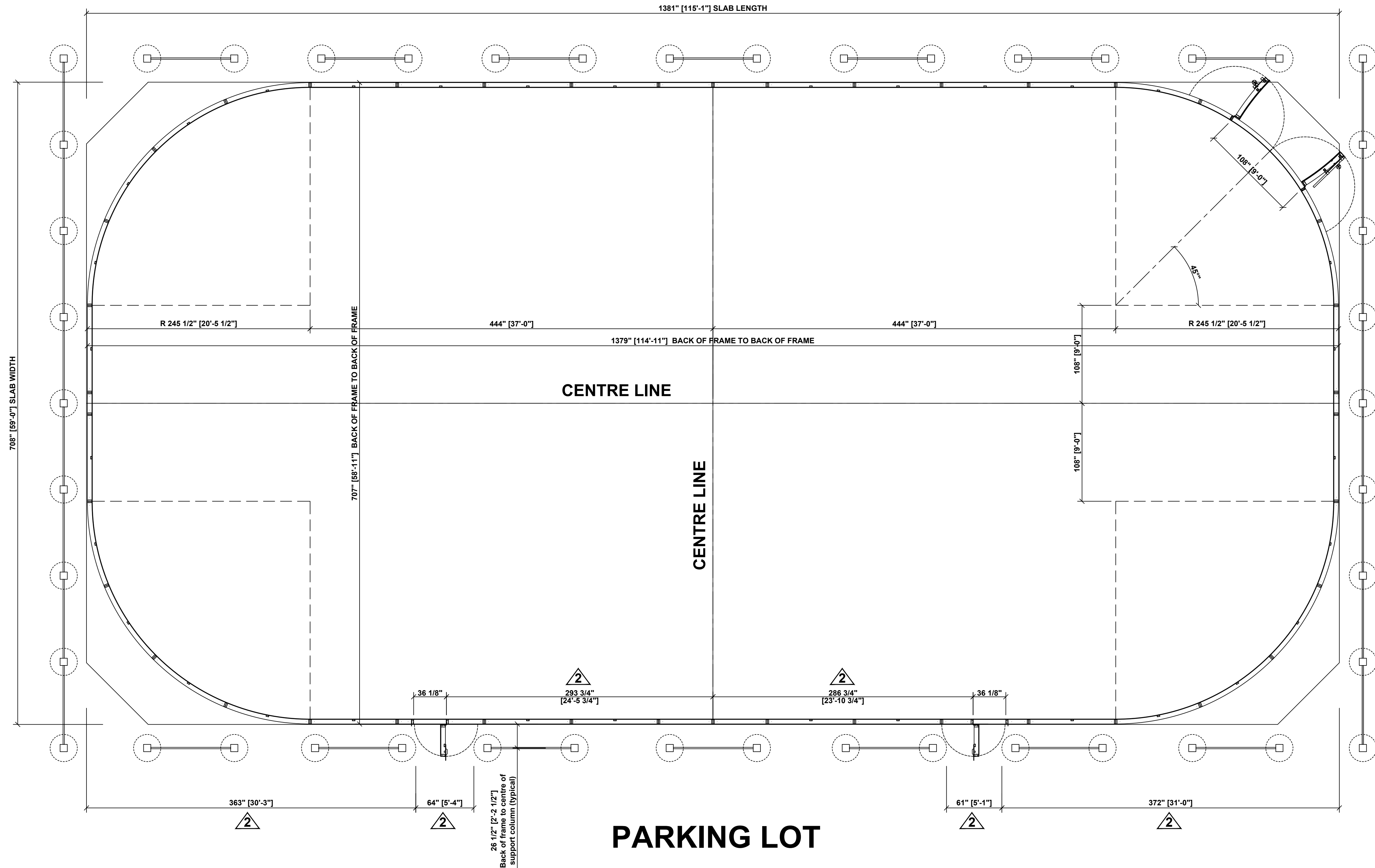
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3rd Submittal For Approval
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*Rink shown on this page is not intended as a representation of Conmee Park

HOLLAND RD.

Slab Layout



Notes:
- Minimum 1/2" gap between back of frame and edge of slab

2	Locations confirmed by contractor	9/1/26	MP
1	Resized rink, moved MG & gates	8/31/26	MP
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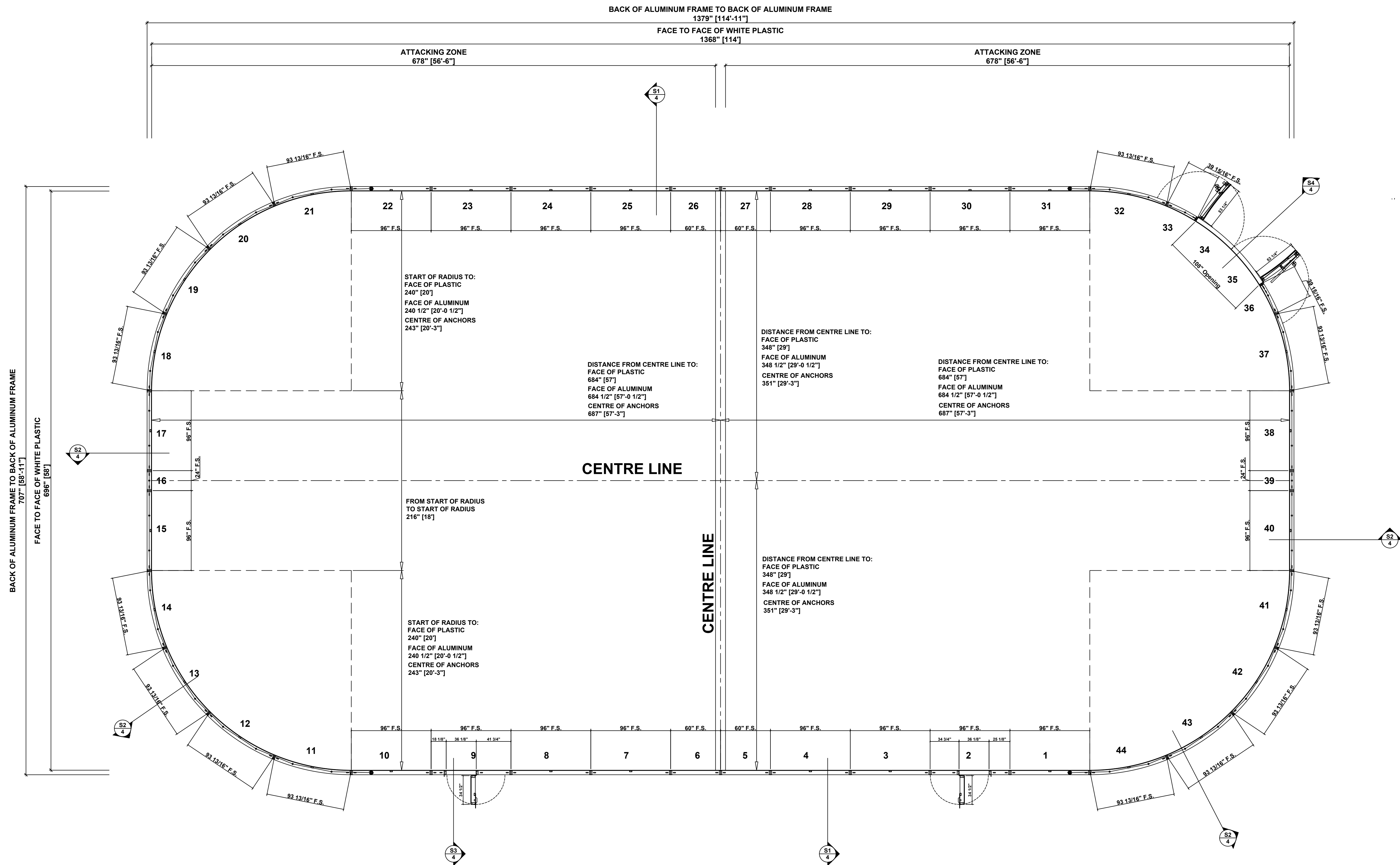
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Frame Size Layout

Top Plate - Blue-UV HDPE
Kick Strip - Yellow-UV HDPE

- Notes:
- "F.S." = Frame Size
 - Any plastic longer than 60" is split to allow for thermal expansion
 - No back plastic provided

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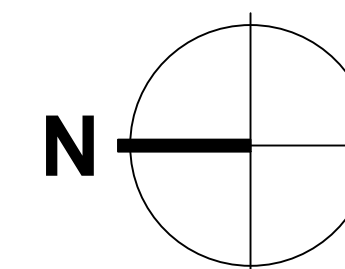
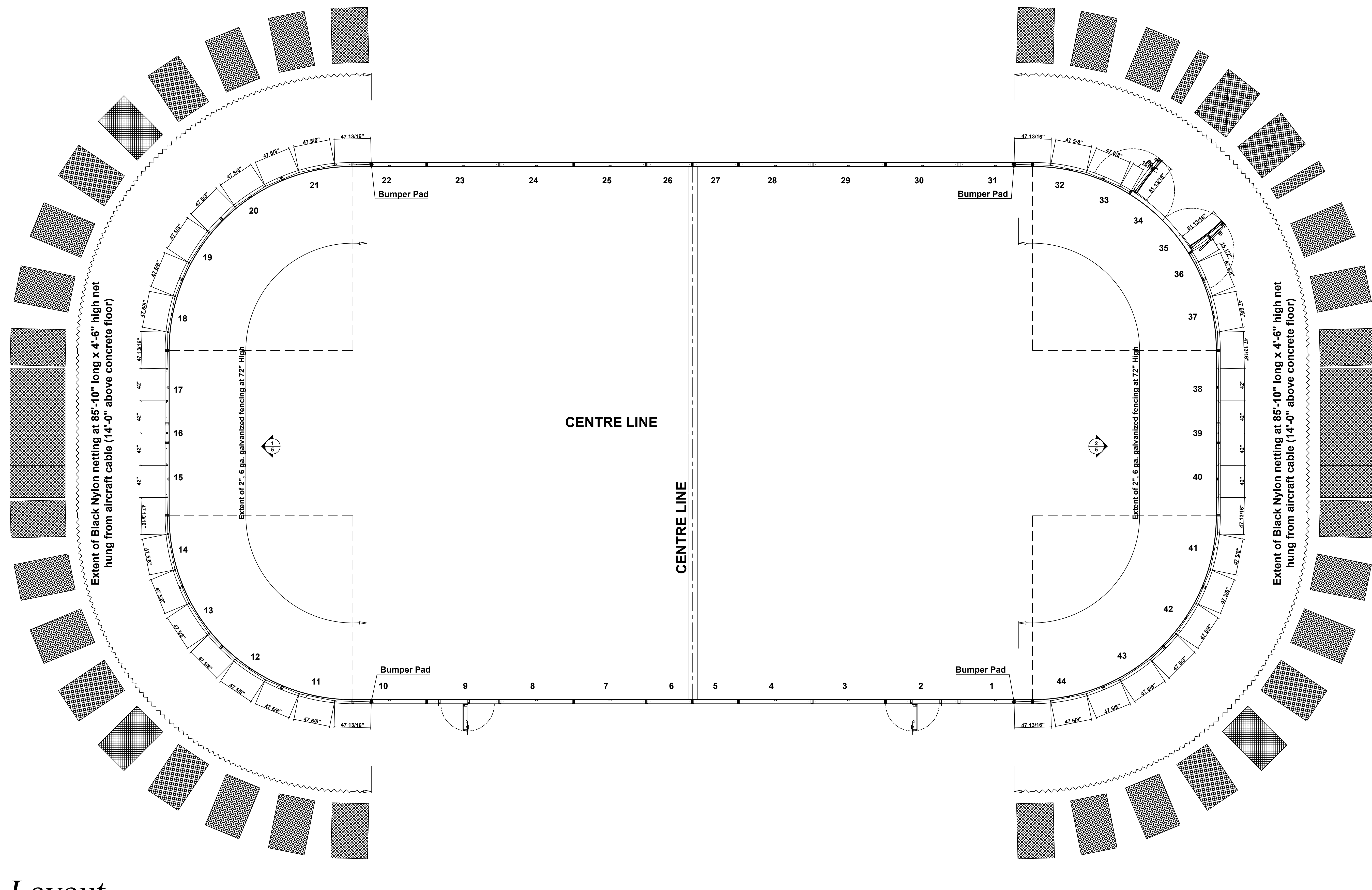


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Fence Size Layout

Notes:

- Protective netting as noted (GC to hang netting from roof rafters/structure)
- Ø1 11/16" horizontal and vertical fence posts
- 2", 6 ga. galvanized fencing mesh with no vinyl coating
- See fencing layout on sheet 5

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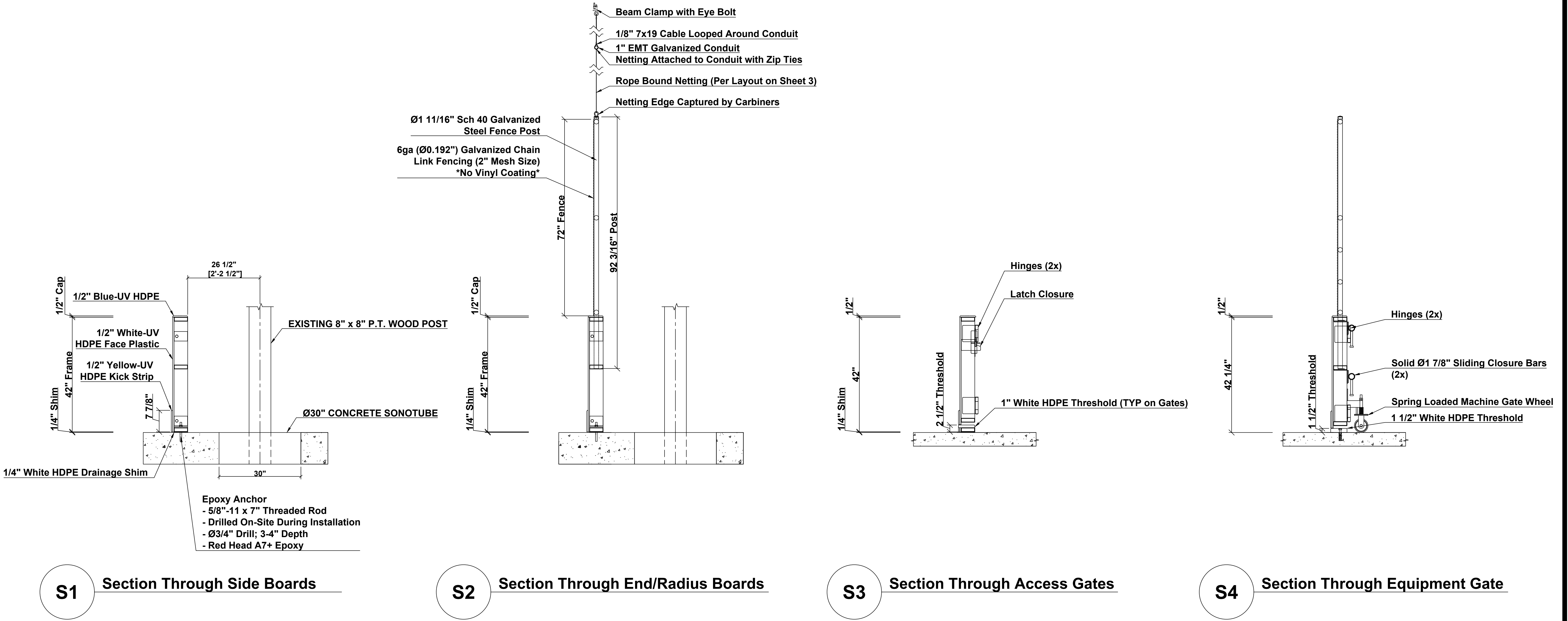


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Typical Sections

Boards - 5" MILL ALUMINUM
Hardware - HEAVY DUTY STAINLESS STEEL GATE HARDWARE;
ALL NUTS, WASHERS & BOLTS TO BE ZINC PLATED
Anchors - 5/8"-11 THREADED ROD EPOXIED INTO CONCRETE
Fence Supports - Ø1 11/16" HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL FENCE POSTS

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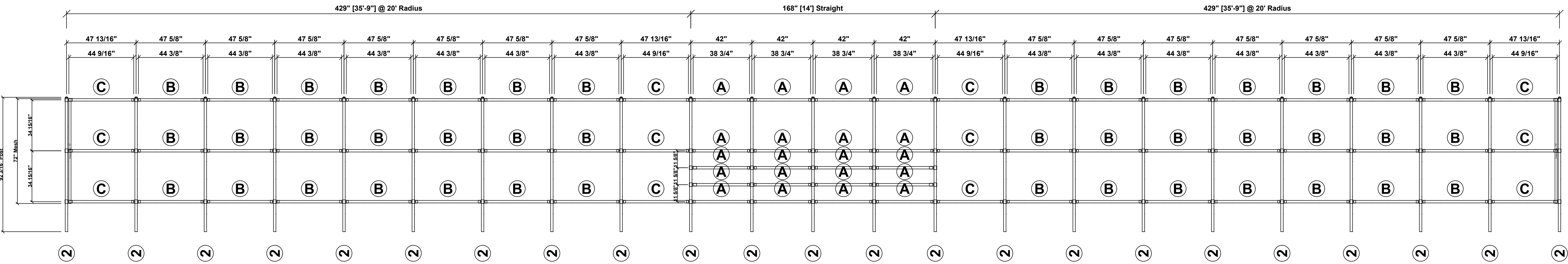


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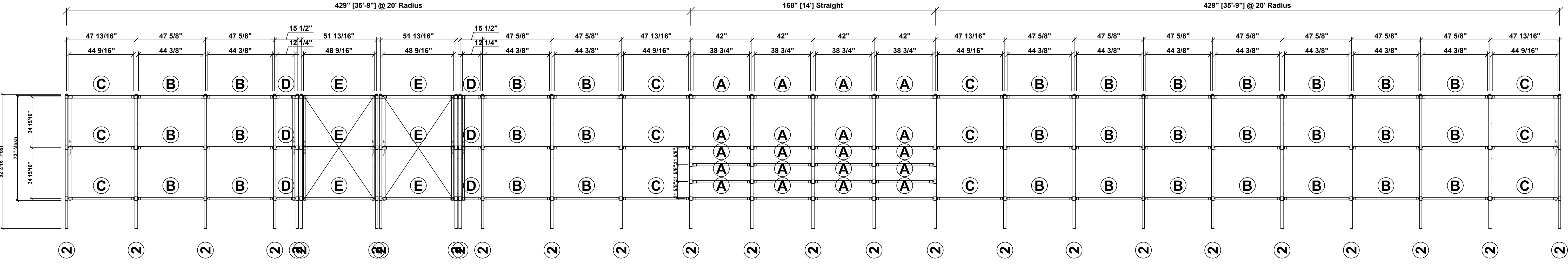
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1 Elevation of fencing along end opposite to equipment gate



2 Elevation of fencing along equipment gate end

Fence Post Cut List			
Count	Visibility	Distance	CURVATURE
50	2	92 3/16	Straight
40	A	38 3/4	Straight
75	B	44 3/8	Curved
24	C	44 9/16	Curved
6	D	12 1/4	Curved
6	E	48 9/16	Curved

Fencing Hardware		
Count	PART_NUMBER	PART
60	101496	5/16" x 1 1/4" Carriage Bolts
302	101500	5/16" x 2 1/4" Carriage Bolts
362	101501	5/16" Hex Nuts
50	101502	Post Cap
38	101508	End Rail Clamp
132	101509	Line Rail Clamp
797	101511	Industrial Short Ties (Total ties; 100/bag)
60	101514	Tension Bands
10	101517	Tension Bar - 72"

Fencing Layout

Notes:
- Ø1 11/16" horizontal and vertical fence posts
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From: [Eberechi Okwuwolu](#)
To: [Eberechi Okwuwolu](#)
Cc: [Amanda Fernandez](#)
Subject: Namaygoosisagagun First Nation Wildfire
Date: August 13, 2026 5:29:19 PM
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Hello!

Thursday blessings!

We hope you and your family are well.

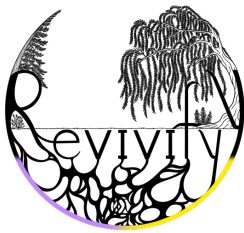
What	Revivify is doing a fundraiser for the people of the Namaygoosisagagun First Nation who have lost everything because of the (avoidable) wildfire.
Who & Where	The Namaygoosisagagun First Nation, also known as Collins First Nation, is west of Armstrong, about 250 kilometres north of Thunder Bay, and the residents of this First Nation have been displaced since July 13, 2026. Their entire community has been destroyed, and they no longer have homes to return to.
Uniqueness	What makes the wildfire crisis impacting The Namaygoosisagagun First Nation unique is that its residents are recognized as First Nations people under the Indian Act *but* Namaygoosisagagun is not recognized as a First Nation, and this non-recognition means that they are not receiving assistance from the Government of Canada. A systemic failure to protect First Nations Peoples, their homes and their lands.
Collective Energy	We need to collectively show up for the people of The Namaygoosisagagun First Nation who have lost everything, and only escaped with their lives. No donation is too small, and every act of generosity is meaningful and greatly appreciated. 100% of your donation will go directly to the people of The Namaygoosisagagun First Nation.
Our asks	1. We are looking for corporate and personal donations, and because Revivify is not registered as a charity but as a non-profit, there will not be tax receipts; 2. If you could share this link with your family, friends and networks, we would be grateful: https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/donation-form/wild-fire-fundraiser
Note	At checkout, the “gift” to Zeffy (this platform) is OPTIONAL. From the dropdown list, click on “Other,” & type in ‘0’.
Donation Link	https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/donation-form/wild-fire-fundraiser

Please let us know if you have any questions, or if you would like to meet.

With care,
Eberechi

Eberechi Okwuwolu

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If you would like to be taken off this mailing list, please write to me. Thank you kindly.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**NOMA Heads to AMO 2026 to Advance Northwestern Ontario Priorities**

THUNDER BAY, ON - August 14, 2026— The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) is heading to Ottawa for the 2026 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference, August 16–19, where municipal leaders from across Northwestern Ontario will advance key regional priorities with provincial ministers, federal representatives, and municipal colleagues from across the province.

The annual AMO Conference provides an important opportunity for Ontario municipalities to engage directly with government decision-makers, strengthen partnerships, and advocate for investments and policy changes that respond to the unique needs of communities across the province.

NOMA's delegation will use the conference to continue advancing priorities that have been raised consistently with both the provincial and federal governments, including:

- **Highways 11 and 17** — advancing safety, reliability and long-term modernization of Northwestern Ontario's Trans-Canada Highway network, including strategic expansion, passing opportunities and infrastructure improvements.
- **Immigration and Workforce Development** — advocating for immigration programs and workforce solutions that better respond to labour shortages and economic opportunities across Northwestern Ontario.
- **Forestry and Forest Products** — supporting a strong and competitive forestry sector while addressing ongoing trade pressures and protecting jobs and communities that depend on the industry.
- **Housing and Municipal Infrastructure** — ensuring Northern, rural and remote municipalities have access to infrastructure funding that creates the conditions necessary for new housing and economic growth.
- **Modernizing the Ontario Land Tribunal** — advancing reforms that improve efficiency, encourage earlier resolution and better reflect the realities and planning capacity of Northern municipalities.
- **Northern Economic Development and Critical Minerals** — ensuring Northwestern Ontario communities are positioned to benefit from major economic opportunities, resource development and new infrastructure investments.

“AMO is one of the most important opportunities we have each year to bring the priorities of Northwestern Ontario directly to government,” said Rick Dumas, President of NOMA and Mayor of Marathon. “Our communities are growing, our economy is evolving, and Northwestern Ontario is increasingly important to the future prosperity of Ontario and Canada. We are coming to Ottawa with clear priorities and practical solutions, and we look forward to productive discussions with our provincial and federal partners.”

NOMA will also use AMO 2026 to build on advocacy undertaken throughout the past year, including meetings at ROMA 2026, discussions with provincial ministers and officials, and NOMA's federal Hill Days in Ottawa.

“Progress happens when municipalities work together and when governments are willing to listen to the realities on the ground,” said Fred Mota, Executive Vice-President of NOMA and Mayor of Red Lake. “AMO gives Northwestern Ontario an opportunity to speak with a strong, united voice while also connecting with municipal leaders from every part of Ontario. We look forward to sharing our experiences, learning from our colleagues and continuing to build the relationships that deliver results for our communities.”

In addition to formal delegations, NOMA representatives will meet with municipal leaders, provincial officials, federal representatives and partner organizations to strengthen collaboration on shared priorities.

Representing **37 municipalities across Northwestern Ontario**, NOMA continues to advocate for policies, programs and investments that recognize the region's unique geography, economic opportunities and infrastructure needs.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

\$1 Billion Infrastructure Investment a Major Win for Northwestern Ontario Municipalities

OTTAWA, ON – August 16, 2026 – A longstanding advocacy priority of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) has resulted in a major policy win for municipalities across Northwestern Ontario. Announced today during the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in Ottawa, the Governments of Canada and Ontario are investing \$1 billion – \$500 million each – in dedicated infrastructure funding for municipalities that do not collect development charges.

The new funding responds directly to a challenge NOMA has consistently raised with both orders of government. None of NOMA’s 37 member municipalities collect development charges, yet they continue to face significant costs to build, renew and expand the critical infrastructure required to support new housing, economic development and community growth.

For Northwestern Ontario, the announcement recognizes that small, rural, remote and Northern municipalities face significant infrastructure needs even without development charge revenues. Roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems remain essential to enabling new housing, protecting existing housing and supporting community growth.

NOMA has long advocated for dedicated funding that reflects this reality, advancing the priority with the Province at AMO 2025 and ROMA 2026, and with the federal government during NOMA’s December 2025 Hill Days in Ottawa. Today’s announcement is a significant advancement of that advocacy and opens a new funding pathway for critical housing-enabling infrastructure across Northwestern Ontario.

“This \$1 billion investment is a significant win for municipalities across Northwestern Ontario and recognizes the unique realities facing small, rural, remote and Northern communities. None of NOMA’s 37 member municipalities collect development charges, yet they still face significant costs to build and renew roads, bridges, water systems and other critical infrastructure required to support housing and community growth. This investment will help create the conditions to unlock new housing, protect existing housing and build stronger, more sustainable communities. We thank the Governments of Canada and Ontario for recognizing these challenges and making this important investment in the future of our communities,” said Rick Dumas, President of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA).

The dedicated \$1 billion investment will help eligible municipalities that do not levy development charges build and renew critical infrastructure, including roads, bridges and water systems, that enables new housing development and helps protect the existing housing supply.

For Northwestern Ontario, these investments have the potential to address longstanding infrastructure gaps, unlock land for housing development, support housing of all types, accommodate workforce and population growth, and strengthen the long-term sustainability of communities across the region.

“For smaller communities across Northwestern Ontario, infrastructure is often the difference between wanting to grow and actually being able to grow,” said Mayor Fred Mota, Executive Vice President of NOMA. *“Our municipalities have housing opportunities, economic opportunities and employers looking for workers, but we need the infrastructure capacity to support that growth. This investment recognizes the realities facing rural, remote and Northern communities and gives municipalities a real opportunity to move important projects forward.”*

NOMA recognizes that this achievement is the result of strong and sustained municipal advocacy and collaboration. The Association thanks the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Government of Ontario, Government of Canada and municipal leaders across Ontario for working together to advance a solution that better reflects the diverse realities of Ontario’s municipalities.

For NOMA members, today’s announcement demonstrates the value of bringing a strong and unified Northwestern Ontario voice to provincial and federal decision-makers.

Our municipalities identified the challenge. NOMA brought that message to Queen’s Park and Parliament Hill. Today, governments have responded with a significant investment that can help our communities build the infrastructure needed for housing and long-term growth.

NOMA looks forward to working with both governments as program details are finalized and ensuring eligible Northwestern Ontario municipalities are positioned to take full advantage of this significant investment in housing-enabling infrastructure.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NOMA Concludes AMO 2026 with Major Funding Win and Strong Momentum

OTTAWA, ON – August 19, 2026 — The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) is concluding a productive 2026 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in Ottawa with a major infrastructure funding announcement, progress on key regional priorities and strengthened relationships with provincial and federal governments, municipal leaders and partners from across Ontario.

NOMA attended AMO representing its 37 member municipalities with a clear objective: advance practical solutions on municipal infrastructure and housing, Highways 11 and 17, Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) reform, and barriers to investment and workforce attraction across Northwestern Ontario.

A highlight of AMO 2026 was the \$1 billion infrastructure funding announcement by the Governments of Canada and Ontario for municipalities that do not collect development charges. The announcement represents a significant policy win following sustained NOMA advocacy at AMO 2025, ROMA 2026 and federal Hill Days in December 2025 for funding that recognizes the realities of small, rural, remote and Northern municipalities. This investment will help address critical infrastructure gaps and create the conditions needed to unlock new housing, economic growth and stronger communities across Northwestern Ontario.

“This announcement demonstrates what sustained, collaborative advocacy can accomplish,” said Rick Dumas, President of NOMA and Mayor of Marathon. “This \$1 billion commitment recognizes the realities of Northern municipalities and will help build the infrastructure needed to support housing, growth and stronger communities across Northwestern Ontario.”

NOMA held several productive ministerial delegations throughout AMO 2026.

NOMA met with Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister George Pirie and Associate Minister Kevin Holland to continue collaborative work on the modernization and expansion of Highways 11 and 17. Discussions focused on improving safety and reliability for residents and commercial drivers, as well as short-, medium- and long-term priorities for the expansion and modernization of the Trans-Canada Highway corridor, with further announcements from the Ministry of Transportation expected soon. NOMA will continue this work in close collaboration with the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to advance a safer, more reliable and modern highway network across Northern Ontario.

“Highways 11 and 17 are nationally significant economic and transportation corridors,” said Fred Mota, Executive Vice-President of NOMA and Mayor of Red Lake. “Modernizing this corridor is about keeping people safe, strengthening our economy and building infrastructure Northwestern Ontario and Canada will depend on for generations.”

NOMA also met with Associate Minister Graydon Smith on the transformation and modernization of the Ontario Land Tribunal, including opportunities for a more efficient and responsive system for municipalities. In a separate meeting with Attorney General Doug Downey, NOMA advocated for reforming how appointments are made to the OLT and establishing a permanent Northwestern Ontario seat, ensuring the region's unique municipal, geographic and planning realities have a consistent voice at the table.

NOMA met with Michelle Cooper, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, to advocate for removing the Non-Resident Speculation Tax in Northwestern Ontario municipalities where housing speculation is not occurring. NOMA emphasized that greater flexibility could remove unnecessary barriers for workers, professionals, entrepreneurs and other newcomers seeking to purchase homes, establish roots and contribute to the region's economy.

Beyond formal delegations, NOMA representatives connected with municipal colleagues, government officials, stakeholders and partners from across Ontario, building new relationships and reconnecting with longtime colleagues and friends.

NOMA congratulates Mayors Rick Dumas, Fred Mota and Wendy Landry on their appointments to the AMO Board of Directors as Northwestern Ontario representatives, as well as incoming AMO President Riley Brockington and the new Board of Directors. NOMA looks forward to working collaboratively with the Board over the next two years while ensuring Northwestern Ontario continues to have a strong voice at Ontario's municipal table.

NOMA leaves AMO 2026 with renewed momentum — from a major infrastructure funding announcement responding directly to a longstanding Northern priority, to productive ministerial delegations and stronger partnerships across all levels of government.

“Northwestern Ontario has tremendous opportunity in front of us,” Dumas said. “We will continue working alongside our members and all levels of government to turn this momentum into action, find real solutions and build Northwestern Ontario into a destination of choice for investment, workforce and quality of life.”

NOMA thanks AMO, the Governments of Ontario and Canada, municipal colleagues and partners for their engagement throughout AMO 2026.

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NOMA STATEMENT ON U.S. TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) **supports** the Government of Canada standing up for Canadian industries, businesses, workers and communities in response to the latest U.S. tariffs.

NOMA recognizes the federal government's efforts to defend Canada's economic interests and competitiveness and to stand up for Canadian industries, businesses, workers and communities. Northwestern Ontario's forestry, mining, manufacturing, transportation and resource sectors are particularly exposed to trade uncertainty, and protecting the people and communities that depend on these sectors must remain a priority.

NOMA recognizes the leadership of Prime Minister Mark Carney, Minister Dominic LeBlanc and Canada's trade negotiating team as they continue to defend Canada's interests. While we remain hopeful that a fair agreement can be reached, NOMA believes that **no deal is better than a bad deal** that compromises Canada's economic interests, sovereignty or long-term competitiveness.

The federal government already has a number of tariff relief and support measures in place. **NOMA encourages** the Government of Canada to ensure these measures are applied quickly and effectively to industries and businesses impacted by the latest tariffs, providing relief where it is needed most.

In times of uncertainty, Canadians have always come together. This moment is no different. **NOMA encourages residents, municipalities and businesses across Northwestern Ontario to continue supporting our local economies and the Canadian businesses and workers who will be impacted by these tariffs.** Supporting local businesses, buying Canadian products and investing in Canadian companies are important ways we can stand together and strengthen our economy.

NOMA will continue working closely with the federal and provincial governments in the days and weeks ahead to advocate for Northwestern Ontario and ensure the unique needs of our industries, workers, businesses and communities remain front and centre.

Our focus remains clear: support Northwestern Ontario, protect our industries and communities, and stand together as Canadians.



June LRCA Board Meeting
 Lakehead Region Conservation Authority
 June 25, 2026, at 4:30 PM
 130 Conservation Road/Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Albert Aiello, Robert Beatty, Donna Blunt, Rudy Buitenhuis, Dan Calvert, Trevor Giertuga (part of Meeting), Sheelagh Hendrick, Jim Vezina

Members Present (Remote):

Grant Arnold, Greg Johnsen

Members Not Present:

Brian Kurikka

Also Present:

Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer

Mark Ambrose, Finance Manager

Ryne Gilliam, Lands Manager

Melissa Hughson, Watershed Manager

Ryan Mackett, Communications Manager

Melanie O'Riley, Administrative Clerk/Receptionist, recorder of Minutes

Gary Ramsdale (Deputation), part of Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

THAT: the Agenda be adopted as published.

Motion: #77/26

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Robert Beatty. **CARRIED.**

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

THAT: *the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority 5th Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 be adopted as published.*

Motion: #78/26

Motion moved by Robert Beatty and motion seconded by Jim Vezina. **CARRIED.**

5. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

No In-Camera meeting was held.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. Delegation

Mr. Gary Ramsdale provided a delegation to the Board regarding recommendations to improve the Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area causeway boat launch area and parking lot.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1. Neebing-McIntyre Floodway Diversion Channel Vegetation Clearing - Design, Tender and Contract Administration

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report NMFC-02-2026 related to permitting the Chief Administration Officer to award the Contract for the Design, Tender and Contract Administration of the 2026 Neebing-McIntyre Floodway Diversion Channel Vegetation Removal project following a competitive Request for Proposal before the next scheduled Board Meeting on August 26, 2026.

THAT: *the Chief Administrative Officer is permitted to award the Contract for the Design, Tender and Contract Administration of the 2026 Neebing-McIntyre Floodway Diversion Channel Vegetation Removal project following a competitive Request for Proposal process and before the next scheduled Board Meeting on August 26, 2026.*

Motion: #79/26

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Jim Vezina. **CARRIED.**

8.2. Conservation Lands Strategy - Action Item Tracking January 2025 to June 2026

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report LM-03-2026 related to the Conservation Lands Strategy Action Tracking program.

***THAT:** Staff Report LM-03-2026 entitled Conservation Lands Strategy Action Tracking, January 2025 to June 2026, be received for information.*

Motion: #80/26

Motion moved by Robert Beatty and motion seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis. **CARRIED.**

9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

9.1. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Members were provided with the Monthly Treasurer's Report for May's Administration and Capital.

9.2. Preliminary 2027 Budget Levy Review

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report FIN-09-2026 related to the 2027 preliminary budget levy.

10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

***THAT:** having examined the accounts for the period May 1, 2026 to May 31, 2026 cheque #3861 to #3879 for \$289,689.86 and preauthorized payments of \$172,013.46 for a total of \$461,703.32, we approve their payment.*

Motion: #81/26

Motion moved by Dan Calvert and motion seconded by Sheelagh Hendrick. **CARRIED.**

11. REGULATORY ROLE

Members were provided with the Plan Input and Review program comments and Section 28 permits issued since last meeting.

12. PROJECTS UPDATE

12.1. Communications Manager Projects Update

It was noted that the 2026 Children's Water Festival was very successful with a total of 267 students from 12 different schools participating.

It was noted that the Mills Block Conservation Area Grand Opening Event will take place on July 9, 2026.

12.2. Lands Manager Projects Update

It was noted that members and clients of the Northwest Community Health Centre assisted in a clean-up along the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway (Thunder Centre) behind the LCBO to Home Depot.

It was noted that a Notice to Vacate was issued to a person(s) who had set up an encampment at Wishart Conservation Area. Members were provided with a verbal update at the meeting that the encampment person(s) had left the area.

It was noted that the final stages of the Mills Block Redevelopment Project were near completion.

12.3. Watershed Manager Projects Update

It was noted that at the request of the City of Thunder Bay Engineering and Operations Division, LRCA staff have begun surface water sampling along Mosquito Creek and Pennock Creek.

It was noted that the annual Neebing-McIntyre Floodway inspection will take place on July 17, 2026.

It was noted that Staff participated in a virtual public meeting on June 10, 2026, for the Coastal Resilience Management Plan project which provided the public with an update on the project.

It was noted that Staff have begun bathing beach sampling at Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area and Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area. Cyanobacteria (formerly known as blue-green algae) monitoring, sampling, and cyanotoxin testing will also be conducted weekly as part of the Bathing Beach Program.

12.4. Stewardship Manager/Biologist Projects Update

It was noted that an opening ceremony with Elder Cindy Crowe and project partners was held at the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway Indigenous Community Medicine Garden, next to the Hope and Memory Garden was well attended on June 5, 2026. A memorial bench was installed within the Garden to honour Indigenous lives taken in the community. Local artist Shelby Gagnon will be painting the bench with community members in the next coming months.

It was noted that the LRCA's Stewardship Team had completed site visits for both streams of the 2026 Shoreline Protection Program. Funding was received by MECP for nine applicants to receive plants, through the cyanobacteria stream of the program, and up to 200 plants were allocated for shoreline restoration at Hurkett Cove Conservation Area. Funding was received from MNR for nine applicants to receive plants through the Thunder Bay Area of Concern stream and up to 200 plants were allocated for riparian restoration along the McIntyre River at Confederation College.

It was noted that the LRCA Stewardship Team hosted a spring native plant sale on June 12, 2026. Sales from that day and pre-sale plant kits totaled 632 native plants sold.

It was noted that on June 13, 2026, approximately 40 Scouts Canada volunteers joined LRCA staff to install an additional 250 plants in the LRCA Office Rain Garden.

It was noted that the LRCA received funding from the Thunder Bay Rotary Club for the installation of a cold frame greenhouse located at the LRCA Administration Office grounds.

It was noted that LRCA Stewardship staff planted 80 black and white spruce seedlings along the new path at Mills Block Conservation Area.

It was noted that the LRCA Office Pollinator Garden will be showcased during an upcoming Watershed Explores event, titled "Traditional Foods and Medicines" on July 15, 2026. This event was funded by TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Donna Blunt, Chair, requested the Board Members and LRCA Managers to provide comments to her for Tammy Cook's, (CAO), annual performance review.

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report LM-04-2026 related to the contract award for the Design of a New Urban Conservation Area to JML Engineering Ltd.

THAT: the contract for the Design of a New Urban Conservation Area be awarded to JML Engineering Ltd. at a cost of \$41,600.00 not including HST AND FURTHER THAT \$12,332.16 will be appropriated from the Urban Conservation Reserve.

Motion: #82/26

Motion moved by Dan Calvert and motion seconded by Sheelagh Hendrick. **CARRIED.**

Members discussed the Delegation provided by Mr. Gary Ramsdale regarding recommendations to improve the Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area causeway boat launch area and parking lot. Staff were directed to bring a Staff Report to the August Board Meeting related to the recommendations provided in the deputation.

14. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

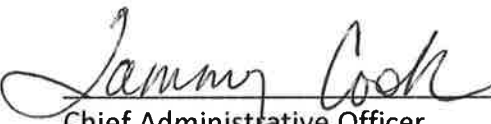
15. ADJOURNMENT

***THAT:** the time being 5:30 **AND FURTHER THAT** there being no further business we adjourn.*

Motion: #83/26

Motion moved by Sheelagh Hendrick and motion seconded by Dan Calvert. **CARRIED.**


Chair


Chief Administrative Officer



May LRCA Board Meeting
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority
May 27, 2026, at 4:30 PM
130 Conservation Road/Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Grant Arnold, Robert Beatty, Donna Blunt, Rudy Buitenhuis, Dan Calvert, Sheelagh Hendrick

Members Present (Remote):

Jim Vezina, Trevor Giertuga, Greg Johnsen, Brian Kurikka

Members Not Present:

Albert Aiello

Also Present:

Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer

Mark Ambrose, Finance Manager

Ryan Mackett, Communications Manager

Melanie O'Riley, Administrative Clerk/Receptionist, recorder of Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

THAT: the Agenda be adopted as published.

Motion: #67/26

Motion moved by Dan Calvert and motion seconded by Sheelagh Hendrick. **CARRIED.**

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

***THAT:** the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority 4th Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 be adopted as published.*

Motion: #68/26

Motion moved by Dan Calvert and motion seconded by Sheelagh Hendrick. **CARRIED.**

5. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

No In-Camera meeting was held.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1. NWORCA Branding

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report COMREL-02-2026 related to the rebranding of the LRCA to “Northwestern Ontario Regional Conservation Authority” effective February 1, 2027, and updated logos and domain names.

***THAT:** Staff Report No. COMREL-02-2026 entitled NWORCA branding be received for information.*

Motion: #69/26

Motion moved by Sheelagh Hendrick and motion seconded by Dan Calvert. **CARRIED.**

***THAT:** the Northwestern Ontario Regional Conservation Authority logos be adopted as presented.*

Motion: #70/26

Motion moved by Sheelagh Hendrick and motion seconded by Dan Calvert. **CARRIED.**

***THAT:** the nworca.ca URL be adopted as the eventual new URL for the Authority website.*

Motion: #71/26

Motion moved by Sheelagh Hendrick and motion seconded by Dan Calvert. **CARRIED.**

8.2. Current River Floodplain Mapping Update – Phase 1 Project Award Recommendation

Members reviewed and discussed the proposal submitted by KGS Group Consulting Engineers to complete Phase 1 of the update to the Current River Floodplain Mapping.

THAT: the proposal submitted by KGS Group Consulting Engineers dated May 8, 2026 to complete Phase 1 of the Current River Floodplain Mapping update be accepted for a cost of \$127,231.00, not including HST.

Motion: #72/26

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Robert Beatty. **CARRIED.**

9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**9.1. Monthly Treasurer's Report**

Members were provided with the Monthly Treasurer's Report for April's Administration and Capital.

9.2. 2026 Budget Amendment

Members reviewed and discussed the amendment to the 2026 Budget.

THAT: the 2026 Budget be amended to add a sole-benefitting levy to the City of Thunder Bay in the amount of \$780,000.00 **AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of the budget amendment be provided to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the City of Thunder Bay.

Sole-Benefitting Levy Portion-Weighted Recorded Vote Results

Municipality	Member	Vote %	Vote
Conmee	Grant Arnold	1.54%	Yes
Dorion	Robert Beatty	1.03%	Yes
Gillies	Rudy Buitenhuis	0.88%	Yes
Neebing	Brian Kurikka	7.87%	Yes
O'Connor	Jim Vezina	1.65%	Yes
Oliver Paipoonge	Dan Calvert	19.30%	Yes
Shuniah	Donna Blunt	17.73%	Yes
Thunder Bay	Sheelagh Hendrick	12.50%	Yes
Thunder Bay	Trevor Giertuga	12.50%	Yes
Thunder Bay	Albert Aiello	12.50%	Absent
Thunder Bay	Greg Johnsen	12.50%	Yes

Motion: #73/26

Motion moved by Robert Beatty and motion seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis. **CARRIED.**

9.3. Consolidation of Conservation Authorities May Update

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CORP-06-2026 related to the consolidation of Conservation Authorities May update. It was noted that all Conservation Authorities received a Minister's Direction effective May 1, 2026, to February 1, 2027, outlining temporary restrictions related to governance, organizational or staffing changes, acquisition and disposition of land, significant capital transactions and the acquisition of goods and services. It was also noted that the firm EY was retained by the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency as a third-party advisor to support the development of a "Playbook" to guide the transition to regional Conservation Authorities. All CAs are required to complete an information request prior to June 12, 2026, regarding CA operations.

THAT Report CORP-06-2026 entitled Consolidation of Conservation Authorities May Update, be received for information.

Motion: #74/26

Motion moved by Grant Arnold and motion seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis. **CARRIED.**

10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

THAT: having examined the accounts for the period April 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026 cheque #3843 to #3860 for \$419,735.94 and preauthorized payments of \$147,851.93 for a total of \$567,587.87, we approve their payment.

Motion: #75/26

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Robert Beatty. **CARRIED.**

11. REGULATORY ROLE

Members were provided with the Plan Input and Review program comments and Section 28 permits issued since last meeting.

12. PROJECTS UPDATE**12.1. Communications Manager Projects Update**

It was noted that the Dorion Bird Festival was very well attended with 82 people on Saturday and 54 people on Sunday. 121 different species of birds were sighted with 1 new species, a Gadwall Duck, being observed.

It was noted that the 2026 Wine Tasting and Dinner event at Whitewater was very successful. The profit of \$10,900 that was raised will go towards Environmental Education programming.

It was noted that a “grand re-opening of Mills Block Conservation Area” public event will occur on Thursday, July 9, 2026.

12.2. Lands Manager Projects Update

It was noted that a grass fire occurred near Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area on May 21, 2026. There was no damage to LRCA infrastructure; however, there were trees that were damaged that will require removal.

It was noted that the Norwest Community Health Centre has volunteered to clean along the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway behind the LCBO, led by Brian Hamilton.

It was noted that North Rock Engineering was hired to complete the 5 year update of the LRCA Asset Management Plan.

12.3. Watershed Manager Projects Update

it was noted that a virtual public open house for the Coastal Resilience Management Plan Project will take place on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, via Microsoft Teams.

It was noted that the GIS/IT Specialist and Environmental Planner attended the Conservation Authority Collaborative Information Session (CACIS) held in Barrie, Ontario on May 12-13, 2026.

It was noted that the LRCA hosted and participated in the Kaministiquia River Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting held on May 5, 2026.

It was noted that staff have completed their annual rain gauge inspection at the nine rain gauge stations maintained by the LRCA.

It was noted that the Provincial (Stream) Water Quality Monitoring Network (PWQMN) sampling program facilitated by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks has begun.

12.4. Stewardship Manager/Biologist Projects Update

It was noted that the Tree Seedling Program was a huge success with 11,920 tree seedlings sold and \$9,048.00 raised for the Environmental Education Program. All trees were donated by Hill's Greenhouse.

It was noted that LRCA's 2026 Shoreline Protection Program received funding from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. Twenty landowners experiencing cyanobacteria concerns or looking to restore degraded nearshore wildlife habitat in the Thunder Bay Area of Concern will benefit from the program.

It was noted that volunteers have begun tending the Hope and Memory Garden along Balmoral Avenue and the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway with LRCA staff supporting garden operations. The Garden will be a stop on June 20th Motorcycle Ride for Dad event hosted by Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation.

It was noted that on June 5, 2026, an Opening Ceremony for the Indigenous Community Medicine Garden that is located adjacent to the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway will take place.

It was noted that on April 22, 2026, the LRCA hosted a volunteer transplanting event with over 40 volunteers that transplanted native perennials into large plant pots.

It was noted that the Seeds for Conservation Program has raised \$6,482.80 through seed and plant sales for the first quarter of the 2026 financial year.

13. NEW BUSINESS

None.

14. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

THAT: the time being 5:17 p.m. ***AND FURTHER THAT*** there being no further business we adjourn.

Motion: #76/26

Motion moved by Robert Beatty and motion seconded by Grant Arnold. ***CARRIED.***

Chair

Chief Administrative Officer

August 27, 2026

To: Member Municipalities of the LRCA

Re: Draft Budget Consultation
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Draft 2027 Budget

As outlined in O. Reg. 402/22: Budget and Apportionment, Conservation Authorities are required to follow a prescriptive budgetary process. The process provides for a provincially consistent process for open and transparent drafting and approval of Conservation Authority budgets. This correspondence is to advise you of the Board's approval of Lakehead Region Conservation Authority's (LRCA) 2027 Draft Budget for consultation purposes.

Draft 2027 Budget

The 2027 budget format categories all programs into three categories:

- Category 1: Mandatory Programs
- Category 2: Non-Mandatory Programs at the request of municipality
- Category 3: Non-Mandatory Programs (no levy used to fund these programs)

Programs considered to be mandatory, are included in the municipal levy. Programs that are deemed non-mandatory by the Province require an additional approval step by Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with each Member Municipality if municipal levy is used to fund the program. Currently, the LRCA provides a mapping service, which is a non-mandatory Category 2 program (i.e., at the request of a municipality) to the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge, Lakehead Rural Planning Board and Township of Dorion. MOUs will be provided separately, where each municipality can choose to continue the service in 2027. Additionally, the LRCA may continue providing water quality monitoring services to the City of Thunder Bay Engineering Department if contracted. Category 3 non-mandatory programs currently provided by the LRCA (i.e., Education and Stewardship) do not use any municipal levy and are externally funded by donation, various grants, provincial and federal funding, and self-generated funds; therefore, no MOUs will be requested in 2027 for these programs.

The LRCA Board reviewed and approved the Draft 2027 Budget for consultation purposes at the August 26, 2026, Board Meeting. Subsequently, the 2027 Draft Budget and Draft Budget Summary, which outlines each Member Municipalities apportionment, are being provided for

your review. These documents and a full explanatory Draft Budget Document can be found on the LRCA website <https://lakeheadca.com/governance/budget>.

The 2027 budget results in a 4.07%/\$48,213 increase compared to 2026 in the levy-all category (i.e., levy for programs that benefit all members). Each member municipality's actual increase varies between 3.86% and 6.23% as the levy is apportioned based on the current value assessment.

The City of Thunder Bay also has a sole-benefitting levy related to the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway, floodplain mapping within the City and erosion works on city owned land on Victor Street. This levy will increase by 16.8%/\$157,775; however, it is noted that \$130,000 of this levy is to recover LRCA held floodplain mapping funds that were used to update the Current River Floodplain mapping in 2026 at the request of the City of Thunder Bay, outside of the approved budget. These funds will be needed to maintain the existing floodplain mapping in the future. Total levy (levy-all + sole-benefitting) for the City will increase by 11.17% when compared to 2026. The levy increase would have been 3.91% if the \$130,000 recovery of funds was not factored into the calculation.

The final 2027 Budget will be reviewed and considered for approval at the November 26, 2026, Board Meeting. As mandated, each Member Municipality will receive notice of this meeting at least 30 days prior along with a copy of the Final Draft Budget. Once approved the Final Budget will be provided to each Member Municipality and the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and be posted on the LRCA website.

LRCA transition to NWORCA

As of February 1, 2027 the LRCA will be transitioned to the Northwestern Ontario Regional Conservation Authority (NWORCA) and will be one of nine "regional" conservation authorities in the province. Further information will be forthcoming related to future board appointments, new legal name, etc. Staff are working with the new Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency to ensure that the LRCA is transition ready.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments related to the Budget, please contact the undersigned. Additionally, if requested, staff from the LRCA will attend council meetings to review and discuss the 2027 Draft Budget.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Cook". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Tammy" and last name "Cook" clearly distinguishable.

Tammy Cook
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments: 2027 Draft Budget Summary Table
2027 Draft Budget Summary Fact Sheet

2027 Draft Budget	
4.07% Levy-All increase compared to 2026	
Total Levy	
Levy-All	\$1,232,095(33.06%)
Total Provincial Grant Revenue	\$365,742(9.81%)
Total Federal Grant Revenue	\$179,495(4.82%)
Total Donation Revenue	\$31,000(0.83%)
Total Other Grants	\$27,393(0.73%)
Self-Generated Revenue	\$621,981(16.69%)
Deferred/Surplus	\$259,713(6.97%)
Reserve Appropriations	\$39,867(1.87%)
Total Budget	\$3,727,137

** Section 39 Transfer Payment unconfirmed for 2027

2027 Total Levy-All Compared to 2026						
Municipality	2026 CVA %	2026 Levy \$	2027 CVA %	2027 Levy \$	\$ Change	% Change
Thunder Bay	85.66	1,013,640	85.55	1,054,058	40,418	3.99
Conmee	0.45	5,204	0.44	5,416	212	4.07
Dorion	0.29	3,433	0.29	3,573	140	4.08
Gillies	0.25	2,960	0.25	3,080	120	4.05
Neebing	2.26	26,638	2.26	27,846	1,208	4.53
O'Connor	0.48	5,684	.49	6,038	354	6.23
Oliver Paipoonge	5.63	67,364	5.75	70,847	3,483	5.17
Shuniah	4.99	58,959	4.97	61,237	2,278	3.86
	100	1,183,882	100	1,232,095	48,213	4.07

*CVA – Current Value Assessment

2027 Sole-Benefitting Levy Compared to 2026							
Municipality	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2026 vs 2027 \$ Change	2026 vs 2027 % Change
Thunder Bay	716,497	744,916	770,138	781,076	938,851	157,775	16.80

-Neebing-McIntyre Floodway, Victor Street Erosion, Maintaining Floodplain Mapping

-Includes an addition \$130,000 to recover floodplain mapping funds used to update the current river floodplain mapping at the request of the City of Thunder Bay

2027 Total Levy Compared to 2026							
City portion of Levy-All + City Sole-Benefitting Levy							
Municipality	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2026 vs 2027 \$ Change	2025 vs 2026 % Change
Thunder Bay	1,641,731	1,697,120	1,749,951	1,793,640	1,993,908	200,268	11.17%

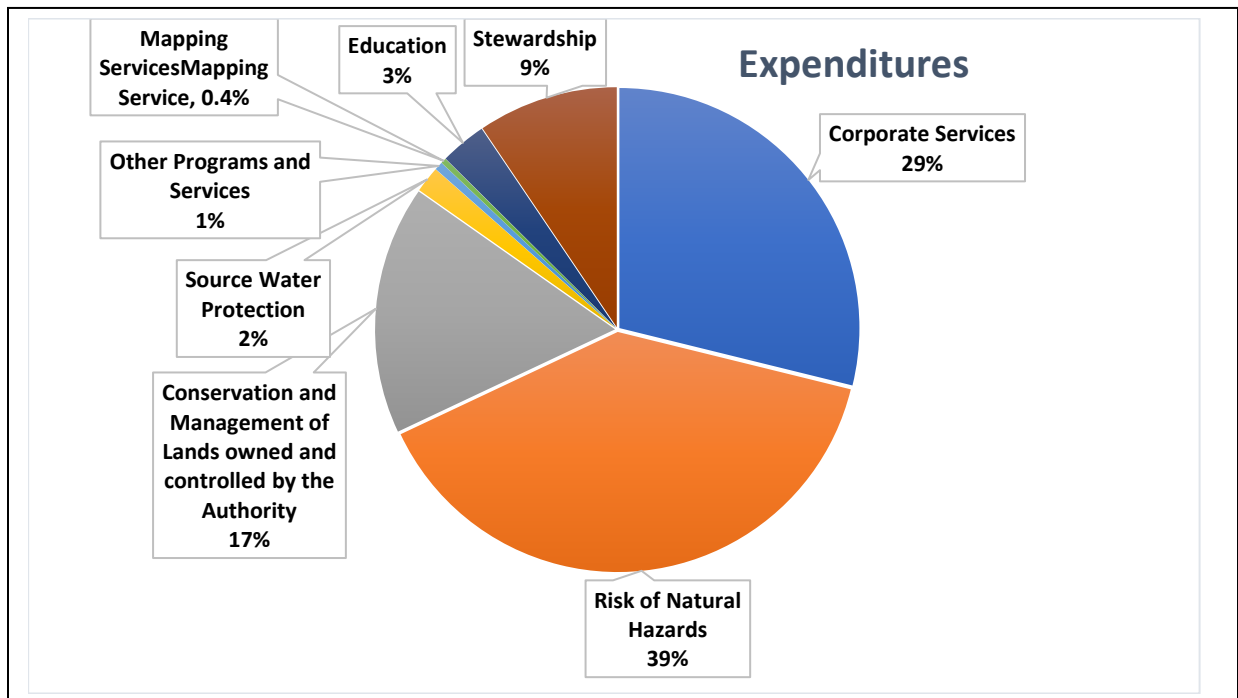
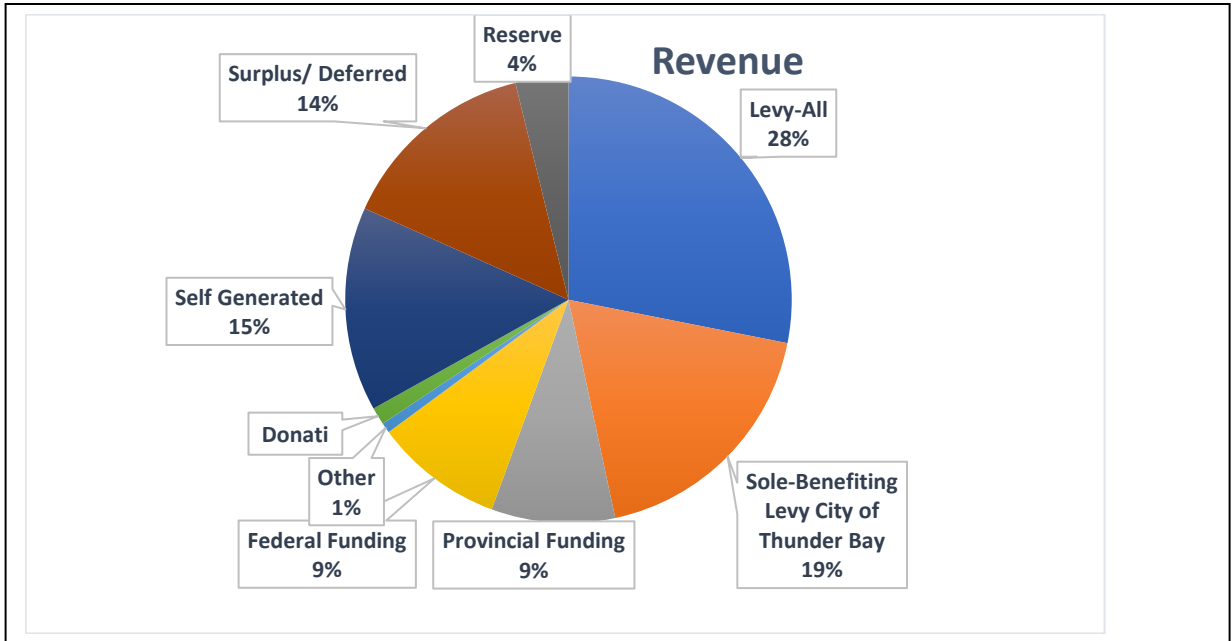
2027 Budget Notes

- Levy-all increase 2027 versus 2026 = 4.07%
 - 2026 increase – 3.50%
- Minimal to no increases are feasible in the short term but are not realistic for the long-term operation of the LRCA.
- Provincial funding anticipated to be provided in 2027 (included as revenue in budget)
 - Section 39 Transfer Payment - \$150,940
 - Source Water Protection Transfer Payment - \$66,302
 - Other One-Time Grants - \$207,100

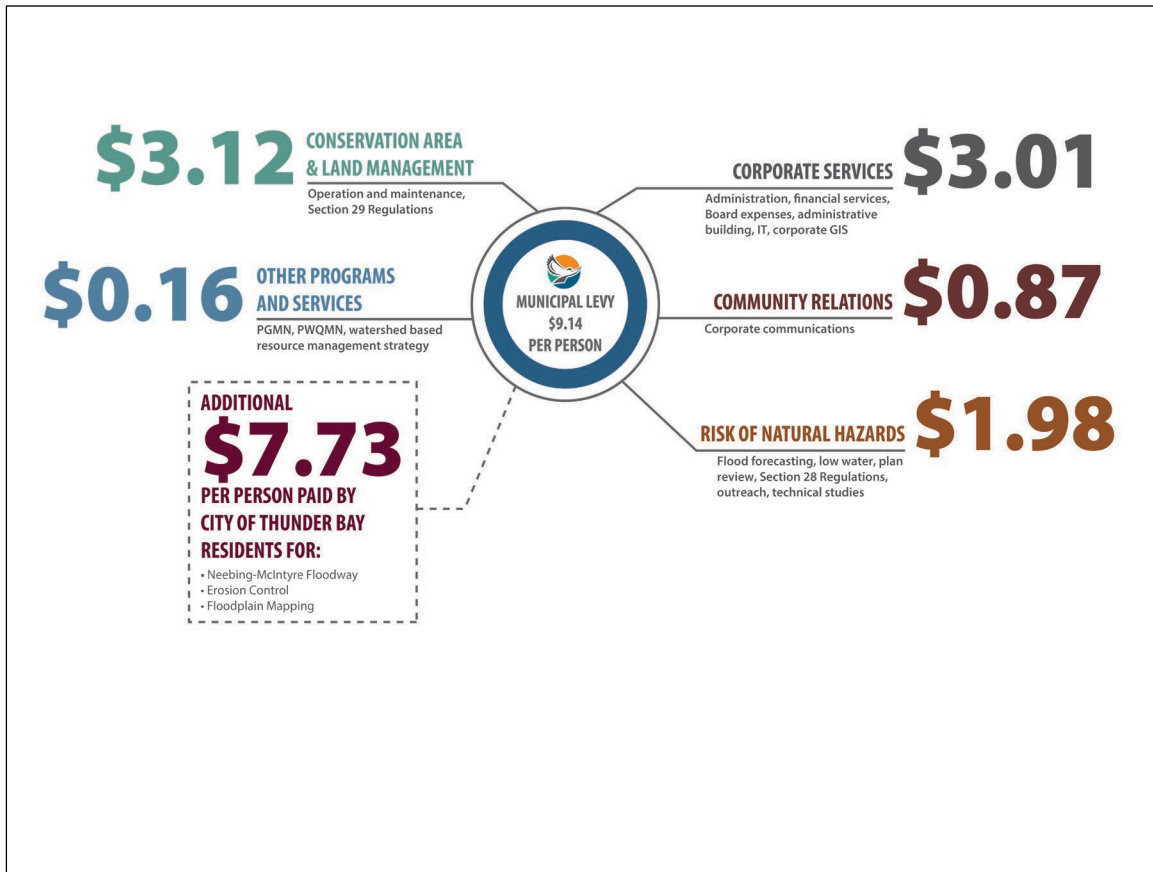
2027 Budget Highlights

Highlights of the 2027 Budget expenditures include:

- Continuation of annual programming including:
 - Plan Review,
 - Development Regulations,
 - Watershed monitoring,
 - Flood Forecasting and Warning,
 - Operation and maintenance of LRCA owned properties,
 - Stewardship (no levy), and
 - Education programming (no levy).
- Other items:
 - Transition costs - LRCA to the Northwestern Ontario Regional Conservation Authority.
 - File modernization – move towards a more digital platform. Scanning of records, etc.
 - New GPS unit.
 - New signage in two conservation areas using the new Sign Strategy (Mission Island Marsh and Cedar Falls).
 - Continue with Urban Conservation Area development including sourcing outside funding.
 - Small boardroom reorganization (add three workstations).
- Anticipated costs related to transition include:
 - Replacement of the two signs at the LRCA Administration Office to reflect new operating name.
 - Cost to change legal name on land titles.
 - Legal costs.
 - Stationary costs.
 - Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency annual fee.
- Planned Reserve withdrawals:
 - Administration - \$50,000
 - Vehicle and Equipment - \$4,150
 - Forest Management - \$35,872
 - Conservation Area Capital - \$35,000



Municipal Levy per person



Lakehead Region Conservation Authority 2027 Draft Budget Version 1.0										
Program	Annual Cost									
	Source of Funding									Total Cost 2027
	Levy-All	Sole-Benefiting Levy City of Thunder Bay	Provincial Funding	Federal Funding	Other		Self Generated	Surplus/ Deferred	Reserve	
Donations					Grants and Other					
Category 1 Mandatory Programs and Services										
Corporate Services										
Administration	317,153	-	30,188	-	-	-	293,502	87,400	50,000	778,243
Community Relations	117,228	-	-	-	-	-	7,000	-	-	124,228
Vehicle and Equipment Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	53,000	-	4,150	57,150
IT	68,795	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,795
Corporate GIS	19,445	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,445
	522,621	-	30,188	-	-	-	353,502	87,400	54,150	1,047,861
Risk of Natural Hazards										
Flood Plain Mapping	-	162,845	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	162,845
Technical Studies	2,449	-	-	61,380	-	-	-	13,767	-	77,596
Communications and Outreach	15,779	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,779
Flood Forecasting and Warning	8,021	-	39,571	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,592
Drought and Low Water Response	1,526	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,526
Infrastructure: Neebing-McIntye Floodway	-	728,094	68,681	-	-	-	500	-	-	797,275
Infrastructure: Victor Street Erosion	-	48,912	12,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,412
Review of Proposals under Act	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plan Review Comments	61,552	-	-	9,300	-	-	25,000	10,000	-	105,852
Administering and Enforcing the Act (Section 28)	177,975	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	-	-	202,975
	267,302	939,851	120,752	70,680	-	-	50,500	23,767	-	1,472,851
Conservation and Management of Lands owned and controlled by the Authority										
Conservation Areas	261,567	-	-	-	-	-	115,000	62,000	-	438,567
Conservation Areas Capital	89,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89,500
Administer Section 29 Regulations	16,539	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,539
Other Owned Land	53,217	-	-	-	-	-	5,256	-	27,076	85,549
	420,823	-	-	-	-	-	120,256	62,000	27,076	630,155
Source Water Protection										
Source Water Protection	-	-	66,302	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,302
	-	-	66,302	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,302
Other Programs and Services										
Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network (PGMN)	15,883	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,883
Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network (PWQMN)	5,466	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,466
	21,349	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,349
Total Category 1	1,232,095	939,851	217,242	70,680	-	-	524,258	173,167	81,226	3,238,518
Category 2 Non-Mandatory Programs and Services at the request of a Municipality										
Mapping Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,000	- 2,239	-	13,761
Mosquito and Pennock Creek Monitoring	-	-	-	-	-	2,293	-	-	-	2,293
Total Category 2	-	-	-	-	-	2,293	16,000	- 2,239	-	16,054
Category 3 Non-Mandatory Programs and Services										
Education										
Environmental Education	-	-	-	-	17,000.00	6,200	10,198	45,069	-	78,467
Nature Interpretive Programming	-	-	-	-	14,000	18,900	20,525	- 14,855	-	38,570
	-	-	-	-	31,000	25,100	30,723	30,214	-	117,037
Stewardship										
Superior Stewards Program	-	-	40,000	-	-	-	-	13,158	-	53,158
Tree Seedling Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,000	-	8,796	14,796
Seeds for Conservation	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,000	-	20,155	24,845
Stewardship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,413	-	45,413
MECP NWP Admin Controls Protocol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ECCC Eco Action Indigenous Community Garden	-	-	-	40,600	-	-	-	-	-	40,600
ECCC GFLEI Floodway Habitat Corridor	-	-	-	58,000	-	-	-	-	-	58,000
MECP Restoration Maintenance of Current Sites	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ISC Phragmites	-	-	65,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,000
Parks Canada Cattail Project	-	-	43,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,500
Wolf River Sea Lamprey	-	-	-	2,215	-	-	-	-	-	2,215
Neebing McIntrye Sea Lamprey	-	-	-	8,000	-	-	-	-	-	8,000
	-	-	148,500	108,815	-	-	51,000	58,571	- 11,359	355,527
Total Category 3	-	-	148,500	108,815	31,000	25,100	81,723	88,785	- 11,359	472,564
Total	1,232,095	939,851	365,742	179,495	31,000	27,393	621,981	259,713	69,867	3,727,137

* Negative Reserve amounts are appropriations to Reserves .

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Made in Canada, Built in Thunder Bay: NOMA Welcomes VIA Rail Decision

September 3, 2026 – Thunder Bay, ON - The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) welcomes the Government of Canada's announcement that it will move forward with Alstom Canada for VIA Rail's new train sets an important investment that will support the long-term viability of Alstom's Thunder Bay manufacturing facility, protect good-paying skilled jobs and strengthen Canada's domestic rail manufacturing capacity.

Today's announcement represents an important advocacy success for Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario.

For the past year, NOMA, the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission (CEDC), the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce and other community, industry and labour stakeholders have worked collaboratively to advance this critical decision. Together, stakeholders called on the federal government to sole-source VIA Rail's new train sets to Alstom Canada and ensure Canadian public procurement supports Canadian workers, Canadian manufacturing and Canadian communities.

NOMA has raised the importance of the Thunder Bay plant directly with the federal government, emphasizing that maintaining rail manufacturing in Northwestern Ontario is about much more than one facility. These investments support skilled trades, families, local businesses and suppliers throughout the region while strengthening Canada's domestic manufacturing and transportation supply chains.

"This is a significant win for Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario, and it demonstrates what can happen when our region speaks with a united voice," said Rick Dumas, President of NOMA and Mayor of Marathon. "For the past year, NOMA has worked alongside the CEDC, Chamber of Commerce and other regional partners to make the case for this investment and to call on the federal government to sole-source this work to Alstom Canada. Today's decision will help provide long-term stability for the Thunder Bay plant, protect good-paying jobs and generate economic benefits throughout Northwestern Ontario."

The economic impact of continued work at the Thunder Bay facility extends well beyond the plant itself. Rail manufacturing supports an extensive supply chain involving parts and components, transportation, engineering, skilled trades, professional services and small and medium-sized businesses throughout Thunder Bay, Northwestern Ontario and Canada.

At a time of changing global trade relationships and increasing economic uncertainty, maintaining and growing Canada’s domestic manufacturing capacity is increasingly important. Investments that keep manufacturing work in Canada help protect communities from global supply chain disruptions, retain skilled workers and ensure Canada has the domestic capacity required to build critical transportation infrastructure.

“When governments are investing Canadian tax dollars in major infrastructure and transportation projects, we should be looking first at how those investments can support Canadian workers and Canadian communities,” said Fred Mota, Executive Vice-President of NOMA and Mayor of Red Lake. “Thunder Bay has generations of experience building rail cars and an incredibly skilled workforce. Keeping this work in Canada strengthens our manufacturing sector, supports suppliers and businesses across Northwestern Ontario and ensures we maintain this important capacity for the future.”

NOMA thanks Prime Minister Mark Carney and Minister of Transport Steven MacKinnon for listening to the collective advocacy from Northwestern Ontario and recognizing the importance of maintaining Canadian rail manufacturing capacity in Thunder Bay.

NOMA also recognizes the leadership and advocacy of the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Member of Parliament for Thunder Bay—Superior North, and Marcus Powlowski, Member of Parliament for Thunder Bay—Rainy River, who have worked with regional leaders and stakeholders to advance the importance of the Alstom Thunder Bay facility and the jobs and economic opportunities it supports.

This announcement demonstrates what can be achieved when Northwestern Ontario works together with a clear and united voice. It is an investment in Thunder Bay, in skilled Canadian workers, in our regional economy and in Canada’s long-term ability to build the transportation infrastructure our country needs.

NOMA will continue working collaboratively with federal and provincial governments, municipalities, industry, labour and regional partners to advocate for investments that create and protect good-paying jobs, strengthen Northwestern Ontario’s economy and ensure the region plays an important role in building Canada’s future.

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

Date: September 8, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Resident Request to Amend Open Air Burning Hours

File Number: 06-C02-0005 – Current Bylaws

Submitted by: Karen Paisley, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the report regarding a resident request to amend Bylaw 2026-022, being the Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-law; AND THAT Council direct staff regarding whether a by-law amendment should be prepared for consideration at a future meeting.

BACKGROUND:

Council adopted Bylaw 2026-022 on June 23, 2026. The by-law regulates open air burning and the setting off of fireworks within the Township and replaced the Township's previous open air burning and fireworks by-laws.

Staff recently received a request from a resident to amend Schedule "A" of the by-law to permit open air burning to commence at 4:00 p.m. rather than the current permitted start time established in the by-law. The resident has advised that an earlier start time would provide additional time for brush piles to burn before late evening.

The resident has indicated an intention to address Council regarding the request at the September 8, 2026 meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Schedule "A", Section 9.1 of By-law No. 2026-022 currently provides that, unless otherwise authorized by a Fire Permit, no person shall start a fire earlier than two (2) hours before sunset or allow a fire to burn later than two (2) hours after sunrise.

The resident has requested that Council consider replacing the existing commencement time with a fixed start time of 4:00 p.m.

The Fire Chief has advised staff that he is willing to consider one-time requests from residents who require authorization to burn outside the hours otherwise established by the by-law. The resident has indicated a preference for a permanent amendment to the by-law.

As the request would alter the operational requirements established in Schedule "A" of the by-law, any change would require a separate amending by-law.

Council may provide direction to staff regarding whether an amendment should be prepared for consideration at a future meeting.



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE
BY-LAW # 2026-022**

A By-law to regulate Open Air Burning and the setting off of Fireworks within the Township of Conmee.

Recitals:

1. Council of The Corporation of the Township of Conmee is authorized under the *Municipal Act, 2001* to pass by-laws respecting the health, safety, and well-being of persons.
2. The *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* authorizes municipalities to regulate fire prevention and the setting of open-air fires.
3. The *Forest Fires Prevention Act* authorizes municipalities to regulate open air burning and to impose fire restrictions or fire bans in response to hazardous conditions.
4. Council considers it appropriate and expedient to modernize and consolidate its regulatory framework respecting open air burning and the use of fireworks within the Township.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Conmee enacts as follows:

PART I – GENERAL

1. Short Title

This By-law may be cited as the **Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-law**.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this By-law is to regulate open air burning and the sale, possession, and setting off of fireworks within the Township of Conmee in order to protect public safety, property, and the natural environment.

3. Authority

This By-law is enacted pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*, the *Forest Fires Prevention Act*, and any successor legislation.

4. Definitions

In this By-law:

- a) **Chief Fire Official** means the Fire Chief of the Township of Conmee or their designate.
- b) **Dangerous Conditions** means conditions that, in the opinion of the Chief Fire Official, increase the risk of fire ignition or spread, including weather conditions, drought, wind, fuel load, or proximity to combustible materials.
- c) **Fire Ban** means a temporary prohibition or restriction on open air burning or fireworks imposed due to fire hazard conditions.

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- d) **Fire Permit** means a permit issued by or on behalf of the Township authorizing open air burning under prescribed conditions.
- e) **Fire Season** means a period during which additional restrictions on open air burning may be imposed due to elevated fire risk, as determined by the Chief Fire Official.
- f) **Low-Hazard Fireworks** and **High-Hazard Fireworks** have the meanings assigned under the *Explosives Act (Canada)*.
- g) **Municipality** means The Corporation of the Township of Conmee.
- h) **Open Air Burning** means the burning of materials outdoors and includes brush burning, debris burning, recreational fires, and agricultural burning, but does not include fires used solely for cooking or warmth where otherwise permitted.
- i) **Permit Holder** means a Person to whom a Fire Permit has been issued.
- j) **Person** means an individual, corporation, partnership, association, firm, or any other legal entity.
- k) **Recreational Fire** means an open air fire used solely for cooking, warmth, or recreational enjoyment that does not exceed 0.9 metres (3 feet) in height or in diameter, and that complies with all applicable requirements of this By-law and any additional criteria established by the Township from time to time.

PART II – OPEN AIR BURNING

5. General Prohibition

No person shall conduct open air burning within the Township except in accordance with this By-law.

6. Permit Requirements

6.1 A Fire Permit is required for all open air burning unless specifically exempted under this By-law.

6.2 For the purposes of this By-law, the **Fire Season** shall be deemed to run annually from **April 1 to October 31**, inclusive, unless extended, shortened, or otherwise modified by the Chief Fire Official in response to prevailing conditions.

6.3 Outside of the Fire Season, a Fire Permit is not required for open air burning, except where a Fire Ban, Fire Season declaration, or other restriction has been imposed under this By-law.

6.4 Recreational fires that comply with Township-established size, location, and safety requirements may be exempt from permit requirements at any time, subject to any Fire Ban, Fire Season restriction, or other condition imposed by the Chief Fire Official.

7. Permit Issuance and Administration

7.1 Fire Permits may be issued electronically or in such other form as the Township deems appropriate.

7.2 Fire Permits may be subject to a fee established by Council from time to time.

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7.3 A Fire Permit may include conditions respecting:

- the hours during which burning may occur;
- the types of materials permitted to be burned;
- fire size and location;
- supervision and required firefighting equipment; and
- weather, seasonal, or fire hazard-related restrictions.

7.4 Fire Permits shall be valid only for the period specified therein.

8. Suspension, Revocation, Fire Seasons, and Fire Bans

8.1 The Chief Fire Official may suspend, revoke, refuse, or shorten the duration of any Fire Permit where, in their opinion:

- fire hazard conditions exist;
- weather conditions are unsuitable;
- dangerous conditions arise; or
- public safety is at risk.

8.2 The Chief Fire Official may declare a Fire Season and impose additional conditions or restrictions applicable during that period.

8.3 The Chief Fire Official may declare a Fire Ban applicable to all or part of the Township.

9. Operational Requirements

Every person conducting open air burning shall:

- remain on site and supervise the fire at all times;
- have adequate firefighting equipment readily available;
- maintain the fire under control at all times; and
- fully extinguish the fire before leaving the site or by the time specified in the permit.

10. Prohibited Materials

No person shall burn refuse, construction or demolition materials, plastics, rubber, treated or painted wood, household waste, or any material prohibited by provincial or federal legislation.

PART III – FIREWORKS

11. Sale and Use Restrictions

11.1 The sale of High-Hazard Fireworks is prohibited within the Township.

11.2 Low-Hazard Fireworks may be sold and used only in accordance with this By-law and applicable federal legislation.

12. Fireworks Permits

12.1 No person shall set off High-Hazard Fireworks or hold a fireworks display without a permit issued by the Chief Fire Official.

12.2 A permit may be required for Low-Hazard Fireworks in circumstances determined by the Township, including organized displays or special events.

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13. Permit Applications and Conditions

13.1 Applications for fireworks permits shall be made in the form and within the timeframe established by the Township.

13.2 The Chief Fire Official may inspect the site of a proposed fireworks display where deemed necessary.

13.3 Fireworks permits may include conditions respecting:

- storage and handling;
- site safety;
- supervision and qualifications of operators;
- cleanup and disposal of debris; and
- weather, seasonal, or fire hazard-related restrictions.

14. Fire Hazard Restrictions

No fireworks shall be discharged during a Fire Ban, Fire Season restriction, or where fire hazard conditions render such activity unsafe, as determined by the Chief Fire Official.

PART IV – ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

15. Enforcement Authority

This By-law may be enforced by the Chief Fire Official, a By-law Enforcement Officer, or any other person authorized by the Township.

16. Compliance Orders

An enforcement officer may order any person to immediately extinguish a fire or cease fireworks activity where it poses a risk to life, property, or the natural environment.

17. Cost Recovery

Where the Township incurs costs responding to a fire or fireworks incident arising from non-compliance with this By-law, such costs may be recovered from the responsible person, including in a like manner as municipal taxes.

18. Indemnification

Except to the extent permitted by law, every person who conducts open air burning or sets off fireworks shall indemnify and save harmless the Township, its officers, employees, and agents from any claims, costs, or damages arising from such activities.

19. Application of Greater Restrictions

Where the provisions of this By-law are less restrictive than those imposed under provincial legislation, a Fire Ban, a Fire Season restriction, or an order of a competent authority, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

PART V – OFFENCES, PENALTIES, AND FINAL PROVISIONS

20. Offences and Penalties

Every person who contravenes this By-law is guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, is liable to penalties as provided in the *Provincial Offences Act*.

21. Set Fines

21.1 The offences set out in Schedule "B" to this By-law are designated as offences for the purposes of Part I of the *Provincial Offences Act*.

21.2 For the purposes of proceedings under Part I of the *Provincial Offences Act*, the set fines indicated in Schedule "B" are hereby adopted.

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21.3 Schedule "B" shall come into force upon approval by the Regional Senior Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice.

22. Severability

If any section, subsection, or provision of this By-law is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this By-law.

23. Repeal and Replacement

23.1 By-law No. 690, being a by-law to regulate open air burning, and By-law No. 914, being a by-law to regulate the setting off of fireworks, and all amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

23.2 This By-law is enacted in replacement of all former by-laws, resolutions, or portions thereof that regulate open air burning or fireworks within the Township of Conmee, to the extent of any inconsistency.

24. Effective Date

This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of passing.

Passed this 23rd day of June, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE


Mayor Sheila Maxwell


Clerk Karen Paisley

SCHEDULE "A"
OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OPEN AIR BURNING

1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1.1 Every person conducting open air burning shall:

- (a) ensure the fire is supervised at all times;
- (b) have sufficient equipment available to control and extinguish the fire;
- (c) ensure the fire does not create a nuisance, hazard, or undue smoke affecting neighbouring properties or roadways; and
- (d) fully extinguish the fire before leaving the site.

2. RECREATIONAL FIRES (NO PERMIT REQUIRED)

2.1 A Recreational Fire does not require a Fire Permit provided that:

- (a) the fire does not exceed 0.9 metres (3 feet) in height or diameter;
- (b) the fire is used solely for cooking, warmth, or recreational enjoyment; and
- (c) all requirements of this Schedule and the By-law are complied with.

2.2 Every Recreational Fire shall:

- (a) be located at least 4 metres from any building, structure, fence, or combustible material;
- (b) be set on non-combustible ground or within a cleared area;
- (c) have a minimum vertical clearance of 4 metres from overhead vegetation; and
- (d) be controlled and extinguished in accordance with this Schedule.

2.3 Notwithstanding subsection 2.1, Recreational Fires are prohibited during a declared Fire Ban.

3. FIRES REQUIRING A PERMIT

3.1 Any open air burning that does not meet the definition of a Recreational Fire shall require a Fire Permit.

3.2 Without limiting the generality of subsection 3.1, a Fire Permit is required for:

- (a) brush burning;
- (b) land clearing or debris burning;
- (c) agricultural burning; and
- (d) any fire exceeding 0.9 metres (3 feet) in height or diameter.

4. WEATHER CONDITIONS

4.1 No person shall set or maintain a fire where:

- (a) wind speeds exceed 15 kilometres per hour; or
- (b) weather conditions increase the risk of fire spread, as determined by the Chief Fire Official.

5. PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED MATERIALS

5.1 Only the following materials may be burned:

- (a) untreated wood;
- (b) brush, branches, and natural vegetation.

5.2 No person shall burn:

- (a) household waste or garbage;
- (b) plastics, rubber, or synthetic materials;

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- (c) painted, treated, or stained wood;
- (d) construction or demolition materials; or
- (e) any material prohibited by provincial or federal legislation.

6. FIRE SIZE AND CONTROL

6.1 No person shall:

- (a) maintain more than two (2) burn piles at one time; or
- (b) exceed a total burn area greater than 0.04 hectares (0.1 acres).

6.2 No person shall maintain a brush pile exceeding 1.8 metres by 1.8 metres (6 feet by 6 feet) in size.

6.3 Every fire shall be kept under control at all times.

7. FIRE CONTROL EQUIPMENT

7.1 Every person conducting open air burning shall have immediately available:

- (a) a supply of water sufficient to control the fire; and
- (b) at least one (1) shovel or similar hand tool.

7.2 Additional equipment may be required by the Chief Fire Official based on the nature of the burn.

8. SUPERVISION

8.1 Every fire shall be attended at all times by a responsible person.

8.2 The person supervising the fire shall:

- (a) be capable of taking immediate action to control or extinguish the fire; and
- (b) not be impaired by alcohol or drugs.

9. HOURS OF BURNING

9.1 Unless otherwise authorized by a Fire Permit, no person shall:

- (a) start a fire earlier than two (2) hours before sunset; or
- (b) allow a fire to burn later than two (2) hours after sunrise.

10. FIRE PERMIT CONDITIONS

10.1 All fires conducted under a Fire Permit shall comply with:

- (a) this Schedule; and
- (b) any additional conditions imposed by the Fire Permit.

10.2 Where there is a conflict, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

11. FIRE BAN AND RESTRICTIONS

11.1 No person shall conduct open air burning during a declared Fire Ban.

11.2 All fires shall comply with any additional restrictions imposed by the Chief Fire Official.

12. COMPLIANCE

12.1 Failure to comply with this Schedule constitutes a violation of the By-law.

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SCHEDULE "B" – SET FINES**Part I Provincial Offences Act**

ITEM	SHORT FORM WORDING	PROVISION	SET FINE
1.	Conduct open air burning without a permit	Section 6.1	\$200.00
2.	Fail to comply with conditions of a Fire Permit	Section 7.3	\$200.00
3.	Conduct open air burning during a Fire Ban	Section 8	\$300.00
4.	Fail to supervise a fire	Schedule A (1.1)(a)	\$200.00
5.	Exceed maximum brush pile size	Schedule A (6.2)	\$200.00
6.	Fail to keep fire under control	Schedule A (6.3)	\$200.00
7.	Fail to extinguish a fire	Schedule A (1.1)(d)	\$250.00
8.	Burn prohibited materials	Schedule A (5.2)	\$250.00
9.	Set off fireworks without a permit	Section 12.1	\$200.00
10.	Set off fireworks during a Fire Ban	Section 14	\$300.00
11.	Fail to comply with an order to extinguish fire	Section 16	\$300.00
12.	Fail to maintain required setback distance	Schedule A (2.2)(a)	\$200.00
13.	Fail to have required fire control equipment	Schedule A (7.1)	\$200.00

Set Fines

The offences set out in Schedule "B" to this By-law are designated as offences for the purposes of Part I of the Provincial Offences Act. Schedule "B" shall come into force upon approval by the Regional Senior Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice.

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

Date: September 8, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Approval of Set Fines and Housekeeping Amendment to By-law No. 2026-022

File Number: 06-C02-0005 – Current Bylaws

Submitted by: Karen Paisley, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the report regarding the approval of set fines for By-law No. 2026-022, being the Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-law; AND THAT Council adopt the proposed amending by-law to:

1. replace Schedule "B" of By-law No. 2026-022 with the court-approved Schedule of Set Fines, approved by Regional Senior Justice David Gibson on August 13, 2026; and
2. correct minor clerical and formatting issues identified in By-law No. 2026-022.

BACKGROUND:

Council adopted By-law No. 2026-022, being the Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-law, on June 23, 2026. The by-law consolidated the Township's regulations respecting open air burning and fireworks and repealed former By-law No. 690 and By-law No. 914. Section 21.3 of the by-law provides that Schedule "B" shall come into force upon approval by the Regional Senior Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice. Following adoption of the by-law, the Township submitted an application for approval of set fines under Part I of the Provincial Offences Act. During the review process, Crown Counsel requested minor revisions to the proposed Schedule "B" prior to approval. The revised Schedule "B" was subsequently approved by Regional Senior Justice David Gibson on August 13, 2026.

DISCUSSION:

The approved Schedule "B" differs slightly from the schedule originally adopted by Council as part of By-law No. 2026-022. The revisions requested during the application process were administrative in nature and included updates to offence references and the ordering of offences within the schedule.

In addition, staff identified minor formatting issues within the by-law, including an extraneous bullet following section 9 and a spacing issue between sections 16 and 17. While these issues do not affect the interpretation or enforcement of the by-law, staff recommend correcting them at the same time as the Schedule "B" update.

The proposed amending by-law will replace Schedule "B" with the court-approved schedule and correct the identified clerical and formatting issues. This approach will ensure the Township's records are accurate and will permit staff to prepare an updated office consolidation of By-law No. 2026-022 for future reference.

Attachments:

1. Letter from Regional Senior Justice David Gibson dated August 13, 2026
2. Regional Senior Justice Order
3. Approved Schedule "B"
4. Proposed Amending Bylaw

August 13, 2026

Karen Paisley
Municipal Clerk
The Township of Conmee
19 Holland Road, West
Kakabeka Falls, ON
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Dear Ms. Paisley:

Re: Set Fines - Provincial Offences Act - Part I – Township of Conmee

Enclosed herewith is a copy of an Order and a copy of the schedule of set fines for By-Law No. 2026-022, the By-law indicated in the schedule.

I have forwarded the copy of the Order and the schedules of the set fines to the Ontario Court of Justice in Thunder Bay, together with a certified copy of the By-law.

Yours truly,



David Gibson
Regional Senior Justice
Northwest Region

Enclosures

cc: Denette Ellard, Regional Senior Justice of the Peace
POA Court Manager

PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT

Part I

IT IS ORDERED pursuant to the provisions of the *Provincial Offences Act* and the rules for the Ontario Court of Justice, that the amount set opposite each of the offences in the schedule of offences under the Provincial Statutes and Regulations thereunder and Municipal By-law No. 2026-022 of the Township of Conmee, attached hereto is the set fine for that offence. This Order is to take effect August 13, 2026.

Dated at Thunder Bay this August 13, 2026.



David Gibson
Regional Senior Justice
Northwest Region

SCHEDULE “B” – SET FINES**Township of Conmee****Part I Provincial Offences Act****By-law No. 2026-022: Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-law**

ITEM	SHORT FORM WORDING	PROVISION	SET FINE
1.	Conduct open air burning without a permit	Section 6.1	\$200.00
2.	Set off fireworks without a permit	Section 12.1	\$200.00
3.	Set off fireworks during a Fire Ban	Section 14	\$300.00
4.	Fail to comply with an order to extinguish fire	Section 16	\$300.00
5.	Fail to supervise a fire	Schedule A (1.1)(a)	\$200.00
6.	Fail to extinguish a fire	Schedule A (1.1)(d)	\$250.00
7.	Fail to maintain required setback distance	Schedule A (2.2)(a)	\$200.00
8.	Burn prohibited materials	Schedule A (5.2)	\$250.00
9.	Exceed maximum brush pile size	Schedule A (6.2)	\$200.00
10.	Fail to keep fire under control	Schedule A (6.3)	\$200.00
11.	Fail to have required fire control equipment	Schedule A (7.1)	\$200.00
12.	Fail to comply with conditions of a Fire Permit	Schedule A (10.1)	\$200.00
13.	Conduct open air burning during a Fire Ban	Schedule A (11.1)	\$300.00

Set Fines

The offences set out in Schedule “B” to this By-law are designated as offences for the purposes of Part I of the Provincial Offences Act. Schedule “B” shall come into force upon approval by the Regional Senior Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice.

NOTE: The general penalty provision for the offences listed above is section 20 of By-law No. 2026-022, a certified copy of which has been filed.

SCHEDULE “B” – SET FINES**Township of Conmee****Part I Provincial Offences Act****By-law No. 2026-022: Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-law**

ITEM	SHORT FORM WORDING	PROVISION	SET FINE
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3.	Set off fireworks during a Fire Ban	Section 14	\$300.00
4.	Fail to comply with an order to extinguish fire	Section 16	\$300.00
5.	Fail to supervise a fire	Schedule A (1.1)(a)	\$200.00
6.	Fail to extinguish a fire	Schedule A (1.1)(d)	\$250.00
7.	Fail to maintain required setback distance	Schedule A (2.2)(a)	\$200.00
8.	Burn prohibited materials	Schedule A (5.2)	\$250.00
9.	Exceed maximum brush pile size	Schedule A (6.2)	\$200.00
10.	Fail to keep fire under control	Schedule A (6.3)	\$200.00
11.	Fail to have required fire control equipment	Schedule A (7.1)	\$200.00
12.	Fail to comply with conditions of a Fire Permit	Schedule A (10.1)	\$200.00
13.	Conduct open air burning during a Fire Ban	Schedule A (11.1)	\$300.00

Set Fines

The offences set out in Schedule “B” to this By-law are designated as offences for the purposes of Part I of the Provincial Offences Act. Schedule “B” shall come into force upon approval by the Regional Senior Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice.

NOTE: The general penalty provision for the offences listed above is section 20 of By-law No. 2026-022, a certified copy of which has been filed.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE**BY-LAW # 2026-XX**

Being a By-law to Amend By-law No. 2026-022, Being the Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-law.

Recitals:

1. Council adopted By-law No. 2026-022, being a by-law to regulate open air burning and the setting off of fireworks within the Township of Conmee.
2. The Township applied for approval of set fines pursuant to Part I of the Provincial Offences Act for offences established under By-law No. 2026-022.
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Passed this xxth day of xxxx, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

Sheila Maxwell, Mayor

Karen Paisley, Clerk

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

Date: September 8, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Correspondence Regarding Wolfe Road

File Number: 21-C10-0003 – Roads - General

Submitted by: Karen Paisley, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the correspondence dated August 10, 2026 regarding Wolfe Road for information.

BACKGROUND:

The Township received correspondence from property owners requesting that the Township determine and confirm the legal status of Wolfe Road from Wiljala Drive to Sunshine Loop, identify maintenance responsibilities, provide historical information relating to the road corridor, and confirm the Township's position regarding access along the route.

The correspondence further requests that no decision be made to close, restrict, relocate, discontinue, or materially alter access along the route without consultation with affected property owners.

DISCUSSION:

The residents' correspondence raises questions regarding the legal status of Wolfe Road, maintenance responsibilities, historical records, and access to private lands.

The Clerk reviewed available Township records and identified previous Council discussion regarding Wolfe Road maintenance at its October 8, 2019 meeting. At that meeting, a property owner appeared before Council and requested that the Township begin maintaining Wolfe Road. The property owner advised Council that there was potential interest in constructing a dwelling and creating severances. Township Public Works currently maintains the first 0.5 kilometres of Wolfe Road.

The matters raised in the correspondence extend beyond information readily available in Township records. The correspondence is being presented to Council for consideration and direction.

From: [Len Anderson](#)
To: [Conmee Treasurer](#); [Conmee Clerk](#); [Deputy Clerk Treasurer Intern](#); [Councillor Chris Kresack](#); [Councillor David Halvorsen](#); [Councillor David Maxwell](#)
Subject: Wolfe Road
Date: August 10, 2026 1:11:44 PM

August 10, 2026

To: Reeve and Members of Council
Township of Conmee

RE: FORMAL REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL STATUS AND PRESERVATION OF WOLFE ROAD

Wiljala Drive to Sunshine Loop (or Conmee Boundary)

Dear Reeve and Members of Council,

We are writing to formally request that the **Township of Conmee determine, document, and confirm the legal and official status of Wolfe Road from Wiljala Drive through to Sunshine Loop**, and that the established access along this route be preserved.

This request is being made because Wolfe Road provides access to several privately owned properties, including historic Crown Grant and Crown Patent lands, and there is a need for certainty regarding the legal status, jurisdiction, maintenance responsibility, and continued public access along the entire route.

1. Wolfe Road is recognized and maintained as a road by the Township

The Township's own published Council records provide important evidence regarding Wolfe Road.

In a Township Public Works report, Wolfe Road was specifically identified as having been inspected by Public Works and was described as being in an acceptable condition for seasonal low-volume traffic. The same report discussed road rehabilitation and calcium application in relation to Township road work.

This demonstrates that Wolfe Road has been recognized by the Township as an established road and has been considered within the Township's public-works responsibilities.

We therefore respectfully request that the Township clarify the precise legal basis upon which Wolfe Road in its entirety is currently treated and maintained as a road.

2. Request for the official legal designation

We request that Council and Township staff determine and confirm, in writing, the status of the complete Wolfe Road route:

Wiljala Drive → Wolfe Road → Sunshine Loop

Specifically, we request confirmation of whether each portion of this route is:

- a municipal road;
- a public highway;
- an original Crown road allowance;
- a dedicated public road;
- an unopened municipal road allowance;
- a road under another form of municipal jurisdiction;
- or another form of legally established public access.

If different portions have different legal statuses, we request that the Township identify those portions separately and provide the corresponding legal descriptions, plans, PINs, surveys, by-laws, or other records supporting those designations.

3. Historic Crown Grant properties

We are the owners of multiple historic Crown Freehold Patent properties in the area, including properties dating back to **1904**.

Ontario confirms that a Crown Patent is the legal instrument by which Crown land is transferred into private ownership and that each patent may contain specific conditions, reservations and exceptions affecting the land.

These properties have been privately owned for generations and form part of the settlement and development history of the Township.

The lands were conveyed during a period when access, settlement, prospecting, agriculture, forestry and resource development were fundamental to the development of Northwestern Ontario.

For more than a century, Wolfe Road and its connecting routes have provided practical access to these lands.

4. Crown road reservations and historic road access

We also recognize that the precise legal status of an historic road cannot simply be determined by its present-day name or physical appearance.

Ontario's official policies specifically recognize historic Crown road allowances, dedicated roads, public or colonization roads and road reservations associated with Crown grants.

Ontario further recognizes that, depending upon the original Crown grant, township survey, dedication and historical public use, a road may have legal status independent of whether it appears on a modern municipal map.

For that reason, we are asking the Township to undertake or obtain the appropriate historical and legal review rather than relying solely upon current mapping.

5. More than 120 years of reliance

Our family and other property owners have relied upon this road system for generations.

The properties remain privately owned and include both surface and mineral interests. We also hold **Ontario Prospector's Licence #2003425**, and continued physical access is important for lawful property management, prospecting, exploration and stewardship of these privately held interests.

We believe that more than 120 years of established reliance upon this access route is an important historical and practical consideration that should be taken into account before any action is contemplated that could restrict, close, relocate or otherwise interfere with access.

6. Request for protection of the established route

We respectfully request that the Township recognize the importance of preserving the existing Wolfe Road connection from **Wijala Drive to Sunshine Loop**.

We are not asking the Township to make an unsupported legal conclusion. Rather, we are asking the Township to determine the actual legal status based upon the original township surveys, Crown Patent records, road allowances, registered plans, municipal records, historical use, previous Council decisions, maintenance records and any applicable by-laws.

If any portion of Wolfe Road has been legally closed, stopped up, transferred, or otherwise had its public status changed, we request that the Township provide the specific:

- By-law or Minister's Order;
- date of closure or change;
- legal description;
- reference plan;
- registration information;
- Council resolution; and
- documentation establishing the current status.

7. No closure or change without consultation

Given the historical importance of this route and its importance to privately owned properties, we respectfully request that **no decision be made to close, restrict, relocate, discontinue, or materially alter access along Wolfe Road without prior written notice and meaningful consultation with the affected property owners.**

The continued access to these properties is an important property and historical matter, not simply a question of routine road maintenance.

8. Requested Council action

We respectfully request that Council:

1. **Place this matter on an upcoming Council agenda;**
2. Direct Township staff to determine the official legal status of Wolfe Road from **Wijala Drive to Sunshine Loop**;
3. Identify the legal status of each portion of the route where the status differs;

4. Confirm the Township's jurisdiction and maintenance responsibility for each portion;
5. Provide copies of relevant road plans, surveys, by-laws, resolutions and historical records;
6. Review the original Crown Patent and township-survey history applicable to the properties and road corridor;
7. Confirm whether any portion of the route has ever been legally stopped up, closed, transferred or otherwise discontinued;
8. Confirm that the Township has no present intention of eliminating or restricting the established access; and
9. Provide the affected property owners with the Township's position **in writing**.

Preserving Wolfe Road's History

Wolfe Road represents more than a roadway.

It is part of the history of settlement and development in the Township of Conmee and has provided an access connection to private lands for generations.

Preserving this route protects not only present-day property access but also an important piece of the Township's history.

After more than a century of reliance, we believe that maintaining established access is consistent with:

- the historical development of the Township;
- the original Crown Grants and Crown Patents;
- the continued private ownership of these lands;
- the interests associated with privately held surface and mineral rights;
- the lawful activities of property owners and licensed prospectors;
- the Township's own documented recognition and maintenance of Wolfe Road; and
- the reasonable expectation that historic private properties will remain practically accessible to their owners.

We recognize the Township's responsibility for managing roads and the financial and operational challenges associated with rural road infrastructure. Our request is made respectfully and in the spirit of cooperation.

At the same time, we believe there should be certainty regarding a road that has been relied upon for generations.

We therefore respectfully ask Council to formally determine and document the status of **Wolfe Road from Wiljala Drive all the way to Sunshine Loop** (or township border) and to preserve the established access serving the historic Crown Patent properties while respecting land owner and indigenous rights.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to receiving the Township's written response.

Respectfully submitted,

Owners of Historic Crown Grant Properties

Surface and Mineral Rights Holders
Crown Patents Dating Back to 1904

Painted Feather Woodland Metis #10012126
Ontario Prospector's License #2003425

PIN# 623930004, 623030005, 623030006, 623030007, 623030066

Leonard Anderson

Mark Anderson

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

Date: September 8, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Hauling Permit Application – Dustin Blunt O/A 686863 Ontario

File Number: 21-P08-0007 – Dustin Blunt O/A 686863 Ontario

Submitted by: Karen Paisley, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the application from Dustin Blunt operating as 686863 Ontario, for a Permit to Exceed Posted Maximum Registered Gross Vehicle Weights pursuant to Township of Conmee By-law No. 1272 for hauling operations on Mokomon Road, Holland Road and Pokki Road; AND THAT the Township retain the existing \$5,000 security deposit until completion of the haul and any required inspection of the affected Township roads.

BACKGROUND:

The Township has received an Application for a Permit to Exceed Posted Maximum Registered Gross Vehicle Weights from Dustin Blunt O/A 686863 Ontario.

The application proposes hauling operations on Mokomon Road, Holland Road, and Pokki Road. The applicant has submitted the required application in accordance with Township of Conmee By-law No. 1272.

By-law No. 1272 establishes registered gross vehicle weight restrictions on Township roads and provides Council with authority to issue permits exempting applicants from those restrictions, subject to such terms and conditions as may be required. The by-law further requires that hauling permit applications be submitted to Council for consideration prior to the commencement of hauling operations.

The Township is currently holding a \$5,000 security deposit from the applicant to address any potential damage to municipal roads attributable to the hauling operation. The security deposit will be retained until completion of the haul and any required inspection of the affected Township roads.

DISCUSSION:

The application has been reviewed by the Public Works Manager, who has advised that there are no concerns with the proposed hauling operation and has no objection to the issuance of a permit.

The proposed haul route includes Mokomon Road, Holland Road, and Pokki Road. The Public Works Manager has noted that school buses utilize portions of the route during the school year and has advised that truck operators should exercise caution during school bus pick-up and drop-off periods, particularly at approximately 7:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

In accordance with By-law No. 1272, the application is being presented to Council for consideration. Should Council approve the application, a hauling permit will be issued to the applicant, and the proposed hauling operation may proceed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit.

The Municipality of the Township of Conmee**Application for a Permit
to Exceed Posted Maximum Registered Gross Vehicle Weights**

(to be completed by applicant)

APPLICANT INFORMATIONName of Applicant Dustin Blunt 686863 Ontario Ltd.

Roadways for Which a Permit is Requested:

- Mokomon
- Holland
- Pokki

Description of the Materials to be Hauled Round Wood / Hog FuelEstimated Total Volume/Weight of Materials to be Hauled 7,000 metersSource of Materials to be Hauled Round Wood / Hog FuelDestination of Materials to be Hauled Fort Frances / Thunder BayApproximate Maximum Loaded Weight per Vehicle 63560 kgNumber of Vehicles to be Utilized 10Approximate Total Number of Vehicle (round) Trips 10 per day

Name of Owners/Operators of Vehicles to be Utilized (including the applicant)

686863 Ontario Ltd

Requested Commencement Date for the Permit Aug 31 / 2026

Expected Completion Date of the Haul Nov 2026

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Public Works Manager or Council may change or cancel this permit at any time it is deemed necessary.
2. All weight limits, speed limits, no engine compression style brakes (ex. Jake Brakes), stop or caution signs, or other road restrictions shall be observed at all times.
3. The applicant may be required to file a bond(s) in the amount, as in the opinion of Council and the Public Works Manager, is sufficient to cover the cost of repairing any possible damage to the Highway resulting from the haul.
4. The applicant, his heirs, executors, administrators or assignees, hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless the above noted authorities from any action, claim, damages or loss whatsoever arising from operations carried out under this permit.
5. The applicant may be given the opportunity to repair any damage to the highway as identified by the Public Works Manager. If the damage is not repaired within 24 hours of the giving of notice of the damage, the Public Works Manager shall cause the damage to be repaired, and all costs incurred shall be deducted from the bond. The decisions of the Public Works Manager may be appealed to Council, in writing, stating the reasons for the appeal.
6. An overweight permit will also be required during Half Load Restrictions.
7. This permit must accompany the vehicle at all times.
8. Company owners must ensure that all vehicle operators are aware of the restrictions of this permit and carry a copy of the permit in the vehicles.
9. This Permit is issued under authority of Township By-law No. 1272 and the Municipal Act, 2001 c.25.

In making this application I /we understand and accept that a permit will be subject to terms and conditions and we hereby agree to comply with all such terms and conditions and to assume financial responsibility for any and all damages sustained by the roads or structures resulting from the activities for which a the permit would be issued.



Date: Aug 31 / 2026

Signature of the Applicant or the Applicant's Agent

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

Date: September 8, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Proposed Water Cistern System for Fire Protection and Rink Flooding

File Number: 09-B03-0001 – SASI – VFD Water Source and Rink Flooding

Submitted by: Karen Paisley, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the report regarding the proposed water cistern system for fire protection and rink flooding presented by SASI Water; AND THAT Council direct Administration regarding next steps for the proposed project.

BACKGROUND:

Administration has been working with SASI Water and Fire Chief Robb Day to explore options for increasing the availability of water for firefighting purposes within the Township and to address challenges associated with flooding the outdoor rink.

SASI Water is the Township's retained water services contractor and is responsible for water system inspections, maintenance, and servicing of the municipal water systems. Given their familiarity with the Township's existing infrastructure, SASI Water was asked to review potential options and provide recommendations.

Following discussions with the Fire Chief regarding fire suppression requirements and potential locations, SASI Water has proposed the installation of two cisterns at the Public Works Garage property. The proposed location would provide a centralized source of water for both fire protection and rink flooding operations.

According to SASI Water, the Fire Chief would like approximately 6,000 gallons of readily available water in addition to the approximately 4,000 gallons carried in the Township's fire apparatus.

DISCUSSION:

SASI Water has proposed the installation of two cisterns with a storage capacity of approximately 3,000 gallons each. The proposed system would include suction connections to allow fire apparatus to draft directly from the cisterns and an automatic fill system connected to the municipal water supply at the Public Works Garage.

The proposal also includes the installation of a dedicated water line with heat trace from the cistern system to the outdoor rink to assist with rink flooding operations.

The proposed rink connection has the potential to address operational challenges experienced by Public Works staff when flooding the rink. Council is aware that flooding has recently required running hose from the Public Works Garage to the rink, which can be difficult and time-consuming during winter conditions. The proposed system would provide a dedicated water source closer to the rink and may improve operational efficiency.

SASI Water has provided a preliminary estimate of approximately \$80,000 to \$85,000 for the complete system excluding electrical work. Electrical costs have not yet been confirmed but are estimated to be approximately \$10,000. SASI Water has advised that removing the rink flooding component could reduce the project cost by approximately \$15,000.

Andrew Dubinsky, General Manager of SASI Water, is attending the meeting as a deputation and will be available to answer questions regarding the proposal, available options, project timing, and operational considerations.

Figure 1: Proposed Cistern Location and Water Line Routes



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE**BY-LAW # 2026-027**

Being a By-law to Amend By-law No. 2026-022, Being the Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-law.

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Passed this 8th day of September, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

Sheila Maxwell, Mayor

Karen Paisley, Clerk

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 4.4.1.
Resolution Number 2026-158
Title: Correspondence - Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan - Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns
Date: June 17, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution No. 2026-05-06-08 passed by the Townships of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan regarding the request for provincial legislation amendments, health and safety concerns;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Transportation, the Acting Minister of Infrastructure, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Associations of Road Supervisors, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



**TOWNSHIP OF
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

42 Burnt Bridge Road, PO Box 40
Palmer Rapids, Ontario K0J 2E0
TEL: (613) 758-2061 · FAX: (613) 758-2235

May 6, 2026

RE: Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns

Dear Minister Piccini,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 6th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

Resolution No: 2026-05-06-08

Moved by: Councillor Banks

Seconded by: Councillor Kauffeldt

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the correspondence from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) regarding the Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Transportation, Acting Minister of Infrastructure, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MP and MPP, AMO, AORS and all Ontario Municipalities."

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini
14th Floor, 400 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise an urgent health and safety concern that is increasingly placing municipal workers and subcontractors at risk while they maintain the critical infrastructure our communities rely on every day.

While the Occupational Health and Safety Act establishes important protections against workplace hazards, it does not adequately address a growing and very real threat: unsafe working conditions created by interference, harassment, and dangerous actions from members of the public.

Through consultations with AORS members across the province, we are hearing consistent and deeply troubling examples of escalating behaviour directed at municipal workers - particularly winter maintenance operators. These are not isolated incidents, but a pattern that is becoming increasingly normalized during significant weather events. Examples reported to AORS include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snow plow and refusing to get off until the operator agreed to plow his road next.
- Two municipal staff members being confronted, accosted, and aggressively yelled at in public - one at a gas station and another while simply standing in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions that were not even under that municipality's jurisdiction, as well as a mailbox that had been struck.
- A voicemail left by a resident threatening to shoot a municipal plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident angry about snow at the end of their driveway jumping in front of an active plow and refusing to move. The plow was delayed for over an hour during a major snow event, placing service levels and the municipality's overall emergency response at risk. The situation was only resolved once supervisors and by-law officers arrived on scene.

These incidents represent only a small sample of what municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are experiencing across Ontario. What was once limited to disgruntled complaints has escalated into direct threats, physical interference, and dangerous confrontations that place workers, subcontractors, and the public at risk. This issue is becoming a systematic threat to municipal service delivery and is only amplified during significant weather events.

Municipal workers and their contracted partners are responsible for maintaining roads, bridges, sidewalks, and other essential services - often in extreme weather and high-risk environments. When these workers are threatened or obstructed, it becomes not only a workplace safety issue, but a broader public safety concern. In some cases, conditions have become so unsafe that

municipal staff and subcontractors have walked off job sites, jeopardizing timely service delivery during critical events.

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

- Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, when a municipality declares a Significant Weather Event, municipal winter maintenance vehicles and operators - including subcontractors working on behalf of municipalities - should be afforded enhanced protection, with interference or obstruction treated with the same severity as interference with police, fire, or paramedic services.
- Establish clear public-safety interference provisions, similar in intent to Ontario's Slow Down, Move Over legislation, that recognize the essential role of municipal roadside workers.
- Consider adopting provisions similar to Manitoba's recently passed Bill 38, an amendment to their Highway Traffic Act effective January 1, 2026, which requires motorists to maintain a minimum distance of 30 metres behind snowplows where speed limits are 80 km/h or lower, and 100 metres where speed limits exceed 80 km/h.

These changes would provide clarity, deterrence, and enforceability—sending a strong message that interference with municipal workers performing essential services will not be tolerated. Just as Ontario protects first responders from obstruction during emergencies, we must extend similar protections to the public works professionals who keep our communities safe, connected, and functioning.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns further and to collaborate on legislative solutions that better protect municipal workers and subcontractors while strengthening public safety across the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



Kelly Elliott
Interim Executive Director
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response Jill Dunlop

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack

Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria

Acting Minister of Infrastructure Todd McCarthy

Scott Butler, Good Roads Executive Director

Walid Abou-Hamde, Ontario Road Builders' Association Chief Executive Officer

Premier Doug Ford
Premiers Office, Room 281
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Toronto, ON
M7A 1A5

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

August 20th, 2026

Re: Funding for Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law Reviews

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford, I am writing to provide you with a copy of Resolution No. 26/150, adopted by Council on August 18, 2026.

Small, rural and northern municipalities require current Official Plans and Zoning By-laws to support housing, attract investment, encourage economic development and responsibly plan for infrastructure and municipal services. However, completing comprehensive reviews of these documents can place a significant financial burden on municipalities with limited tax bases, staffing capacity and financial resources.

The Town of Latchford recently applied to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for assistance with modernizing its land-use planning framework. The Town was advised that stand-alone studies are not eligible under the current program guidelines. This funding gap may force smaller municipalities to delay necessary planning updates or redirect limited municipal funds away from other essential services.

Council is respectfully requesting that the Government of Ontario establish a dedicated, sustainable and recurring funding program to assist municipalities with the costs of reviewing and updating Official Plans and Comprehensive Zoning By-laws. The program should recognize the differing financial and administrative capacities of municipalities and provide enhanced assistance to small, rural, northern and lower-tier municipalities.

Eligible expenses should include professional planning services, technical studies, public and Indigenous consultation where applicable, mapping and geographic information system updates, growth analyses, servicing and infrastructure assessments, and other supporting work required to develop modern and effective planning documents.

We respectfully ask your government to recognize Official Plans and Zoning By-laws as critical housing-enabling and economic development infrastructure. Providing municipalities with the resources to complete this important work will help remove barriers to development, create greater certainty for residents and investors, and better position communities across Ontario for responsible and sustainable growth.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further with you or the appropriate provincial representatives.

Kindest Regards,

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Malorie Robinson
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Latchford

Cc:

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**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD
RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 26/150

Date: August 18th, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Newell

SECONDED BY: Councillor McDonald

Whereas, municipalities are required to plan for responsible growth, housing, economic development, infrastructure, environmental protection and the long-term needs of their communities through comprehensive land-use planning documents, including Official Plans and Zoning By-laws;

And whereas, Official Plans and Zoning By-laws must be periodically reviewed and updated to ensure they remain consistent with current provincial legislation, policies, community needs, development pressures and opportunities for economic growth;

And whereas, the cost of undertaking comprehensive Official Plan and Zoning By-law reviews can represent a significant financial burden, particularly for small, rural and northern municipalities with limited tax bases, staffing capacity and financial resources;

And whereas, outdated planning documents can create barriers to residential, commercial and industrial development, limit a municipality's ability to respond to changing economic opportunities, and make it more difficult to identify and prepare lands for future growth;

And whereas, modern and current planning documents provide municipalities, residents, businesses and investors with greater certainty regarding where and how development can occur and allow municipalities to proactively plan for housing, employment lands, infrastructure and municipal services;

And whereas, investment in municipal planning is an investment in economic development, housing readiness and community growth, as updated Official Plans and Zoning By-laws can help municipalities remove unnecessary barriers to development and establish clear policies to support new investment;

And whereas, the Town of Latchford applied to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for assistance with the modernization of its land-use planning framework and was advised that stand-alone studies are ineligible under the current NOHFC program guidelines;

And whereas, municipalities should not be required to choose between funding essential municipal services and undertaking the comprehensive planning work necessary to position their communities for future housing and economic growth;

Now therefore be it resolved that, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford hereby calls upon the Government of Ontario to establish a dedicated and

sustainable funding program to assist municipalities with the costs associated with reviewing, updating and modernizing Official Plans and Comprehensive Zoning By-laws;

And further that, such a funding program recognize the differing financial and administrative capacities of municipalities and provide enhanced funding opportunities for small, rural, northern and lower-tier municipalities where the cost of comprehensive planning reviews can represent a disproportionate burden on the municipal tax base;

And further that, eligible costs include, but not be limited to, professional planning services, technical studies and background reports required to support Official Plan and Zoning By-law reviews, public and Indigenous consultation where applicable, mapping and geographic information system updates, growth and development analysis, infrastructure and servicing assessments, and other supporting work necessary to establish modern and effective municipal planning documents;

And further that, the Province recognize municipal Official Plans and Zoning By-laws as critical economic development and housing-enabling infrastructure that provide the regulatory foundation necessary to support investment, development and sustainable community growth;

And further that, consideration be given to establishing a recurring funding intake so municipalities can undertake required planning reviews proactively rather than delaying necessary updates because of financial constraints;

And finally that, a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth; the Minister of Infrastructure; the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario (FedNor); John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming—Cochrane; Pauline Rochefort, MP Nipissing-Timiskaming; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and all municipalities in Ontario, requesting their support and endorsement of this resolution.

CARRIED

August 28, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford
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By Email: premier@ontario.ca



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Re: Elimination of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF)

At its meeting of August 20, 2026, Council considered the Notice of Motion from Councillor Giddings regarding the Elimination of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF) and passed the following motion:

Motion No. THC-260820-21

Moved by Councillor Daniel Giddings
Seconded by Councillor Gene Brahaney

Whereas the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) eliminated the Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF), effective June 16, 2026, ending a long-standing cost relief program that assisted employers where pre-existing conditions contributed to the cost or duration of workplace injury claims; and

Whereas municipalities are significant employers of workers performing physically demanding duties and may experience increased WSIB costs as a result of the elimination of SIEF; and

Whereas the Second Injury and Enhancement Fund was established to provide cost relief to employers when pre-existing conditions significantly contributed to workplace injury claims, thereby encouraging employers to hire and retain workers with disabilities and pre-existing medical conditions; and

Whereas the Workplace Safety and Insurance system was established to provide a fair and balanced insurance system that protects both workers and employers; and

Whereas increased workplace insurance costs have the potential to place additional financial pressures on municipal operating budgets and property taxpayers;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of Trent Hills respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board review the impacts of eliminating the Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF) consult with employers, municipalities, labour representatives and other stakeholders, and consider modernizing or revising the program rather than eliminating employer cost relief altogether, including by modernizing, revising or replacing the current program with an improved cost-relief mechanism that continues to fairly recognize the impact of pre-existing conditions.

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills;
- Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South;
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- All Members of Provincial Parliament in Ontario;
- the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board;
- the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC);
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce;
- Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB);
- Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA);
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA);
- Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM);
- Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO);
- Local Members of Parliament (for awareness);
- Local Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce;
- Northumberland County; and
- all Ontario municipalities, requesting their consideration and support.

Carried.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Municipality.

Sincerely,



Jessica Polley
Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

BY-LAW # 2026-028

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 actions of this Council at its meeting held September 8th, 2026, with respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by this Council at the meeting, are adopted, ratified and confirmed as if such proceedings and actions had been expressly adopted and confirmed by by-law.

2. Execution of all Documents

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 actions authorized at the meeting, and/or to obtain approvals where required, and except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Township to such documents.

Passed this 8th day of September, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Clerk Karen Paisley