

AGENDA FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 10th, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.



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1. CALL TO ORDER
Land Acknowledgement
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of June 10th, 2025, be approved as circulated. (Alternatively, amendments to be noted; with approval as amended.)
3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
4. TOWN HALL SEGMENT
5. DEPUTATIONS
None for this meeting.
6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - 6.1 Minutes – Open Session Regular Council Meeting – May 27th, 2025
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Open Session of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 27th, 2025, be approved as circulated. (Alternatively, corrections to be noted; with approval as amended.)
 - 6.2 Minutes – Open Session Special Council Meeting – June 4th, 2025
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Open Session of the Special Council Meeting held on June 4th, 2025, 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, check numbers 7433 to 7459 totalling \$27,868.01.
8. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS/OTHERS (As available)
 - 8.1 Clerk's Report
 - 8.2 Treasurer's Report (Verbal)
 - 8.3 Deputy Clerk-Treasurer's Report (No report this meeting)
 - 8.4 Public Works Report (No report this meeting)
 - 8.5 Fire Chief's Report (Verbal)
 - 8.6 Council Member Reports (Verbal)
 - 8.7 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 Purchase of a New Pumper Fire Truck
Council is asked to refer to the background materials provided in open agenda packages of past meetings and provided in the closed agenda package for this meeting under paragraph 239(2)(i) trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization. regarding this item.

10. BYLAWS
No bylaws for this meeting
11. CORRESPONDENCE
List of Resolution Support Requests from other municipalities:
11-1 Bill 6 Safer Municipalities Act 2025 Resolution

Recommendation: Administration to be directed as it relates to support requests from municipalities listed in Section 11 of this evening's agenda.
12. UPCOMING MEETING DATES
Regular Council Meetings: June 25th (Wed 6:30 pm); July 8th & 22nd; August 12th and 26th; September 9th and 23rd; October 14th and 28th; November 12th (Wed) & 24th; and December 16th, 2025.
13. CLOSED SESSION
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being ____ p.m., Council enter Closed Session under the authority of those paragraphs of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, for which the meetings were closed, to consider Item 13.1, being the Closed Session minutes of the Council meeting held May 27th, 2025; under paragraph 239(2)(b) to consider Item 13.2, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals, and, under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(d) of the same legislation, to consider Item 13.3, involving labour relations.

13.1 Minutes – Closed Session Regular Council Meeting – May 27th, 2025
13.2 Bylaw and Zoning Issue – update (Verbal)
13.3 HR Assistant's Report (Verbal)

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 1: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 27th, 2025, be approved as circulated. (Alternatively, corrections to be noted; with approval as amended.)
Recommendation 2: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be authorized to proceed as directed in Closed Session.
15. CONFIRMING BYLAW
By-law 2025-0119 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2025-0119 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. 2025-0119, 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, May 27th, 2025 – 6:00 pm

PRESENT Mayor Sheila Maxwell
Councillor Chris Kresack
Councillor David Maxwell

REGRETS Councillor David Halvorsen
Councillor Grant Arnold

ALSO PRESENT Karen Paisley, Clerk
Leanne Maxwell, Treasurer
Leonard Arps, Public Works Supervisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
Mayor Maxwell provided a statement of land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Clerk requested the addition of Item 13.4 regarding a proposed or pending acquisition of land.

RESOLUTION 2025 – 101

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular council meeting of May 27th, 2025, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations were made.

4. TOWN HALL SEGMENT

No members of the public had registered to speak at the Town Hall Segment.

5. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were scheduled for this evening's meeting.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

6.1 Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – May 13, 2025

Members present reviewed the minutes. Councillor Maxwell requested an amendment.

RESOLUTION 2025 - 102

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the open session portion of the regular council meeting of May 13th, 2025, be approved as amended.

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

7.1. Payroll Report

There was no payroll report for this meeting.

7.2. Payment Register

Council reviewed the payment register. The Treasurer responded to questions from members present.

RESOLUTION 2025-103

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approved the disbursements represented by electronic bank payments, check numbers 7409 to 7432, totalling \$27,295.53.

8. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

8.1. Clerk's Report

Clerk Paisley overviewed the Clerk's report to Council and responded to questions. In addition to the information in the report, the Clerk advised NOHFC contacted her with follow up questions for the intern grant. She is awaiting further response or approval for the grant. The Clerk received correspondence supporting the Township of Conmee's opposition to the City of Thunder Bay's proposed designated truck route (DTR). Submissions were received from the Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition and the Townships of Gillies, O'Connor and Shuniah, who forwarded their support to the City of Thunder Bay. The Clerk forwarded the Township of Gillies' support at their request. The office received a request from Thunder Bay Ventures to use the Township of Conmee's logo in a business confidence index survey. This was deferred for approval to item 8.7. The Clerk provided an overview of the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) registration process and a draft appeal notice. OLT now requires municipalities to use an e-portal for submitting land appeals. The Clerk drafted a notice for Council review. The Clerk will confirm the French language translation of the draft notice. Discussion for approval was deferred to item 8.7. The Clerk contacted OPP regarding issues with vulnerable sector checks. OPP advised records checks are now processed through Triton. Clerk contacted Triton and submitted both the previous and a revised letter and is still awaiting a response from Triton. The Clerk advised the estimated date of delivery for the Food Cycler units is June 3rd, 2025.

8.2. Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's Report was presented at this evening's meeting.

8.3. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer's Report

No Deputy Clerk-Treasurer's Report was presented at this evening's meeting.

8.4. Public Works Report

Public Works is actively engaged in summer maintenance and infrastructure projects.

The Township has decided not to hire a belly dump contractor due to budget constraints. Instead, approximately 50 loads of gravel have already been transported using Township-owned equipment. Public Works will proceed with contouring the Township roads. Public Works is also looking into collaborating with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to extend road aprons during upcoming paving projects. This initiative aims to prevent damage caused by hot tires hitting short aprons. The Public Roads Supervisor will follow up with MTO representatives. There was discussion about the possible closure of the Hacquoil gravel pit. Concerns were raised about the Township potentially being responsible for site rehabilitation. Council recalled a previous deputation with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and noted the availability of the Management of Abandoned Aggregate Properties (MAP) fund, which could help cover rehabilitation costs. An increase in truck traffic has been observed in the area, likely linked to hydro projects and material transport. Public Works confirmed that trucks are both entering and leaving

the area, including from the local pit. While the Township's backhoe is under repair, a temporary replacement was borrowed from Bay City. The Public Works Manager is tracking its usage and will reconcile with Bay City. The borrowed equipment has been effective for brush clearing and other tasks. Grounds maintenance continues. New tires were installed on the 550 truck, replacing the previous set that lasted only 30,000 km. New stingers have also been ordered for the grader due to wear. The loader remains out of service, with suspected issues in the drive motors. Mechanics have ruled out pump faults, and the machine is currently disassembled for further diagnostics. If the issue isn't resolved, contamination could recur, leading to higher repair costs. The loader has 977 hours of use, and the repairs will be covered under warranty. A proposal was made to haul scrap metal from the landfill using Township equipment during rain days or downtime. This would eliminate contractor fees and generate revenue to help offset the cost of new grader tires. Councillor Kresack suggested coordinating with scrap yards for efficient weigh-in/out processes. Council supported the idea. Due to dry weather and dust concerns, calcium application was cancelled. Councillor Maxwell noted the success of last fall's application on Holland Road. Public Works emphasized that proper application rates and techniques are crucial for long-term effectiveness. Council also discussed the importance of moisture retention and reducing fire risk. Stuart Blanchard of Lincoln Ironworks proposed a shared maintenance plan for municipal equipment, involving scheduled inspections and welding services across multiple municipalities to reduce service call costs. This was discussed at the Thunder Bay District Municipal League meeting. While Council saw potential benefits, they questioned whether Conmee's limited welding needs, possibly once a month or less, justified participation. Conmee currently shares services like bylaw enforcement and building inspection with neighboring municipalities. While Council values shared services, they were unsure about the cost-effectiveness of joining the proposed welding program. Most Township equipment, including the backhoe, is in good condition and doesn't require frequent welding. The backhoe's bucket and thumb were recently upgraded with new teeth and minor welding. Council expressed appreciation for the Public Works Manager's efforts to manage the budget creatively and efficiently. With no further questions, the Public Works Manager was excused from the meeting.

The Public Works Manager left the meeting at 6:40 pm.

8.5. Fire Chief's Report

No Fire Chief's Report was presented at this evening's meeting.

8.6. Council Member Reports

Mayor Maxwell advised on May 20th she attended the Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC) meeting. Most municipalities were represented. Discussions included fire services, MNR service agreements, and bylaw comparisons across municipalities. The goal was to understand how others are managing similar issues. Conmee has already submitted its fire bylaw, while others are still in progress. The DTR (Designated Truck Route) was a major topic. The mayor emphasized that the issue is not just about rerouting traffic but also about driver training and safety. A photo was taken near the kindergarten yard at the school in Kakabeka Falls, to highlight how close the road is to young children, only about 10 feet from the fence, raising safety concerns. On May 21st, a meeting was held with the Clerk and a resident to discuss restarting community events. Although another interested resident couldn't attend, the group plans to meet again in June. The goal is to begin with small events, such as movie nights, to rebuild community engagement. Mayor Maxwell has a meeting for union negotiations to prepare and gather necessary information on May 29th. Mayor Maxwell assisted in preparing deputations for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). Submissions are due by May 29. Council members were encouraged to send any suggestions to the Clerk to support the Township's request for a ministerial meeting. Mayor Maxwell reported that she ordered new tea towels for the Township's downstairs facilities due to a noticeable shortage. Previously, there were multiple sets of towels stored in the bar area, kitchen, and janitor's room, but most have gone missing. To replenish supplies, she ordered a 24-pack of kitchen tea

towels and additional towels for cleaning purposes, including designated sets for windows and general use. The new towels are expected to arrive between Friday and Monday. It was noted that a member of the Food Bank board had also recently provided two bundles of tea towels, likely for use during food distribution. Mayor Maxwell also purchased pens and lanyards for the Fire Department, as requested, using local and online sources.

Councillor Maxwell clarified that the Thunder Bay District Municipal League meeting took place on May 21, not May 14 as previously stated. A deputation was presented by Gord Blanchard of Ironworks. The discussion focused on shared municipal services, particularly welding and fabrication support. This model could be especially beneficial for remote communities such as Red Rock, Dorian, Nipigon, Terrace Bay, and Marathon, where service calls may require extended travel. The possibility of using Ironworks for fabrication needs was also considered as a potential option for Conmee and was also discussed during the Public Works report to Council. The next in-person Municipal League meeting is scheduled for July in O'Connor. Councillor Maxwell also has a union negotiations meeting scheduled for May 29. On Sunday morning, Councillor Maxwell conducted a routine inspection of the Township's generator and confirmed it is functioning properly. He also believes he successfully deactivated the ring plate lights to prevent them from turning on in the evening. He plans to verify this after the Council meeting.

Councillor Kresack attended the regular Council meeting on May 13 and the Food Bank's Annual General Meeting on May 14. Mark Halavecki was re-elected as Chair. One new board member joined, while the rest of the board remains the same. He also attended the regular Food Bank meeting and the current Council meeting. Councillor Kresack was tasked with identifying individuals who have been issued keys for the Food Bank. Previously, the records only listed "Food Bank" as the keyholder. He has since provided a list of names to ensure accurate tracking and accountability. Council acknowledged this as a helpful and successful initiative.

8.7. Other Agencies' Reports

Council reviewed a letter from Minister Robert Flack regarding Bill 17: Protecting Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025. The bill proposes changes to development charges, building code standardization, and approval processes, primarily aimed at high-growth urban areas. Key elements include deferring development charges until occupancy, exempting long-term care homes from charges, and requiring municipalities to follow the Ontario Building Code without additional local requirements. Mayor Maxwell noted that while the bill is largely intended for larger municipalities, some provisions, such as those affecting long-term care and rental housing, could have implications for Conmee. Council agreed that the legislation does not currently warrant formal feedback, as its impact on small municipalities like Conmee appears limited. Council approved a request from Thunder Bay Ventures to use the Township's logo in their Business Confidence Index survey materials. The initiative is focused on supporting local small businesses, and Council expressed support for the project as it aligns with the Township's commitment to local economic development. The Clerk presented the required registration information for the Township's participation in the Ontario Land Tribunal's new e-file portal. Council was confirmed as the approval authority. The Clerk will act as the principal e-file administrator, with the Treasurer as an additional Level 1 administrator. A draft Notice of Appeal was reviewed and approved. It outlines the appeal process, deadlines, and the \$1,100 provincial appeal fee. Notices will be posted in both English and French on the Township website and in local newspapers. By consensus, Council approved the registration details and the draft notice.

RESOLUTION 2025-104

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council received the reports presented as listed in Section 8 of this evening's agenda.

CARRIED**9. NEW BUSINESS****9.1. Pumper Fire Truck**

Council reviewed three options for acquiring a new fire pumper truck including a quote from Fort Garry Fire Trucks, including a full build and equipment package, a quote from Dependable Emergency Vehicles, which includes a mini pumper/tanker, and a chassis-only quote from Maxim, intended for conversion with an existing unit. Concerns were raised about the risks of converting older equipment, including compatibility issues, rust, and long-term reliability. A formal quote for the conversion was not received despite efforts. The Township's current pumper remains out of service due to a split PTO driveshaft, with parts difficult to source. Mayor Maxwell reported that at a recent LRMC meeting, the Mayor of Oliver Paipoonge expressed concern about the sustainability of mutual and automatic aid, particularly when neighboring municipalities lack adequate equipment or staffing. Oliver Paipoonge has invested significantly in its fire services and is hesitant to continue supporting municipalities that cannot reciprocate. Conmee must improve its own fire response capacity to maintain mutual aid relationships. A used pumper in Sioux Lookout was identified by Chief Day, priced at approximately \$11,000–\$12,000. While potentially affordable, Council noted the risk of significant repair costs following inspection and certification. A loaner vehicle from Fort Garry was discussed, but no cost or availability details have been received yet. Leasing was also considered, but a 72-month lease would cost nearly \$10,000/month, which was deemed financially unfeasible. Council discussed potential financing options, including Infrastructure Ontario, which offers biannual payments and has been reliable in the past. The Township's current banking institution was also discussed, which may offer competitive rates due to the long-standing relationship. The final quote from Fort Garry came in at \$647,319, including add-ons such as shelving, ladders, hoses, and other equipment requested by the Fire Chief. Some equipment, such as ladders and hoses, recently passed inspection and may not need immediate replacement, potentially reducing costs. A full breakdown of included equipment is available in a confidential package and may be reviewed in closed session. Council discussed the challenge of moving forward with a decision due to the ongoing absence of two members.

Given the urgency of the fire protection issue, Council considered scheduling a special Council meeting to accommodate Councillors availability, potentially on a weekend or via video call. Council discussed proceeding with a decision at the next regular meeting if quorum is met, regardless of full attendance. Councillor Kresack emphasized the importance of full Council input before committing to a purchase of this scale. Councillor Maxwell noted that the Township cannot delay indefinitely, especially with fire season underway and limited mutual aid support. The Clerk will reach out to the absent Councillors to determine availability for a special meeting or provide proxy input. Council emphasized the need to move forward as soon as possible, once all necessary information and input are available.

10. BY-LAWS

There were no bylaws presented at this evening's meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE**List of Resolution Support Requests from other Municipalities**

Council reviewed the list of resolutions. Council expressed its desire to support all resolutions listed.

RESOLUTION 2025-105

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Corporation of the Township of Conmee Council supports the May 21st, 2025 correspondence from the City of Kingston with regard to the opposition of Bill 5 and this supporting

resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Stephen Lecce, M.P.P. Minister of Energy and Mines, The Honourable Rob Flack, M.P.P. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, M.P.P. Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP Kevin Holland – Thunder Bay Atikokan, MPP Lise Vaugeois – Thunder Bay-Superior North, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the City of Kingston.

RESOLUTION 2025-106

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Corporation of the Township of Conmee Council supports the May 15th, 2025 correspondence from the Town of the Blue Mountains requesting fair provincial tax treatment for Ontario-made craft cider, aligning it with the tax structure for craft beer; and that this supporting resolution and originating correspondence be circulated to the the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Kevin Holland – Thunder Bay Atikokan, MPP Lise Vaugeois – Thunder Bay-Superior North, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario (AMO) and the Town of the Blue Mountains.

12. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

The list of upcoming regular Council meeting dates was available for review. No changes were proposed.

13. CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 2025-0107

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 7:49 p.m., Council enter closed session, under the authority of those paragraphs of the Municipal Act, 2001 (S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended) for which it was authorized to be closed, to review Item 13.1 on the agenda, being the minutes of the closed session from the meeting of May 13th, 2025; and under the authority of paragraph 239(b), and 239(d) of the same legislation in order to consider Items 13.2, and 13.3 of the agenda, regarding personal matters about identifiable individuals and labour relation; an additional item 13.4 under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(c) to consider an item involving a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality, and an additional item 13.5 under paragraph 239(2)(b) to consider a matter regarding the township facilities, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals.

CARRIED

Council stood down for a brief recess.

Council resumed in closed session at 8:02 p.m.

During closed session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION 2025-108

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 9:19 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED

Open session resumed.

14. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**RESOLUTION 2025-109****Moved by: Councillor Maxwell****Seconded by: Councillor Kresack**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Closed Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 13th, 2025, be approved; AND, FURTHER, THAT Administration be authorized to proceed as directed in closed session.

CARRIED**15. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**By-law 2025-017**RESOLUTION 2025-110****Moved by: Councillor Kresack****Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2025-017 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. 2025-017, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

CARRIED**16. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to attend to, the mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Clerk Karen Paisley

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 4th, 2025 – 7:30 pm

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

PRESENT VIRTUALLY Councillor David Halvorsen

ALSO PRESENT Karen Paisley, Clerk
Leanne Maxwell, Treasurer
Robb Day, Fire Chief

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.
Mayor Maxwell provided a statement of land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION 2025 – 111

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the special council meeting of June 4th, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED

The Treasurer entered the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations were made.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Interim Pumper Fire Truck

Council discussed the urgent need to acquire a temporary fire truck due to the failure of the Township's current pumper. The current pumper is no longer reliable for fire suppression and can only be used to dump water. The Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) has emphasized the Township's liability risk and the need to maintain service levels. Council discussed this issue and were advised that downgrading the fire service would void mutual aid agreements and significantly increase insurance premiums for residents, averaging \$400 to \$600 per household. A 2003 Spartan Gladiator pumper located in Lindsay, ON, was identified as the most viable temporary option. The 2012 KME International truck listed in the agenda package was confirmed to be sold. The 2003 truck is available immediately and priced at approximately \$116,636.57 CAD, with additional costs for travel and fuel. Council discussed the possibility of negotiating the price or including additional equipment. The Treasurer confirmed sufficient reserve funds are available to purchase the truck outright, with the option to refinance later. Council also discussed long-term planning for purchasing a new fire truck as soon as practicable. Councillor Kresack conducted a search on Fenton firetrucks and noted that a 2004 Freightliner pumper had a 1,000-gallon poly tank, which would be an improvement over the 750-gallon capacity of the 2003 Spartan Gladiator. The Fenton site required contact information to reveal its location. It was confirmed to be located in Ontario, Canada. It was also noted that the truck

came with a full set of Hurst extraction equipment. Despite interest, the 2003 Spartan Gladiator remained the primary focus due to its immediate availability and the urgency of the situation. During discussions, Council agreed to proceed with the 2003 Spartan purchase but acknowledged the 2004 option as worth exploring further if time allowed.

Councillor Halvorsen raised resident's concerns with Council regarding the current fire ban. Residents had reached out to Councillor Halvorsen, expressing an issue with the fire ban. Council discussed these concerns with Chief Day, who reported that the fire ban was implemented by the Fire Chief due to the inoperability of the township's primary pumper truck, which compromised the township's ability to respond to fires. Initially, the ban applied only to brush fires, allowing campfires to continue. However, as the situation worsened and parts for the pumper could not be sourced, the ban was extended to all fires. The Fire Chief emphasized that the ban was a safety measure and a way to limit liability, especially since the township could not guarantee an adequate emergency response. The Chief clarified that the decision was based on professional responsibility and legal liability. Additionally the ban aligned with regional and provincial fire bans, who also placed bans on fires at the same time as the Municipality of Conmee, especially as wildfire risks increased across Northwestern Ontario.

Councillor Halvorsen raised a concern regarding the repair of Pumper 75. The township's old pumper truck (pumper 75) suffered a catastrophic failure (broken driveshaft linkage for the PTO). The truck was not initially sent to Wayne, the usual service provider, because Wayne was unable to service the truck quickly. Instead, the truck was taken to RS Mechanical in O'Connor, who responded quickly and attempted to source parts. Parts were eventually sourced from Argentina, but the mechanic warned that the truck is fragile and should be used with caution, only suitable for dumping water, not active fire attack. Councillor Halvorsen questioned why Wayne wasn't used and requested a second opinion from Wayne to verify the repairs and assess the truck's condition. The Fire Chief reported that Wayne's previous certification was only for flow testing, not mechanical integrity, and that the current issue was unrelated to Wayne's past work.

RESOLUTION 2025 –112

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the purchase of the 2003 Spartan Gladiator pumper truck as a temporary replacement for the Township of Conmee's fire services.

Recorded Vote:

Member	Vote
Mayor Maxwell	Yes
Councillor Arnold	Yes
Councillor Kresack	Yes
Councillor Maxwell	Yes
Councillor Halvorsen	No

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

By-law 2025-018

RESOLUTION 2025-113

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2025-018 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. 2025-018, 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 8:41 p.m.

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Clerk Karen Paisley

Staff Payroll -May 9, 2025

- May 23, 2025

Council Payroll - May 30, 2025

	<u>Administration and</u>		
	<u>Public Works</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Wages	20,430.07	4,423.30	24,853.37
EI	470.03	196.42	666.45
CPP	1,131.80	349.57	1,481.37
RRSP	655.70		655.70
mileage	331.03	0.00	331.03
total	<u>23,018.63</u>	<u>4,969.29</u>	<u>27,987.92</u>

Township of Conmee Payment Register

Report Date

Batch: 2025-00092 to 2025-00098 2025-06-05 2:57 PM

<u>Payment #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Computer Cheque			
7433	Ontario Fire Truck Inc.	777.01	ladder inspection
7434	Ultramar	930.89	
7435	REV - Mike Baker	0.00	paid by etransfer - fire dept training
7436	Food Cycle Science Corporation	7,735.81	
7437	GFL Environmental Inc	310.19	
7438	Kakabeka Esso	137.00	
7439	Minister of Finance	515.00	
7440	Municipality Oliver Paipoonge	2,034.00	FF1 course
7441	Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd	447.48	repair PW radio
7442	Thunder Bay Co-Op	1,787.66	fence posts for delineators
7443	Thunder Bay DSSAB	8,027.00	
7444	Thunder Bay Area Zone One	200.00	
7445	Ultramar	1,417.13	
7446	Valley Fire Protection & Serv	1,907.26	PPE and parts
7447	VOID - Cheque Printing	0.00	
7448	VOID - Cheque Printing	0.00	
7449	VOID - Cheque Printing	0.00	
7450	VOID - Cheque Printing	0.00	
7451	VOID - Cheque Printing	0.00	
7452	VOID - Cheque Printing	0.00	
7453	VOID - Cheque Printing	0.00	
7454	BMO RRSP/Kyle Foekens	134.54	
7455	Lakehead Cleaners	118.94	
7456	MicroAge	704.90	3 months billing
7457	Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd	531.10	
7458	Thunder Bay Xerographix Inc	41.36	
7459	Toodaloo Pest and Wildlife	110.74	
Total		<u>27,868.01</u>	

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

Date: June 10, 2025

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Administrative Activity Report

File Number: 01-C10-0000 Administrative Activity Reports

Submitted by: Karen Paisley Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

For information and direction from Council as required.

BACKGROUND:

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

DISCUSSION:

The Clerk informed Thunder Bay Ventures that they were authorized to use the Township of Conmee's logo for the 2025 Thunder Bay Business Confidence Index. However, the contact at Thunder Bay Ventures indicated that the survey was scheduled for release the following day, and due to the short notice, it was too late to incorporate the logo. The intended timeline for the survey's release had not been communicated in the correspondence.

The Ontario Land Tribunal registration process has been completed. A francophone resident generously offered their assistance in reviewing the French translation of the draft notice to ensure its accuracy.

The Food Cycler units were delivered on Wednesday, May 28. Residents who had placed orders were notified by email, and the majority of units have since been picked up and paid for. A follow-up email was sent to provide additional information regarding the use of the units. After initial use, administrative staff submitted questions to the Food Cycler team, who responded with clarifications and also provided a gardening guide outlining how to use the resulting material, referred to as "foodeliser." The guide was shared with residents who had ordered the units. The Clerk intends to publish this information on the municipal website for future use.

Other Agency Reports – 8.7

1. Conmee Township EMC Committee Meeting Minutes 05-31-25
2. Proposed Amendments to Modernize the EM and Civil Protection Act
3. Notification Letter – Reintroduction of Carbon Storage
4. Introduction of Bill 27 – Resources Management Safety Act 2025
5. LRCA Minutes 04-30-25

MINUTES of the EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
The Corporation of the Township of Connée

Saturday May 31st, 2025 – 9:00 am

PRESENT Mayor Sheila Maxwell – Alternate Emergency Management Coordinator
 Clerk Karen Paisley – Chief Emergency Management Coordinator
 Fire Chief Robb Day – EMC Member and Acting CEMC

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Karen Paisley, CEMC, at 9:00 am to address an urgent matter regarding the Municipality's fire suppression capabilities.

2. Fire Truck Unavailability

Fire Chief Day requested the meeting to inform the Emergency Management Team that the Municipality was currently without a fire truck. Pumper 75 is currently being repaired, and the service center is experiencing difficulty procuring the necessary parts. This situation posed a significant issue with respect to the Municipality's bylaws, which require the Volunteer Fire Department to maintain the ability to provide fire suppression services.

3. Temporary Assistance from NFPP

The night before the meeting, Friday May 30th, the Northern Fire Protection Program (NFPP), a branch of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office (OFM), advised Fire Chief Day and Mayor Maxwell that the NFPP could provide a backup fire truck from their fleet.

- The NFPP issued a temporary contract for the loan of this vehicle to Mayor Maxwell.
- The duration of the loan is currently unknown, and the fire truck could be recalled at any time.

4. Discussion on Contingency Planning

The following points were noted:

- The committee discussed the need to explore options for procuring a pumper fire truck to serve as a temporary solution until a new vehicle can be acquired.
- Chief Day indicated that without the NFPP's support, the Municipality may have had to review and amend its bylaws to downgrade fire services, as the OFM had advised that the Municipality no longer had a viable fire department in the absence of a fire truck.

5. Next Steps

- Begin exploring procurement options for a pumper fire truck.
- Monitor the situation and schedule follow-up discussions as needed.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

DATE: May 26, 2025

MEMORANDUM TO: **Emergency Management Partners**

FROM: Eric Everett
Acting Deputy Minister and Commissioner of Emergency
Management

SUBJECT: **Re-introduction of proposed amendments to
modernize the *Emergency Management and Civil
Protection Act***

I am pleased to share an update on an important milestone in modernizing Ontario's legislative framework for emergency management.

On May 26, 2025, the government [reintroduced the Emergency Management Modernization Act, 2025, or Bill 25](#). The bill includes proposed amendments to the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA) which aim to build a stronger and more resilient province now and in the future.

If passed, Schedule 1 of [Bill 25](#) would amend the EMCPA to enable a more effective, coordinated and comprehensive approach to provincial and community emergency management.

Specifically, proposed amendments to the EMCPA would:

- **Strengthen provincial leadership and coordination** by outlining the role of the Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response as the lead for emergency management in Ontario and Emergency Management Ontario as the one window for coordinating provincial emergency management activities.
- **Identify Ontario Corps** as a key provincial emergency management function that can be deployed to support communities across the province.
- **Support municipal emergency management** by recognizing the importance of community-led approaches and allowing flexibility for municipal emergency management programs based on needs and capacity.
- **Enhance clarity and accountability in emergency management** by outlining roles and responsibilities and clarifying processes for municipal declarations of emergency and requests for assistance.

These proposed changes build on actions to date and are informed by valuable feedback from partners, best practices in emergency management and lessons learned from past emergencies.

Next Steps

Enhancing Ontario's emergency management capacity is part of the government's plan to build a stronger and more resilient province with the necessary tools in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of people across the province.

The Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response is committed to ongoing engagement with our partners to ensure we are effectively supporting our collective vision of a safe, practiced and prepared Ontario. If passed, the ministry intends to engage with partners on the phased implementation of the amendments, including to support regulatory development. This would include ongoing support and guidance on what would be needed to implement updates to emergency management programs and plans.

If you have any questions or comments on Bill 25, please contact the Strategic Policy and Governance Branch at EMOPolicy@ontario.ca.

Thank you again for your valued partnership.

Thank you,



Eric Everett
Acting Deputy Minister and Commissioner of Emergency Management
Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response

Ministry of Natural Resources

Development and Hazard Policy
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May 27, 2025

Subject: Reintroduction of the *Geologic Carbon Storage Act*

Hello,

Over the past three years, the Ministry of Natural Resources has been taking a measured and phased approach to enabling and regulating geologic carbon storage in Ontario. Carbon storage is new to the province, and developing a comprehensive framework to regulate this activity would help ensure that it is done responsibly, with measures in place to safeguard people and the environment.

Geologic carbon storage (further referred to as carbon storage) involves injecting captured carbon dioxide (CO₂) into deep geological formations for permanent storage. This technology could provide industries in Ontario with a critical tool for managing their emissions and contributing to the achievement of Ontario's emissions reduction targets.

On November 25, 2024, the Resource Management and Safety Act, 2024 was introduced in the Ontario legislature. This Act included a proposed *Geologic Carbon Storage Act*. The legislature was dissolved on January 28, 2025, and all incomplete business was terminated.

We are writing to notify you that today, the Bill was reintroduced in the legislature. The suite of proposed changes remains the same as what was introduced in November 2024, aside from a small number of administrative updates made to provide clarity.

The original proposal can be accessed through the Environmental Registry/Regulatory Registry: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-9299>.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Andrew Ogilvie, Manager of Resources Development Section, at 705-761-5815 or through email: Resources.Development@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Keyes
Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch

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Date: May 28, 2025

From: Amanda Holmes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Provincial Services Division,
Ministry of Natural Resources

Subject: **Introduction of Bill 27, the *Resource Management Safety Act, 2025*
including proposed amendments to the *Forest Fires Prevention Act***

Good morning,

I am reaching out to share key updates on the continued efforts to modernize wildland fire management in Ontario.

Yesterday, the Hon. Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources, reintroduced the *Resource Management and Safety Act, 2025*. Included in the bill are proposed amendments to the *Forest Fires Prevention Act* (FFPA). The suite of proposed changes remains the same as what was introduced in November 2024 as part of Bill 228, aside from a small number of administrative updates that include edits to provide clarity.

The suite of changes would help strengthen collective responsibility for wildland fire management, improve awareness of wildland fire risk, expand prevention and mitigation, enhance preparedness and response, and strengthen rules and consequences for non-compliance with wildland fire laws. Please see the attachment for the list of proposed amendments.

To review the proposed amendments to the FFPA, please visit the Legislative Assembly of Ontario website: <https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-44/session-1/bill-27>.

The introduction of this bill is a significant achievement as we continue our journey to modernize wildland fire management in Ontario. If the proposed amendments to the FFPA are passed, development of supporting regulations will follow. Your input will be very important to inform the regulations and what they will mean for you and your organization. Any forthcoming consultation on supporting regulations would occur

through the Environmental Registry and Regulatory Registry and will include opportunities for discussion.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to improve wildland fire management in Ontario to help keep people and communities safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Holmes', written in a cursive style.

Amanda Holmes
Assistant Deputy Minister
Provincial Services Division

Enclosed: Proposed amendments to the *Forest Fires Prevention Act*

Proposed amendments to the *Forest Fires Prevention Act* (FFPA)

The proposed amendments include that the name of the FFPA would be changed to the Wildland Fire Management Act and that implementation of the Act would be guided by a new purpose statement. The statement would clarify that the purpose of the Act is “to provide guidance and direction for wildland fire management so as to protect public safety and minimize adverse environmental, economic, health and social impacts of wildland fires, and contribute to a resilient province.”

Proposed amendments would achieve the following outcomes:

1. Clarify authority for the Minister to enter into agreements on all aspects of wildland fire management with, amongst others, municipalities, other governments or jurisdictions, Indigenous communities, and industry.
2. Require municipalities and certain industries in the fire region to have a wildland fire management plan that meets prescribed standards as set out in regulation. This could be updating an existing plan or preparing a new plan.
3. Clarify the Minister's order power to prohibit activities in areas that have been declared a wildland fire emergency area and provide the Minister with the authority to issue a permit allowing certain activities in certain circumstances.
4. Create a new power for the Minister to issue a remediation order and provide for opportunity for review of the order.
5. Enable the Minister to set out standard rates, terms and conditions (and their application/use) when privately owned equipment and operators are used to respond to wildland fires and wildland fire emergency events.
6. Enable administrative monetary penalties to address non-compliance with the FFPA and provide for an opportunity for review of the penalty.
7. Revise the provision on cost recovery for human-caused fires to eliminate the automatic establishment of debt to the Crown, thereby enabling the Minister to exercise discretion in determining whether the costs of suppressing or extinguishing a fire and any associated damages will be recovered.
8. Modernize and update enforcement provisions, including powers and authorities of different groups of officers under the Act, and
9. Administrative amendments, including changing the name of the Act, adding a purpose section and updating definitions.

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Dât: May 27, 2025

Avec: Amanda Holmes, Sous-ministre adjointe, Division des services provinciaux, Ministère des Richesses naturelles

Objet: **Présentation du projet de loi 27 la *Loi de 2025 sur la gestion des ressources et la sécurité*, y compris les modifications proposées à la *Loi sur la prévention des incendies de forêt***

Bonjour,

Je vous écris pour vous faire part des principales mises à jour sur les efforts poursuivis pour moderniser la gestion des feux de végétation en Ontario. L'honorable Mike Harris, ministre des Richesses naturelles, a ré-introduit hier la *Loi de 2025 sur la gestion des ressources et la sécurité*. Le projet de loi comprend des propositions de modifications à la *Loi sur la prévention des incendies de forêt* (LPIF). L'ensemble de modifications proposées est identique à ce qui avait été présenté en novembre 2024 dans le cadre du projet de loi 228, à l'exception d'un petit nombre de mises à jour administratives qui comprennent des modifications pour clarifier les choses.

L'assemble des modifications contribueraient à renforcer la responsabilité collective à l'égard de la gestion des feux de végétation, à accroître la sensibilisation au risque de feux de végétation, à élargir les mesures de prévention et d'atténuation, à améliorer la préparation et l'intervention, et à renforcer les règles et les conséquences en cas de non-conformité aux lois sur les feux de végétation. Veuillez consulter la liste ci-jointe des modifications proposées.

Pour examiner les modifications proposées à la LPIF, veuillez visiter le site Web de l'Assemblée législative de l'Ontario: [Projet de loi 27, Loi de 2025 sur la gestion des ressources et la sécurité - Assemblée législative de l'Ontario](#).

L'introduction de ce projet de loi est une réalisation importante dans le cadre de notre démarche visant à moderniser la gestion des feux de végétation en Ontario. Si les modifications proposées à la LPIF sont adoptées, l'élaboration des règlements d'application suivra. Vos commentaires seront très importants pour éclairer les règlements et ce qu'ils signifieront pour vous et votre organisme. Toute consultation à

venir sur la réglementation se ferait par l'intermédiaire du Registre environnemental ou du Registre de la réglementation et des possibilités de discussion seraient offertes.

Nous sommes heureux de continuer à travailler avec vous pour améliorer la gestion des feux de végétation en Ontario en vue d'assurer la sécurité des personnes et des communautés.

Cordialement,



Amanda Holmes
Sous-ministre adjointe
Division des services provinciaux, Ministère des Richesses naturelles

Pièce jointe : Modifications proposées à la *Loi sur la prévention des incendies de forêt*

Modifications proposées à la *Loi sur la prévention des incendies de forêt* (LPIF)

Les modifications proposées consisteraient notamment à changer le nom de la LPIF pour celui de la *Loi sur la gestion des feux de végétation* et à orienter la mise en œuvre de la Loi en fonction d'un nouvel énoncé d'objectif. Ce dernier préciserait que l'objet de la Loi est « de fournir des orientations et des directives pour la gestion des feux de végétation de façon à protéger la sécurité publique, à limiter les répercussions environnementales, économiques, sanitaires et sociales négatives des feux de végétation, et à contribuer à la résilience de la province ».

Les modifications proposées permettraient d'atteindre les résultats suivants :

2. Clarifier le pouvoir du ministre de conclure des ententes sur tous les aspects de la gestion des feux de végétation avec, entre autres, les municipalités, d'autres gouvernements ou administrations, les collectivités autochtones et l'industrie.
3. Exiger des municipalités et de certaines industries dans la région touchée par les incendies de se doter d'un plan de gestion des feux de végétation qui respecte les normes prescrites, conformément aux règlements. Il peut s'agir de mettre à jour un plan existant ou de préparer un nouveau plan.
4. Clarifier le pouvoir du ministre d'interdire des activités dans des zones d'urgence pour les feux de végétation et de conférer au ministre le pouvoir de délivrer un permis autorisant certaines activités dans des circonstances particulières.
4. Conférer au ministre le pouvoir d'émettre une ordonnance de remédiation et de prévoir la possibilité de la réviser.
5. Permettre au ministre d'établir des taux, des modalités et des conditions normalisés (ainsi que leur application et leur utilisation) lorsque de l'équipement et des exploitants privés sont utilisés pour intervenir en cas de feux de végétation et de situations d'urgence liées à des feux de végétation.
6. Permettre l'application de sanctions administratives pécuniaires en cas de non-respect de la LPIF et prévoir la possibilité d'une révision de la sanction.
7. Réviser la disposition relative au recouvrement des coûts pour les feux d'origine humaine afin d'éliminer l'établissement automatique d'une dette envers la Couronne, permettant ainsi au ministre d'exercer un pouvoir discrétionnaire pour déterminer si les coûts de suppression ou d'extinction d'un feu et tous les dommages associés seront recouvrés.
8. Moderniser et mettre à jour les dispositions relatives à l'application de la Loi, y compris les pouvoirs et les autorités des différents groupes d'agents en vertu de la loi, et
9. Apporter des modifications administratives, notamment le changement du nom de la Loi, l'ajout d'un article sur l'objectif et la mise à jour de certaines définitions.



April LRCA Board Meeting
 Lakehead Region Conservation Authority
 April 30, 2025, at 4:30 PM
 130 Conservation Road/Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Albert Aiello, Robert Beatty, Donna Blunt, Rudy Buitenhuis, Dan Calvert, Sheelagh Hendrick, Greg Johnsen (part of Meeting), Brian Kurikka, Jim Vezina

Member Present (Remote):

Grant Arnold

Members Not Present

Trevor Giertuga

Also Present:

Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer

Mark, Ambrose, Finance Manager

Ryne Gilliam, Lands Manager

Ryan Mackett, Communications Manager

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

Rosy Brizi, Auditor, Doane Grant Thornton LLP, 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 amended.

Motion: #60/25

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

The Agenda was amended, with permission of the Board, to move forward, after the adoption of the Minutes, item 9.2: 2024 Audited Financial Statements.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority 3rd Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, be adopted as published.

Motion: #61/25

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

9.2. Audited Financial Statements

Members reviewed and discussed the draft 2024 Audited Financial Statements, presented by Rosy Brizi, Doane Grant Thornton LLP.

THAT: the 2024 Audit Report and Financial Statements are adopted as presented AND FURTHER THAT each Member Municipality will be forwarded a copy of the final version.

Motion: #62/25

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

5. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

THAT: we now go into Committee of the Whole (In-Camera) at 4:45 p.m.

Motion: #63/25

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Brian Kurikka. **CARRIED.**

THAT: we go into Open Meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Motion: #64/25

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

THAT: the In-Camera Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority March 26, 2025 meeting be adopted as published.

Motion: #65/25

Motion moved by Brian Kurikka and motion seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis. **CARRIED.**

***THAT:** the quote by Marianne Love Consulting Services Inc. to complete a 2025 Compensation Review with an upset limit of \$21,600.00 not including HST be approved.*

Motion: #66/25

Motion moved by Jim Vezina and motion seconded by Brian Kurikka. **CARRIED.**

***THAT:** the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors withdraws the support in principle to lease 1111 Fort William Road to the City of Thunder Bay.*

Motion: #67/25

Motion moved by Jim Vezina and motion seconded by Sheelagh Hendrick. **CARRIED.**

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1. NMFC-02-2025 CTB Watermain Installation - NM Floodway near Ford St.-Westminster St. to Chapples Dr.

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report NMFC-02-2025 related to the installation of a new watermain beneath the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway Diversion Channel.

***THAT:** the City of Thunder Bay is authorized to install a new watermain beneath the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway Diversion Channel near the Ford Street and Westminster Street intersection to Chapples Drive, with the requirement that the City of Thunder Bay is responsible for all future maintenance of the infrastructure.*

Motion: #68/25

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 March's Administration and Capital.

9.3. Provincial Offences Officer Designation - Melissa Hughson

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CORP-04-2025 related to the designation of Melissa Hughson, Watershed Manager, as a Provincial Offences Officer.

***THAT:** Staff Report CORP-04-2025 be received **AND FURTHER THAT** the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors designate Melissa Hughson, Watershed Manager, as a Provincial Offences Officer under Section 30.1 of the Conservation Authorities Act to enforce Section 28 of the Act and applicable regulations as amended from time to time **AND FURTHER THAT** the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors also delegate Melissa Hughson as an Agent of the Authority for the purpose of the Trespass to Property Act.*

Motion: #69/25

Motion moved by Dan Calvert and motion seconded by Albert Aiello. **CARRIED.**

10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

***THAT:** having examined the accounts for the period March 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025 cheque #3507 to #3529 for \$21,425.62 and preauthorized payments of \$133,893.88 for a total of \$155,319.50, we approve their payment.*

Motion: #70/25

Motion moved by Dan Calvert and motion seconded by Albert Aiello. **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

Members reviewed and discussed the final version of the 2024 Annual Report.

***THAT:** the 2024 Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Annual Report be approved.*

Motion: #71/25

Motion moved by Albert Aiello and motion seconded by Dan Calvert. **CARRIED.**

It was noted that the LRCA was successful in receiving \$12,800.00 in funding from the TD Friends of the Environment Fund (TDFEF) for LRCA's Big Year: Birds and Birding Watershed Explorers Program.

It was noted that the 2025 CLE Home and Garden Show was very well attended with staff speaking to 1,077 people over the three-day event.

12.2. Lands Manager Projects Update

Members were advised that returning Staff Member, Floodway Labourer Amanda Donolovitch, began work on April 22, 2025.

It was noted that the Lands maintenance Staff for the 2025 summer season will start after the long weekend in May. Two of the four positions received partial funding from the Canada Summer Jobs program.

12.3. Watershed Manager Projects Update

It was noted that the April 15, 2025, snow surveys indicated that the snow survey locations were above average for snow depth and water content when compared to the historical averages for April 15th.

It was noted that Lake Superior's lake level at the beginning of April was 15 cm below its period-of-record (1918-2022).

It was noted that the Authority held its 36th Annual Spring Melt Meeting on Monday, March 31, 2025.

It was noted that Melissa Hughson, Watershed Manager, participated in the Level 1 Provincial Offences Officer Training Course.

13. NEW BUSINESS

The CAO advised the Board of the reference to conservation authorities in the Provincial Throne Speech and Bill 5, which stated that the provincial government intends to "bring common-sense conservation principles to the role of Conservation Authorities". It was noted that a question regarding the reference was posed at the recent NOMA conference to the MECP Minister.

It was noted that funding had been secured for the Mills Block Community Accessibility Project from the CEDC Tourism Development Fund for \$60,000 and for \$20,000 over four years from the Doanne Grant Thornton Foundation. Additionally, Board approval was sought to submit a funding application to NOHFC for the project.

THAT: the Board of Directors of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority approves the funding submission to NOHFC for the Mills Block Community Accessibility Project AND FURTHER THAT the board agrees to commit a total of \$325,000 towards the total estimated project costs of \$710,000 and resolves to cover any project-related cost overruns, should they be incurred.

Motion: #72/25

Motion moved by Albert Aiello and motion seconded by Dan Calvert. **CARRIED.**

It was noted that \$30,000 in funding has been secured from the Rotary Club of Thunder Bay for greenhouse improvements related to the Seeds for Conservation program.

It was noted that a fact sheet related to Black Ash had been developed and was available.

Tammy Cook, CAO advised that she would be attending the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Annual General Meeting in Milwaukee with Conservation Ontario staff.

It was reported that a Flood Watch was issued on April 26, 2025, which was later upgraded to a Flood Warning at 9:30 p.m. due to a rainfall event. Moderate flooding occurred mostly in the western portion of the LRCA jurisdiction, with some road closures noted.

14. NEXT MEETING

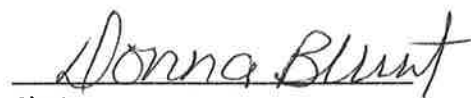
Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

THAT: the time being 5:45 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business we adjourn.

Motion: #73/25

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


Chair


Chief Administrative Officer

**Resolution of Council
City Council Meeting**

Title: Bill 6, Safer Municipalities Act, 2025
Date: May 20, 2025

WHEREAS:

1. A municipality's parks and open spaces are critical infrastructure that support a strong community, and the public's shared and safe use of the municipality's parks and open spaces is integral to ensuring that support.
2. Ontario's municipalities are struggling to maintain their parks and open spaces for their shared and safe use by the public as a result of the increasing proliferation of encampments and illicit activities related thereto.
3. Municipalities that enforce their standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in their parks and open spaces must have regard to the availability of shelter space for those who need shelter.
4. On January 27, 2023, Justice Valente of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice rendered his judgment in *Waterloo (Regional Municipality) v. Persons Unknown and to be Ascertained (2023)*, [2023] O.J. No. 417 (Waterloo Decision) which declared that the municipality's by-law violated section 7 of the Charter and was therefore inoperative insofar as it applied to prevent encampment residents from erecting temporary shelters on a site when the number of homeless individuals in the region exceeded the number of accessible shelter beds.
5. The Waterloo Decision's analysis of the adequacy of shelter beds suggests an unworkable and unclear standard that goes beyond the number of shelter spaces and that includes the requirement to provide shelter spaces that must accommodate illicit drug use and other activities that could put shelter residents, workers and volunteers at risk. The result is that municipalities are impaired in their enforcement of their standards and have lost or are losing control of their parks and open spaces.
6. On December 12, 2024, the provincial government introduced Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act, 2024. Among its various initiatives, Bill 242 proposed to amend section 2 of the Trespass to Property Act by adding aggravating factors that must be considered in the court's determination of a penalty under that section. However, the key challenge was that a municipality's exercise of its rights at common law and under section 9 of the Trespass to Property Act to remove encampments from the municipality's parks and open spaces remained potentially subject to the unworkable and unclear standard for the adequacy of shelter space suggested by the Waterloo Decision.
7. On January 13, 2025, Council of the City of Peterborough resolved to request the provincial government to amend Bill 242 to clearly define a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
8. Bill 242 died on the order paper as a result of the recent provincial election.
9. On April 30, 2025, the provincial Government re-introduced the legislation in the form of Bill 6, Safer Municipalities Act, 2025. Bill 6 is substantively the same as Bill 242.
10. In these circumstances, municipalities continue to need provincial legislation that clearly defines a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved:

1. That the provincial government be respectfully requested to amend Bill 6 to clearly define a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
2. That, without limitation, Bill 6 provide that a municipality will have met the standard for shelter space for the purposes of the municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces:
 - a) despite the establishment and enforcement of shelter rules including rules that prohibit drug use and other activities that could put shelter residents, workers and volunteers at risk; and
 - b) if an official designated by the municipality is satisfied that the number of available shelter spaces is at least equal to the aggregate of the number of individuals actually seeking shelter and the number of individuals against whom the municipality is planning to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to:
 - a) Peterborough - Kawartha MPP Dave Smith;
 - b) Honourable Doug Ford, Premier;
 - c) Honourable Robert Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
 - d) Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General;
 - e) Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and to
 - f) Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required. Thank you.



John Kennedy, City Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

BY-LAW # 2025-019

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 June 10th, 2025, 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.

1. 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 10th day of June, 2025.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Clerk Karen Paisley