

AGENDA FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 13 2024 – 6:00 pm



1. CALL TO ORDER

Land Acknowledgement

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. DEPUTATIONS

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

5.1. Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – July 23rd 2024

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 23rd 2024 be approved

6. DISBURSEMENT LIST

6.1. Payroll Report

6.2. Payment Register

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the disbursements represented by Check Numbers 7048 through 7068 totalling \$116,206.68 and electronic bank payments totalling \$1,228.91, for a grand total of \$117,435.59

7. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

7.1. Clerk's Report

Topics include: annual roads inspection; AMO conference

7.2. Public Works Report

7.3. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Intern's Report

Topics: grants; HR; activities

7.4. Councillor Reports (verbal)

Topic: A summary of activities and meetings

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Communications system

Action requested: discussion of phones and internet systems

8.2. Review – "Operation of Municipal Office" Policy

Action requested: approve amended policy

8.3. Social Committee Terms of Reference

Action requested: Discussion

8.4. High School Placement

Action requested: Discussion

9. BY-LAWS

9.1 Draft – Firearms Discharge By-Law

Action requested: discussion

9.2 Draft – Noise By-Law

Action requested: discussion

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 We the Free Nuclear North – letter regarding the July 23rd 2024 deputation by NWMO

Action requested: received for information

10.2 We the Free Nuclear North – sample resolution regarding transportation of nuclear waste (as provided in Item 4.1 of June 26th 2024)

Action requested: support resolution

10.3 Manulife Renewal

Action requested: review; accept renewal

10.4 Ombudsman Ontario

- 10.5 Annual report (printed) provided in council chambers
- 10.6 Tbaytel – Scope of Work for Fibre Installation
- 10.6 Forbes – request for concurrence regarding 60m self-support tower telecommunication site
 - 10.6.1 Public consultation tracker
 - 10.6.2 Example of letter of concurrence
- 10.7 Hydro One – AMO Conference delegations
- 10.8 Serco Canada – introduction email as service system manager (employment services)
- 10.9 Municipality of Wawa – resolution regarding the Ontario Forest Industries Association and its desire for immediate action to support forest sector
- 10.10 NOMA – letter and resolution regarding support for nurse practitioners to obtain billing numbers
- 10.11 NOMA – letter and resolution regarding the need for multi-minister meetings
- 10.12 Town of Bradford – West Gwillimbury – resolution requesting the creation of long-service medals for non-OPP police and paramedics
- 10.13 Municipal Engineers Association – Ontario Provincial Standards
- 10.14 OPP – collective agreements ratified
- 10.15 Voice of Northern Business – request for council resolution: support a set-aside for Northern Ontario within the OINP
- 10.16 Other correspondence

11 UPCOMING MEETING DATES

August 27 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
September 10 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
September 24 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
October 8 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
October 22 nd , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
November 12 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
November 26 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
December 17 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting

12 CLOSED SESSION

- 12.1 Closed Minutes – July 23rd 2024

13 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

- 13.1 By-law 1460 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1460 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. 1460, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

14 ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday July 23rd, 2024 – 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Sheila Maxwell
Councillor David Maxwell
Councillor Grant Arnold

ALSO PRESENT: Leanne Maxwell, Treasurer
Len Arps, Public Works Manager
Tara Wupori, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Robb Day, Fire Chief

REGRETS: Shara Lavalley, CAO/Clerk
Olabisi Hutka-Akinsanya, HR Assistant
Councillor Chris Kresack
Councillor David Halvorsen

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Maxwell provided a statement of land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Maxwell requested an addition for closed session:
Human Resources – Banked overtime

Mayor Maxwell requested an addition for the closed session:
Resident Concern – Building permits

Mayor Maxwell requested an addition for the closed session:
Human Resources - Training

RESOLUTION 2024-0137

Moved by Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular council meeting of July 23rd, 2024 be approved

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. DEPUTATIONS

4.1 NWMO – Nuclear Waste Management Organization

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

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

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

RESOLUTION 2024-0138

Moved by Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 10th 2024 be approved, as amended

CARRIED

6. DISBURSEMENT LIST

6.1. Payroll Report
Filed for information

6.2. Payment Register

RESOLUTION 2024-0139

Moved by Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the disbursements represented by Check Numbers 7033 through 7047 totalling \$82,848.98 and electronic bank payments totalling \$6,002.19, for a grand total of \$88,851.17.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

7.1. Clerk's Report
The Natural Asset Management Roadmap was completed with the assistance of Natural Assets Initiative, sponsored by Intact Insurance. TbayTel has scheduled to replace its main trunk cabinet (located at the north end of the pavilion). The replacement is expected to take place between July 29th – August 1st. While the work is being done, a temporary cabinet will be set up. TbayTel requested permission to use an electrical outlet at the pavilion to power the temporary cabinet. The Clerk granted them permission as the hydro use is expected to be minimal.

7.2. Fire Chief's Report (to be provided later)
Weekly training continues as well as NFPA courses for members. PCT50 Combi tool purchased with the assistance of the TBayTel for Good Grant was received. Community Risk Assessment was completed by July 1st deadline. OFM community profile package is being worked on now. Discussion continues be had in regard to shared services. Fire Chief will discuss with treasurer about the purchasing of new pagers for the fire department.

7.3. Public Works Report
Road activities included grading, brushing, filling of potholes, machine maintenance and landfill maintenance. The new summer student has been provided with training and orientation. The Public Works Manager shall discuss with MTO the possibility of lengthening the aprons at the highway intersections.

7.4. Treasurer's Report
Property tax bills are expected to be sent out in August.

7.5. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Intern's Report
Council was provided a summary of activities. Council provided direction of the grant application for Fire Protection Grant 2024. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Intern attended Engagement on Proposed Modernization of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act on July 23, 2024 and will attend

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

Modernizing Wildland Management in Ontario; Municipal Engagement session
July 24, 2024.

- 7.6 Councillor Reports (verbal)
Mayor Maxwell attended a Rural Housing Webinar and the Engagement on
Proposed Modernization of Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act
- Councillor Arnold attended the office for monthly meeting as office liaison,
attended summer student interviews, and attended the LRCA 70th Anniversary.
- Councillor Maxwell plans to do generator report this coming week.

- 7.7 Other agencies' report
List: TBDHU minutes, TBDSSAB, LRCA
- Filed for information

8 NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Municipal Alcohol Policy
Council requested more guidelines for section 4.1,4.2,4.3 regarding
Responsibility, and section 6.1.2 regarding public events.
- 8.2 Review – “Operation of Municipal Office” Policy
Council reviewed recommended amendments to Policy and requested it be
brought back to the upcoming council meeting as amended.
- 8.3 Committees Review
Council requested further information be provided at next Council meeting.
- 8.4 Conference Policy
Council requests amendments be made to change “clerk” to “admin staff to rotate
according to Councils' direction”

RESOLUTION 2024-0140

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Conmee approve the “Council
Attendance at Conference” Policy as amended.

CARRIED

9 BY-LAWS

9.1 By-Law 1456 – Budget 2024

RESOLUTION 2024-0141

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1456 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. 1456, being a by-law to approve the 2024 Budget

CARRIED

9.2 By-Law 1457 – Tax Rates

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

RESOLUTION 2024-0142
Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1457 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. 1457, being a by-law to establish tax rates for 2024

CARRIED

9.3 By-Law 1458 – Tax Ratios

RESOLUTION 2024-0143
Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1458 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. 1458, being a by-law to establish tax ratios for the Township of Conmee for the year 2024.

CARRIED

10 CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 We the Free Nuclear North – Deputation was made during regular Council meeting July 23, 2024.
Filed for information

Tabled until next meeting.
- 10.2 Emergency Management Ontario: Engagement on proposed modernization of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act
Summary of local engagement session provided by those in attendance
- 10.3 IESO: Community engagement webinar
Discussion of potential attendance – none wished to attend.
- 10.4 TBDSSAB: 2024 AMO Conference Briefings
For council's information
- 10.5 CN Rail: Rail Safety Week
Information shall be provided to residents via the newsletter and Facebook.

WHEREAS Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 23 to 29, 2024;

WHEREAS, 229 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2023; resulting in 66 avoidable fatalities and 39 avoidable serious injuries;

WHEREAS, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

WHEREAS CN and Operation Lifesaver have requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

Councillor Maxwell attends virtually 9:45pm

RESOLUTION 2024-0144

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Conmee supports National Rail Safety Week to be held from September 23 to 29, 2024.

CARRIED

- 10.6 MNRF: Engagement on proposed modernization of wildland fire management including the Forest Fires Prevention Act

Tabled until next meeting
- 10.7 MNRF: Development of legislative and regulatory framework for commercial-scale geological carbon storage.
- 10.8 AMO & OMA: joint resolution urging the province to recognize the physician shortage in the municipality and the rest of Ontario

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and (Northern Ontario only)

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province

RESOLUTION 2024-0145

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Conmee urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in (name of municipality) and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care

CARRIED

- 10.9 Manulife Renewal
 Tabled until further information can be provided
- 10.10 Other correspondence
 For Council's information

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12 CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 2024-0146

Moved by Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:50 p.m., Council resolve into closed session, under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(b)(d) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to discuss Item 12.2-12.4 regarding identifiable individuals, labour relations, and negotiations

AND under the authority of those paragraphs of the Municipal Act, 2001 for which they were authorized to be closed, to review the minutes of the closed session of the meetings of July 23rd 2024

CARRIED

- 12.1 Closed Minutes – July 10th, 2024
- 12.2 Deputy Clerk Treasurer Intern – Contract Renewal
- 12.3 HR Assistant – Contract Renewal
- 12.4 Human Resources – General
- 12.5 Municipal Concern – Building Permits
- 12.6 Human Resources - Banked Overtime

RESOLUTION 2024-0147

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:46 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session

AND THAT the Closed Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 10th 2024 be approved

AND THAT Administration proceed as directed

CARRIED

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

13 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

13.1 By-law 1459 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

RESOLUTION 2024-0148

Moved by Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1459 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. 1459, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

CARRIED

13 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 10:47 p.m..

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Clerk Shara Lavallee

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

14 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 9:23 p.m..

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Clerk Shara Lavallee

for the following payroll:

Staff Payroll -Aug 2, 2024
Council/VFD - July 31, 2024

	Administration	Public Works	Landfill	Complex	Fire	Council	Total
Wages	6,522.72	4,826.40	452.13		1,500.00	2,975.00	16,276.25
El	153.17	126.16	10.93		63.91	81.72	435.89
CPP	360.10	298.98			134.37	133.97	927.42
RRSP	204.60	170.63					375.23
mileage	107.80						107.80
total	7,348.39	5,422.17	463.06		1,698.28	3,190.69	18,122.59

Township of Conmee
Payment Register

Report Date

Batch: 2024-00080 to 2024-00090 2024-08-08 12:47 PM

Bank Code: GEN - TD Operating Account

Payment #	Vendor	Date	Amount
7048	Bay City Contractors	2024-07-19	44,441.15
7049	Brule Creek Farms	2024-07-19	2,600.00
7050	Everguard Fire and Safety	2024-07-30	76.84
7051	GFL Environmental Inc	2024-07-30	930.56
7052	Lakehead Cleaners	2024-07-30	75.46
7053	Lavallee, Shara	2024-07-30	300.00
7054	Municipality of Neebing	2024-07-30	21,964.00
7055	NW Ontario Military and Police Museum	2024-07-30	631.98
7056	Thunder Bay DSSAB	2024-07-30	7,690.00
7057	Valley Fire Protection & Serv	2024-07-30	466.13
7058	City of Thunder Bay	2024-08-08	16,436.00
7059	McKitricks	2024-08-08	4,494.75
7060	MicroAge	2024-08-08	310.75
7061	Minister of Finance	2024-08-08	7,376.00
7062	NorthRock Engineering	2024-08-08	3,029.82
7063	Rosslyn Service Ltd	2024-08-08	179.13
7064	Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd	2024-08-08	531.10
7065	Toodaloo Pest and Wildlife	2024-08-08	110.74
7066	Ultramar	2024-08-08	4,151.23
7067	Valley Fire Protection & Serv	2024-08-08	322.05
7068	Xerox Canada Ltd	2024-08-08	88.99
Total for Computer Cheque:			116,206.68
123	TBayTel	2024-08-08	-142.79
263	Hydro One Networks	2024-07-25	364.57
500	TD Visa	2024-07-18	543.85
904	TD Visa	2024-06-07	67.78
965	TBayTel	2024-07-22	395.50
Total for Other:			1,228.91
Total for GEN:			117,435.59

gravel for roads
grass cutting
porta potty (3 months)
shared policing (Jan, Feb, Mar)
balance of property rebate
ambulance
Anderson property
policing (July)
summer sampling

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

Date: August 13th 2024

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Administrative Activity Report

File Number: 01-C10-0000 Administrative Activity Reports

Submitted by: Shara Lavallée, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

- Determine date for annual road inspection

BACKGROUND:

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

DISCUSSION:

Annual Road Inspection

last year, the inspection was done in August using personal vehicles.
Council to advise on the date for this year's inspection and its attendees.

AMO Conference

Delegations booked: Minister of Health; MTO; Solicitor-General

MMAH declined a delegation but offered the contact information for the Stakeholder Relations Advisor and the Regional Director.

Ministry of Finance declined the request for delegation.

Office schedule:

Aug 12-16	Treasurer	Vacation
Aug 18-21	DCT	AMO Conference
Oct 30 - Nov 1	Treasurer	Vacation

The Corporation of the Township of Conmee Report

Date: July 23rd 2024
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Public Works Report
Submitted by: Len Arps, Public Works Manager

Activities

Roads

- Grading
- Hauled gravel
- Did work on Holland Rd E (widen road, gravel)
- Gravel and graded Oikenan
- Completed project on Maxwell Rd S (gravel, ditched both sides, add ditch liner)
- Supervised the summer student – he's doing awesome

Requests/Comments received:

Pajamaki Rd needs grading	CLOSED: records show grading done recently plus one load of driveway mix
Maxwell Rd S needs work	CLOSED: added gravel, addressed ditching
Enders/Maxwell intersection	DISCUSSION NEEDED: requests that Council change the 4-way stop to a 2-way stop
Cemetery Fees	DISCUSSION NEEDED: resident requests the burial fee be changed from \$250 (weekend fee) to \$125 (weekday fee) since the plot was prepared on the Friday before the burial

Date: August 13th, 2024

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Intern/Health and Safety Representative Activity Report

Submitted by: Tara Wupori, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Intern/Health and Safety Representative

RECOMMENDATION:

For Councils information

BACKGROUND:

The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Intern and Health and Safety Representative reports to Council, at regular council meetings, on her activities.

DISCUSSION:

A review of what has been worked on for July 26th to August 13th 2024.

Tasks Worked On:

- Created August Safe Talk
- Completed monthly inspections
- Assisted HR Assistant with gathering further information for Committee reviews
- Amended Operations of Municipal Office Policy as per Councils direction
- Amended Council Attendance at Conference Policy as per Councils direction at June 25th 2024 meeting.
- Attended MNRF: Engagement on proposed modernization of wildland fire management including the *Forest Fires Prevention Act*
- Created minutes for July 23rd 2024 meeting
- Awaiting decision from fire chief on who will complete fire protection grant
- Looking into potential grant opportunity for the Emergency Services Department with Fire Chief Day and Deputy Fire Chief Parfeniuk from Embridge Gas – giving back to communities grant – further details will be provided at August 27th 2024 meeting
- Met with Tbaytel in regard to fiber hookup at municipal hall and municipal garage
- Met with White Pine Electric at Emergency Service Department for generator installation. Awaiting final hookup date to be scheduled.

Other Agencies' Reports

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

1. TBDSSAB – Board minutes – June 2024

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

Date: August 13th, 2024

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Communications system

Submitted by: Shara Lavallée, Clerk on behalf of Mayor Maxwell

RECOMMENDATION:

For information

BACKGROUND:

Mayor Maxwell requested the item be placed on the agenda for discussion.

DISCUSSION:

To facilitate discussion, this report provides:
Attachment "A" - phone services history
Attachment "B" – internet services history
Attachment "C" – breakdown of costs

Main Item to discuss: Transition internet services to solely Starlink?

Councillors may have other items to discuss.

Appendix “A” – Phone services history

2018	Council entered into a 3-year agreement with Boyce Telecom to replace the phone system with NEC SV-9100 phones. Phone line services would be provided by Tbaytel.
2020	Conmee approved a multi-year agreement with Tbaytel for provision of phone, fax, and internet service
2021	Agreement with Boyce was complete. Boyce Telecom was only contacted when the phones needed repair or adjustments.
2020 – 2022	Issues were noted with the phone lines, especially during power outages when the landlines would stop working entirely
April 2022	Letter was sent to Tbaytel President requesting a meeting, the main concern being the operational capabilities of the office phones during a power outage
May 2022	Meeting occurred between Tbaytel & Conmee (Mayor Holland, Clerk, PWM, DCT) wherein it was agreed to explore the option of transferring the Conmee office phones over to a wi-fi system connected to the Tbaytel Metro Switch (which is provided emergency hydro during an outage directly from OPG instead of the generator)
July 2022	Council was provided with the proposal and had no objections. Additionally, since the phones are VOIP, it meant the phones could be taken anywhere that has wi-fi and still work on the same numbers.
June 2024	It was noticed that the phones in the kitchen/bar don't 'ring'. Only the light flashes but no sound. No option was provided to make the phones 'ring' again. Since the phones were still the original ones installed by NEC, the office had to call Boyce for assistance to fix the phones so that people in the kitchen/bar can hear the phone(s) ring.
Aug 2024	While the Clerk was on vacation, the Boyce tech came by and fixed the phones. The ring volume can be turned all the way down during funerals. But now the staff/volunteers can hear the phone(s) ring – especially important during events (eg. Emergency Prep Day) since cell phones don't work in sections of the hall, kitchen or bar.
July 2025	Current multi-year agreement with Tbaytel expires.

Appendix “B” – Internet services history

2020	Conmee approved a multi-year agreement with Tbaytel for provision of phone, fax, and internet service
April 2023	Council approved the purchase and installation of Starlink to provide additional internet services and assurance of business continuity during a power outage.
July 2025	Current multi-year agreement with Tbaytel expires.

Appendix “C” – Breakdown of costs

TBAYTEL

Internet 25	\$80.05
Community WiFi	\$00.00
Kitchen/Bar	\$19.95
Fax/Security	\$19.95
Auto-Attendant	\$16.95
Clerk phone	\$19.95
Treasurer phone	\$19.95
Reception phone	\$19.95
Metro internet 25	\$00.00
TOTAL	\$196.75 (before taxes)

NOTE: the last 4 months Tbaytel was charging \$340/month after taxes (the discount for the Internet 25 dropped off due to an admin error – Tbaytel has corrected the mistake and provided \$386.23 credit for overpayment)

NOTE: currently have 25Meg service on copper wire. On fibre Tbaytel can provide 75Meg service at \$89.90 month or 250Meg service at \$119.90. The Tbaytel representative suggests starting with 75Meg which should be sufficient to see significant improvement over current service.

STARLINK

Internet (R)	\$140.00
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Note: internet (B) is \$185.00 and up

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

Date: August 13th 2024

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Review – “Operation of Municipal Office” Policy

Submitted by: Tara Wupori, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION

That the amended policy be approved

BACKGROUND

The “Operation of Municipal Office” Policy was created at the regular council meeting of October 7th 2002. Records indicate that the policy was last reviewed by council on April 11th 2023.

Council reviewed the policy at the July 23rd 2024 council meeting.

DISCUSSION

The policy was amended as Council requested at the July 23rd 2024. Amendments are highlighted in red.

ATTACHMENT:

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

“OPERATION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICE” POLICY

Created: October 7th, 2002

Reviewed: April 11th, 2023; July 23rd 2024; August 13th 2024

Hours of Operation:

The Municipal Office shall be open between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm daily, Monday through Friday, except statutory holidays. The office shall be open to the public for a minimum of 35 hours per week.

Office Closure:

If the office must be closed on a regular working day, the most senior staff member scheduled to work that day shall seek the prior approval of at least the Mayor or the Deputy Mayor if possible and shall post a suitable notice of the closure. All members of Council and Department Heads would be notified by email. Ideally all manners of public notice would be used – ex. door sign, website, social media.

Staff

The administrative staff shall observe the requirements of their respective employment contracts. Employment contracts shall be reviewed on a schedule to be outlined in the contract.

Vacations are to be taken as per the employment contract. Sick leave, bereavement leave, jury duty, and medical benefits shall be established as per the respective employment contract.

Students/Interns

All students/interns **before probation periods are complete** must be supervised by an appropriate permanent office staff member. Remote supervision is not acceptable when a student/intern **who has not completed the probationary period** is present at the municipal office while it is open. However, remote supervision is sufficient when the student/intern is working remotely. **After probation, interns may be left unsupervised with Council approval at Councils' discretion.**

EX. A summer student can be supervised by the Treasurer, in the event that the CAO/Clerk is unavailable.

EX. Snow Day – both student/intern and supervisor are working remotely

In the event a supervisor is not available due to illness/etc, all efforts will be made to provide the student/intern **who has not completed the probationary** period with an opportunity to recoup lost time. The supervisor may also (with consultation with the Mayor) permit the student/intern to perform remote work unsupervised for short-term periods.

EX. Due to an unexpected availability of a supervisor, a student/intern **who has not completed the probationary period** was unable to attend the office but could work extra hours the following day(s) to make up the difference.

EX. No supervisor is available but the student/intern **who has not completed the probationary period** has work available that could be done remotely which does not necessarily require a supervisor anyways. (ex. AMCTO coursework) – but only permitted upon discussion with Mayor.

The absence of a supervisor would be acceptable only under short-term, appropriate circumstances.

EX. The Supervisor has a flat tire and will be late by 15 minutes.

EX. The Supervisor wants to run to Kakabeka Falls to buy lunch.

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

Date: August 13th 2024

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Social Committee Terms of Reference

Submitted by: Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Mayor Sheila Maxwell requested the inclusion of the Social Committee Terms of Reference.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE
BY-LAW # 1384

Being a By-law to the Terms of Reference for the Social Committee

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 Social Committee Terms of Reference was initially created in 2015 to govern its mandate and proceedings. This is the first formal review and amendment since that time.

ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Approval of the Social Committee Terms of Reference as amended as Schedule A

Passed this 14th day of March, 2023.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

Sheila Maxwell, Mayor

Shara Lavallee, Clerk

SCHEDULE A

CONMEE SOCIAL COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mission Statement

The Conmee Social Committee is constituted to provide social and recreational activities to the residents and ratepayers of the Township of Conmee. The Committee will also co-ordinate the preparation of food and/or the operations of the kitchen for hall rentals such as funerals and other events by request. It is the intention of Council that the Committee will liaise with other Committees, as constituted by Council, in the development and presentation of events where the proceeds are to benefit the other Committees. Members of the other Committees will be expected to participate and assist the Social Committee when such events are being planned and implemented.

Committee Composition

The Social Committee will consist of one member of Council, one municipal staff member and such other volunteers, Council and staff members as are willing to sit on the Committee. A minimum of 5 Committee members is required but the Committee may consist of up to 7 members. Other volunteers and Council members will be asked to assist at events as required.

Appointing Process/Criteria for Selection

The Council for the Township of Conmee shall review all requests to be appointed to the Conmee Social Committee and shall have regard for The Hiring Policy, and The Hiring Policy for Relatives of Current Employees, Volunteers or Council Members. All Committee members and volunteers shall be required to obtain a Criminal Record Search, including the Vulnerable Sector Search as per the Handling of Criminal Record Searches Policy. Committee members should also be aware that some may be asked to obtain the Safe Food Handling Certificate and/or the Smart Serve Course. Costs to obtain the Certificate and the Criminal Records Searches will be refunded by the Township of Conmee.

Resignation Procedure

The Chair of the Conmee Social Committee shall ensure that Council is informed of any Committee member wishing to resign their position. Upon acceptance of the resignation Council shall send a letter of appreciation to the resigning member and shall initiate the search for another Committee member. Suggestions for appointments may be brought

forward by the Chair for consideration by Council, however, a formal request in writing must be received prior to the appointment.

Council may, at its discretion, remove any Committee member or dissolve the Committee entirely.

Roles/Responsibilities

Members of the Conmee Social Committee shall hold an inaugural meeting as soon as possible after the passing of the appointing by-law, which will be completed at the first regular meeting of the new Council in the election year. A Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by the members of the Committee. The Committee shall follow the Council Procedural By-law (By-law No. 1200– and all successive procedural by-laws as amended from time to time), including the use of Resolutions and the preparation and adoption of Minutes.

It shall be the duty of the Chair:

- (a) to open the meeting by taking the chair and calling the Members to order;
- (b) to receive and submit, in the proper manner, all motions presented by the Members;
- (c) to put to vote all questions which are moved and seconded, or necessarily arises in the course of the proceedings, and to announce the result;
- (d) to decline to put to vote motions which infringe the rules of procedure;
- (e) to restrain the Members, within the rules of order, when engaged in debate;
- (f) to enforce on all occasions the observance of order and decorum among the Members;
- (g) to receive all messages and other communications and announce them to the Committee;
- (h) to authenticate, by his or her signature when necessary, all resolutions and minutes of the Committee;
- (i) to inform the Committee, when necessary or when referred to for the purpose, on a point of order or usage;
- (j) to represent and support the Committee, declaring its will, and implicitly obeying its decisions in all things;
- (k) to ensure that the decisions of Committee are in conformity with the by-laws governing the activities of the Committee and are in accordance with the intentions of Council;
- (l) to adjourn the meeting when the business is concluded;
- (m) to act as the filter between the Committee and Office Treasurer for cash handling, balancing, and reimbursements

It shall also be the duty of the Chair and/or member of council to complete monthly Corporation-wide Health and Safety education and report back to the other members of the Committee. This can be done in either written or verbal format, as per the preference of the Committee.

Meetings of the Conmee Social Committee shall be held at the Conmee Community Complex and shall be considered a public meeting as per the requirements of the Municipal Act, 2001. Meetings may be closed to discuss certain topics only as per the following:

- a) the security of the property of the Municipality
- b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal employees and Committee members
- c) a proposed or pending land acquisition
- d) labour relations or employee negotiations
- e) litigation or potential litigation
- f) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Before holding any Meeting or part of a Meeting that is to be closed to the public the Committee shall state by Resolution:

- a) the fact of holding of the Closed Meeting
- b) the general nature of the matter to be considered at the Closed Meeting

Committee members are expected to maintain the confidentiality of any Closed Meeting discussions.

The Committee shall meet a minimum of once per month and may meet more often as required to co-ordinate activities and events. Since email is the preferred form of ongoing communication, there is an expectation that Committee Members check and respond to emails at least once per week, as necessary.

It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chair to be responsible for the duties of the Chair in conjunction with, or in the absence of the Chair.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to produce and circulate an Agenda with the following headings:

- (a) Call to Order
- (b) Approval of Agenda
- (c) Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
- (d) Deputations and Petitions
- (e) Approval of Minutes
- (f) Reports of Committee Members (includes health and safety update)
- (g) Financial Reports
- (h) Unfinished Business
- (i) New Business
- (j) Correspondence
- (k) Adjournment

The Agenda shall be circulated a minimum of 48 hours prior to the meeting. The Secretary shall record the Minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, including Closed Meetings. The Secretary shall ensure that all signed Resolutions and Minutes are kept permanently as per the Retention By-law for the Township of Conmee. Other documents such as correspondence and reports shall also be kept for the term as outlined in the Retention By-law.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to maintain the records of all expenditures of the Committee and to present financial reports on the status of revenue and expenses of all functions and events. The Social Committee Treasurer shall liaison with the Office Treasurer of the Township of Conmee and shall present all receipts for expenditures to the Municipal Office.

When a float is required for any event, the Chair or Committee Treasurer will reach out to the Office Treasurer no less than one week prior to the event date to make arrangements for the float.

It shall be the duty of all members of the Conmee Social Committee to attend an orientation session as soon as possible after the formation of the Committee, and prior to the Committee's first meeting. This orientation session is to familiarize the Committee members with this document as well as provide information on:

- a) the Conmee Council Procedural By-law
- b) the appropriate policies of Council
- c) the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- d) the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act
- e) the reporting relationship of the Committee and contact numbers for Council and staff
- f) Council's expectation of the Committee

It shall be the duty of the Volunteer Coordinator to liaise between volunteers and the committee. The Volunteer Coordinator will maintain a contact list for all volunteers and coordinate/organize volunteers for events. The Volunteer Coordinator may also oversee the compilation of Students who wish to pursue their volunteer hours through the Social Committee.

Recruitment of new volunteers can be a joint responsibility of all committee members. The Volunteer Coordinator will work in conjunction with office staff to develop a comprehensive volunteer orientation package.

Nominations for any roles/titled responsibilities will follow the same term as council as per the procedural by-law. Members have the option to step down from their title at any time but must ensure that any materials or communication are passed on to the next person assuming the role.

Meeting Structure

At the inaugural meeting of the Conmee Social Committee, a work plan for the activities of the Committee shall be prepared. Council requires a minimum of 4 events per year, including:

- a) A Family Day Event in February
- b) A Spring Event (Easter or Mother's Day)
- c) A children's Halloween Event
- d) A Family Christmas Event

Other events may be planned if sufficient interest is shown and if commitment from volunteers is obtained. Suggestions could include suppers, teas, yard sales, movie nights, etc. As noted, the Social Committee shall also co-ordinate events at the request of other Committees for fundraisers.

Funding and Budgets

The Conmee Social Committee shall initially receive funding from the Council for the Township of Conmee. It is intended that the Committee should become self-supporting for expenses, however Council will commit to the on-going funding of the 4 required events if necessary. The Committee should determine costs and cost recovery methods for events by implementing user fees or admission fees. All expenditures should be approved by the Committee prior to incurring the expenses. Regular reports on the financial position of the Committee shall be submitted to Council with a minimum number of reports being 4 (a report for the 4 required events).

If the Committee expects or desires to incur significant expenses for an event, prior consultation should be obtained from Council (i.e. fireworks).

The Committee shall present a budget for the expected expenses to Council, prior to Council's Township budget deliberations each year.

Liaisons

Council expects the Conmee Social Committee to liaise with the CAO and/or Council to make recommendations for equipment or policy changes as they are identified. The Committee must also report on deficiencies, maintenance and repairs as necessary to the Facilities Manager or CAO.

Should the support of the Facilities Manager be required for any Social Committee Event, a designated member of the Social Committee will communicate what is required to the Facilities Manager no less than one week prior to the event, or sooner depending on the complexities of the event in question.

The Conmee Social Committee shall also liaise with the CAO/Clerk prior to any event, for the Clerk to identify any issues that may arise. For example, events that would

require a Lottery Licence, or events that would require Health Unit Approval, need to be communicated to the Clerk significantly in advance of the event in order to allow procedures to be followed. Any event that requires a liquor licence must be presented to Council for approval a minimum of 2 months prior to the event.

Accessibility

The Conmee Social Committee must take into consideration the accommodations necessary under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. This Act applies both to Committee members, as well as to participants in any planned activities including meetings and actual events. It is important that Committee members understand their obligations under this Act.

Remuneration and Expenses

The Conmee Social Committee members are volunteers and as such are not eligible for remuneration. However, no Committee member should incur personal expenses. Purchasing should be done by the establishment of vendor accounts whenever possible. Cash payments will be reimbursed upon presentation of receipts at the Municipal Office. No personal credit cards should be used for purchases. Committee members may inquire about purchases to the Treasurer of the Township of Conmee. Vendor accounts will be set up on behalf of the Committee by the Treasurer, at the Committee's request.

Representation and Conduct

The Conmee Social Committee members shall conduct themselves with the understanding that they represent the Township of Conmee at all times. Committee members must not obligate the Township to any on-going expense or make promises to any person or organization without Council approval. The Committee does not have the authority to bind the Township.

Health and Safety

The Conmee Social Committee members shall always have regard for the safety of the Committee members and the public. It is incumbent on the Committee members to stop any activity that may cause injury, report any equipment malfunction that may cause injury and ensure that all events are conducted in a safe manner. Committee members should be aware that the Township may be held liable for any injury that may occur as a result of negligence or if a hazardous situation is allowed to continue. Committee members should be aware that dangerous situations must be corrected immediately. This may include removing the unsafe equipment, stopping the unsafe activity, moving the event away from a hazardous area or cancelling the event completely if the danger of injury cannot be mitigated. Orientation to the Health and Safety Policies of the Corporation will be an essential component of the orientation process for any new Committee members or volunteers.

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

Date: August 13th 2024

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: High School Placement

Submitted by: Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Mayor Sheila Maxwell requested the inclusion of “High School Placement” for discussion.

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

Date: August 13th 2024

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: DRAFT - Firearms Discharge Bylaw

Submitted by: Shara Lavallée, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

For discussion

BACKGROUND:

At the July 10th 2024, council directed staff to draft a firearms discharge bylaw which would restrict firearms to 1.5 km of dwellings – exceptions to be predators or food.

DISCUSSION:

The draft Firearms Discharge By-law is not a replacement for provincial or federal law, but a document that will minimize wellbeing and safety concerns predominantly in more populated areas i.e. areas where dwellings are within 1500m apart.

The draft By-law is intended to be a balanced and thoughtful instrument that respects the rights of firearm owners, while prioritizing the safety, wellbeing, and security of the broader community, all the while reflecting a commitment to a framework tailored to the unique dynamics of the municipality.

Provincial Regulations

Beyond the scope of this By-law are several higher laws regulating hunting, the use of firearms, and trespassing such as the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 (FWCA), the Criminal Code of Canada, the Firearms Act, and the Trespass to Property Act. These Acts address issues arising from offences including but not limited to:

- Illegal Hunting
- Discharging a Firearm Recklessly
- Discharging a Firearms from/across a highway
- Careless Use or Storage of a Firearm
- Pointing a Firearm at Someone
“Without Lawful Excuse”
- Trespassing
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purposes
- Carrying a Weapon While Attending a Public Meeting
- Carrying a Concealed Weapon
- Unauthorized Possession of Firearm
- Possession at Unauthorized Place

Samples (used as reference during creation of draft by-law):

Neebing Municipality

- Bylaw prohibits loaded firearms in the road allowances
- <https://www.neebing.org/en/your-local-government/resources/Documents/By-Law-2016-001.pdf>

Oliver-Paipoonge Municipality

- Bylaw prohibits firearms in specific areas and restricts firearms in other specific areas.
- file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/419-2006_Firearms_Restrictions.pdf

Nation Municipality

- Bylaw restricts firearms in built-up areas (hamlets, etc), highways, public land, 300 m from community buildings (schools, etc)
- <https://nationmun.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/30-2021-Firearms-Discharge.pdf>

Augusta Township

- Bylaw restricts firearms in specified areas
- <https://augusta.ca/bylaws/bylaw-1306-prohibit-the-discharge-of-guns-or-other-firearms-air-guns-and-spring-guns-or-any/>

Machin Township

- Bylaw restricts firearms in specific areas
- <https://www.visitmachin.com/Home/DownloadDocument?docId=93b29187-3e63-40c1-be0a-6a0350445450>

ATTACHMENT “A” – DRAFT

The Corporation of the Township of Conmee

By-law #XXXX

A By-law to Regulate the Use of Firearms within the Municipal Limits of the Township of Conmee

Whereas Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the Municipal Act, 2001, authorize the Township of Seguin to pass by-laws necessary or desirable for municipal purposes, and authorize by-laws respecting the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality; the health, safety and well-being of persons; the protection of persons and property

Whereas Section 119 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, as amended provides a municipality with the authority to prohibit or regulate the discharge of guns or other firearms, air-guns, spring-guns, cross-bows, long-bows or any other weapon for the purpose of public safety;

Whereas pursuant to Section 128 of the Municipal Act, 2001, a municipality may prohibit or regulate with respect to public nuisances, including matters that, in the opinion of Council, are or could become or cause public nuisance

Whereas Section 425 of the Municipal Act, 2001, a municipality is authorized to pass by-laws providing a person who contravenes a by-law of the municipality passed under the Municipal Act, 2001, is guilty of an offence

And Whereas the Council of the Township of Conmee deems it expedient to regulate and limit the discharge of firearms within its boundaries for the purpose of public safety;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Conmee enacts as follows:

1. Definitions

For the purposes of this by-law, the term:

- (1) “Council” means the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Conmee.
- (2) “Firearm” shall refer to any and all guns, firearms, muskets, pistols, revolvers, air-guns, spring-guns or any class or type thereof.
- (3) “Special Event” means an event that is open to the general public for entertainment or demonstration purposes or an event that is held by a club, organization, or community group for a limited time

2. Discharge Prohibited and Exceptions

- (1) No person shall discharge a firearm in the following areas:
 - a) Municipal property including landfill, playground, or vacant property
 - b) Opened public highways, roads, streets, or road allowances
 - c) Unopened road allowances.
 - d) Within 1500 meters from any dwelling
- (2) Exceptions:
 - a) Where permitted by Federal or Provincial legislation on land which is Crown Land, provided such discharge otherwise complies with the provisions of this By-Law
 - b) where such person possesses a valid licence issued by Canada or Province of Ontario, and is exercising the rights and privileges of such licence for the purposes of hunting only, inclusive of the sighting of guns, and is a minimum distance of 1500 meters from any dwelling, other than a dwelling owned or lawfully occupied by the person discharging the firearm;
 - c) where a person is acting within the authority provided by Provincial or Federal regulations or legislation to protect livestock and/or crops and has obtained the appropriate permit(s) and/or licence(s);
 - d) where it is necessary to euthanize livestock,
 - e) where Council, upon written application for approval, has granted a specific exemption from this by-law.

3. Non-Application

- (1) This By-law shall not be construed as prohibiting the discharge of guns or other firearms by
 - a) Any duly authorized municipal, provincial, or federal officer engaged in the performance of duties including any training exercises
 - b) A person authorized by the Township of Conmee to control nuisance wildlife
 - c) Any peace officer or an officer under the Immigration Act, the Customs Act or the Excise Act
 - d) Any member of the Canadian Armed Forces or the armed forces of a state other than Canada that are lawfully present in Canada, when duly authorized and in the actual and bonafide performance of duties.
 - e) All Licenced Trappers on a Registered Trapline

4. Application for Exemption

- (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of this By-law, any person may submit an application to Council to be granted an exemption from any of the provisions of this By-Law by resolution and Council may grant or refuse to grant the exemption applied for, or may grant the exemption of lesser effect, and in granting any exemption Council may include such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate.
- (2) In deciding whether to grant an exemption, Council shall give the applicant and any other persons an opportunity to be heard and may consider such other information and matters as it considers appropriate.

- (3) A breach of any of the terms or conditions of any exemption granted by Council shall render the exemption immediately null and void and of no force or effect.

5. Enforcement

- (1) Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine or penalty as provided in the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

6. Enactment

- (1) This by-law shall come into force and effect on the date of its passage.

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

Date: August 13th 2024

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: DRAFT - Noise Bylaw

Submitted by: Shara Lavallée, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

For discussion

BACKGROUND:

Complaints regarding noise – council requested a by-law to mitigate the concerns

DISCUSSION:

In preparing the draft of a new noise by-law, the Clerk examined by-laws from neighbouring municipalities and comparable municipalities (Neebing, O'Connor, etc). The Clerk found that in all of the by-laws reviewed, different noise types are regulated by defined times and specified days rather than maximum sound levels.

Based on this research and the challenges proving that the maximum sound levels are being exceeded, staff is proposing specific times and days when certain noises are not allowed to be generated. The proposed by-law would allow people to apply to Council for exemptions to the noise by-law, with fees for the application and permit.

Samples (used as reference during creation of draft by-law):

Oliver-Paipoonge
Neebing Municipality
O'Connor Township
Greenstone
Dorion
Manitouwadge
Nipigon
Red Rock
Schreiber
Terrace Bay
Shuniah
Thunder Bay

ATTACHMENT "A" - DRAFT

BY-LAW NUMBER #####

Being a by-law to prohibit and regulate Noise in Conmee

WHEREAS *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, authorizes municipalities to prohibit and regulate noise and other nuisances.

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, RSO 2001, c. 25 Clause 129(a) provides that a local municipality may prohibit and regulate with respect to noise, vibration, odour and dust; and

WHEREAS Clause 129(b) of the said Act provides that a local municipality may prohibit the matters described in clause 129(a) unless a permit is obtained from the municipality for those matters and may impose conditions for obtaining, continuing to hold and renewing the permit, including requiring the submission of plans

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation recognizes that balance must be achieved between the clash of individual interests that arise in modern municipalities, and that the existence of organized society depends upon the principle of “give and take

WHEREAS The Council of The Corporation of the Township of Conmee recognizes that people expect, and have the right to an environment free from unusual, unnecessary, or excessive noise which may degrade the quality and tranquillity of their life or cause nuisance.

ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Short Title: This By-law shall be referred to as “The Noise By-law”.
2. Definitions: Where the words defined in the lettered paragraphs of this Section appear in the text of this By-law with their initial letters capitalized, it is intended that they are interpreted as defined. Where a word appears in the text of this by-law without its initial letter capitalized, it is intended that it is to be interpreted as ordinarily defined in the English language.
 - (a) “Authorized” means sanctioned by the Council, or by a senior order of government, whether through the issue of a permit or licence, or through resolution.
 - (b) “By-law” means this By-law, including its recitals and schedules, which form integral parts of it, as amended from time to time.
 - (c) “Construction” means the erection, alteration, repair, dismantling, demolition, structural maintenance, painting, moving, land clearing, earth moving, grading, excavation, blasting and detonation of explosive devices other than fireworks, the laying of pipe and conduit whether above or below ground level, street and highway building, concreting, equipment installation and alteration and the structural installation of construction components and materials in any form or for any purpose, including any associated or related work.

- (d) "Construction Equipment" means any equipment or device designed and intended for use in construction or material handling, including; air compressors, pile drivers, pneumatic or hydraulic tools, bulldozers, tractors, excavators, trenchers, cranes, derricks, loaders, scrapers, pavers, generators, off-highway haulers, trucks, ditchers, compactors and rollers, pumps, concrete mixers, graders or other material handling equipment.
- (e) "Corporation" means The Corporation of the Township of Conmee.
- (f) "Council" means the elected municipal council of the Corporation.
- (g) "Emergency" means a situation or an impending situation, often dangerous, caused by the forces of nature, human activity, an accident, an intentional act, or otherwise, which arises suddenly and calls for prompt action.
- (h) "Motor Vehicle" means an automobile, bus, truck, motorcycle, motor assisted bicycle and any other vehicle propelled or driven other than by muscular power, but does not include a traction engine, farm tractor, other farm vehicle or road-building machine.
- (i) "Municipal Law Enforcement Officer" means a Police Officer, a law enforcement officer, or another person duly appointed to enforce the by-laws of the Corporation.
- (j) "Municipal Service Vehicle" means a Motor Vehicle operated by or on behalf of the Corporation while being used for the construction, repair or maintenance of a highway, including removing of snow, the construction, repair or maintenance of municipal assets or other municipal purpose.
- (k) "Conmee" means the geographic area under the jurisdiction of the Corporation.
- (l) "Noise" means sound that is unusual or excessive, or that is reasonably unwanted by, or disturbing to, persons, in the circumstances within which it occurs.
- (m) "Premises" means any land or building which is not a Residence.
- (n) "Residence" means a room, suite of rooms, or dwelling, that is lawfully used as a domicile.
- (o) "Utility" means a system that is used to provide a utility service to the public, including: electricity, gas, communications networks and cable services.
- (p) "Utility Service Vehicle" means a Motor Vehicle operated by or on behalf of a company or agency that supplies or manages a Utility within Conmee, while the Motor Vehicle is being used for the construction, repair or maintenance of that Utility.

3. Acting Directly or Indirectly: Where this By-law prohibits an action, or requires a person to undertake an action, the prohibition or requirement applies both directly and indirectly. This means that a person prohibited from doing something is also prohibited from causing, allowing or permitting that action to be done.
4. General Prohibition: No person shall make Noise.
5. Specific Noise Prohibitions: The activities described in Schedule “A” to this By-law are deemed to create “Noise” as defined in this By-law when sound, as a result of the activity, is audible to a person in a Residence, Premises or a Motor Vehicle other than the Residence, Premises or a Motor Vehicle from which the Noise is originating.
6. Specific Noise Prohibitions by Time: The activities described in the first column of the table in Schedule “B” to this By-law are deemed to create “Noise” as defined in this By-law, when they are undertaken on the days and within the hours specified in the corresponding cell in the second column of the table in Schedule “B” to this By-law, and when sound, as a result of the activity, is audible to a person in a Residence, Premises or a Motor Vehicle other than the Residence, Premises or a Motor Vehicle from which the Noise is originating.
7. Exemptions:
 - 7.1. Emergencies: This By-law does not prohibit Noise reasonably necessary resulting from measures undertaken in an Emergency.
 - 7.2. Specific Exemptions: This By-law does not prohibit Noise caused by any one or more of the following activities:
 - a) the operation of Municipal Service Vehicles and related equipment;
 - b) the operation of Utility Service Vehicles and related equipment;
 - c) the Authorized use of fireworks;
 - d) Authorized special events including: festivals, concerts, races, parades, exhibitions, etc.;
 - e) normal farm practices in accordance with the *Farming and Food Production Protection Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 1, as amended.
 - f) the operation of bells, chimes, carillon and clocks on churches, schools, or public buildings;
 - g) Authorized cultural, recreational, educational or political events in parks or other public areas;
 - h) Authorized events on highways or other municipal property; and/or

- i) activities normally associated with a lawful commercial, industrial, agricultural or forestry use, unless specifically prohibited elsewhere in the By-law.

8. Severability: If any portion of this By-law is considered by a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable or void, that ruling will not apply to the balance of the By-law, which shall be considered to remain in full force and effect.
9. Conflicts with other By-laws: In the event of any conflict between this By-Law and any other by-law passed by the Corporation, the more restrictive provision prevails unless applicable law requires otherwise.
10. Enforcement: This By-law may be enforced by any Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, or by way of a private information sworn in accordance with the *Provincial Offences Act*.
11. Offence: Failure to comply with Section 4 of this By-law constitutes an offence.
12. Penalties: Every person who commits an offence under this By-law is, upon conviction, subject to the penalties prescribed by the *Provincial Offences Act*.
13. Effective Date: This By-law takes effect upon the date of its passage.

ENACTED AND PASSED IN COUNCIL this ____ day of ____, 2024, as witnessed by the corporate seal of the Corporation and the hands of its proper Officers duly authorized in that behalf.

Schedule "A" General Noise Prohibitions

1. Operation of a Motor Vehicle in such a manner that the tires squeal.
2. Operation of a stereo system or other similar device within a Motor Vehicle in such a manner that the sound, or vibration caused by the sound, is perceptible outside the Motor Vehicle.
3. Operation of a combustion engine or pneumatic device without an effective exhaust muffling device that is in good working order and in constant operation.
4. Operation of any item of Construction Equipment without an effective exhaust muffling device that is in good working order and in constant operation.
5. Operation of a Motor Vehicle in a manner that results in excessive exhaust Noise, banging, clanking, squealing or similar sounds caused by inadequate maintenance or an improperly secured load.
6. Operation of a warning device, including the horn of a Motor Vehicle, except in accordance with good safety practices.
7. Operation of any outdoor auditory signalling device (including: outdoor paging systems; the ringing of bells or gongs; the use of sirens, whistles or chimes; or the production, reproduction or amplification of any similar sounds by electronic means) except when Authorized or in accordance with good safety practices.
8. Use of any air-conditioning device, pool pump, venting system or fan that results in Noise caused by inadequate maintenance or deterioration of its condition.
9. Operation of an engine or motor, in or on, any Motor Vehicle or item of attached auxiliary equipment, for a continuous period of more than five minutes, while such Motor Vehicle is stationary, unless:
 - a) the Motor Vehicle is in an enclosed structure constructed so as to effectively prevent the emission of Noise;
 - b) continuous operation of the engine or motor is essential to a basic function of the Motor Vehicle or equipment, including the operation of ready-mixed concrete trucks, lift platforms, refuse compactors and heat exchange systems, during normal operation; or
 - c) weather conditions justify the use of heating or refrigeration systems powered by the motor or engine for the safety and welfare of the operator, passengers or animals, or the preservation of perishable cargo.
10. Shouting, yelling or amplified sound for the purposes of selling or advertising goods or services for sale.

Schedule "B"
Prohibitions During Specific Times

	Noise-Causing Activity	Prohibited Times
1.	Construction, including the operation of Construction Equipment.	From 11:00 p.m. any day until 7:00 a.m. the following day, unless the following day is a Sunday or a statutory holiday, in which case the prohibition continues until 9:00 a.m.
2.	Operation of any device or group of connected devices intended for the production, reproduction, or amplification of voices or sound.	From 11:00 p.m. any day until 7:00 a.m. the following day, unless the following day is a Sunday or a statutory holiday, in which case the prohibition continues until 9:00 a.m.
3.	Operation of a Motor Vehicle other than on a road or driveway.	From 11:00 p.m. any day until 7:00 a.m. the following day, unless the following day is a Sunday or a statutory holiday, in which case the prohibition continues until 9:00 a.m.
4.	Outdoor operation of any powered or non-powered tool for domestic purposes other than snow removal.	From 11:00 p.m. any day until 7:00 a.m. the following day, unless the following day is a Sunday or a statutory holiday, in which case the prohibition continues until 9:00 a.m.
5.	Operation of a pit or quarry.	From 11:00 p.m. any day until 7:00 a.m. the following day, and all day on Sundays and statutory holidays.
6.	Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, singing or the playing of musical instruments, including percussion instruments, except where Authorized.	From 11:00 p.m. any day until 7:00 a.m. the following day, unless the following day is a Sunday or a statutory holiday, in which case the prohibition continues until 9:00 a.m.

Mayor and Council
Conmee Township
19 Holland Rd W
Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0

August 9, 2024

Dear Conmee Township Mayor and Council,

Thank you again for the opportunity to make a presentation at your meeting on June 26, regarding the dangers of nuclear fuel waste transportation and burial.

We attended/viewed the presentation on July 23 by Joanne Jacyk and Rachelle Davenport of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization. With your indulgence, we would like to point out three items of misinformation included in that presentation by the nuclear industry.

First, Joanne Jacyk stated to Council that the Independent Energy System Operator (IESO) has “categorically said” that Northwestern Ontario uses nuclear power, and that the information can be found online in IESO’s “net-zero reports.” We have searched the IESO website and have not found documents so titled. We did find IESO’s *Pathways to Decarbonization* report regarding zero emissions (<https://www.ieso.ca/en/Learn/The-Evolving-Grid/Pathways-to-Decarbonization>) – but this document contains no reference to NW Ontario using nuclear power.

In the hallway after the July 23 Council meeting, Ms. Jacyk told Dodie LeGassick that she had heard this statement regarding NW Ontario and nuclear power at a presentation by the IESO. Jacyk said she could no longer remember the name of the presenter.

This question regarding nuclear power and NW Ontario has come up on social media as well, in recent months. In response, NWMO employee Vince Ponka has similarly referred to “a conversation I have had with someone from the IESO,” but does not share who it was. Prompted by his statement, Wendy O’Connor sent an inquiry to the IESO on July 2, 2024, asking specifically whether NW Ontario relies on or uses nuclear power. That correspondence is attached to this letter. In it, the IESO states, “There is no real way to tell how much of a specific generation-type a specific load is receiving.”

Second, Joanne Jacyk stated during her presentation to you that “the UN accepts only one form of disposal for long-term storage for this nuclear fuel, and that is a deep geological repository”. We can find no evidence that the UN has made this statement – dictating such specifics to individual nations is not a role the UN typically fills. However, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is publicly pro-DGR. By accident or design, the IAEA is often confused with the UN in nuclear industry statements. The IAEA describes itself as an autonomous organization within the United Nations system. It is more than a stretch to say that an IAEA statement or

directive comes from the UN. In reading the IAEA's *Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management*, Article 14, "DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES" suggests that member states are responsible for designing their own storage facilities. You may find and review this document here:

<https://www.iaea.org/topics/nuclear-safety-conventions/joint-convention-safety-spent-fuel-management-and-safety-radioactive-waste>.

Third, in her July 23 presentation, Joanne Jacyk mentioned the shipping of Cobalt-60 in Canada, asserting that "it is comparable in risk to fresh fuel that comes right out of the reactor". However, Cobalt-60 is but one radioactive chemical (radionuclide); used nuclear fuel contains over 211 radionuclides with various half-lives and radioactivity levels. Cobalt-60 primarily emits gamma rays (used in medical therapies), and secondarily beta particles; used nuclear fuel also emits gamma rays, but also significant alpha and beta particles, which are most dangerous when they are inhaled or swallowed. Cobalt-60 is not easily soluble in water; used nuclear fuel contains radioactive elements – notably Cesium-137 and Strontium-90 – which are water-soluble and can contaminate watercourses if released into the environment. And perhaps most importantly, Cobalt-60 is shipped only occasionally from its source at Bruce Power; the NWMO's proposed plan to transport all of Canada's nuclear fuel waste to a deep geological repository would entail 2-3 shipments a day for at least 50 years: over 35,000 shipments.

We hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely,



Dodie LeGassick – Nuclear Lead, Environment North



Wendy O'Connor – Member, We the Nuclear Free North

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Attachments

Attachment 1: Email correspondence between Wendy O'Connor and the Independent Energy Systems Operator (IESO)

From: Wendy O'Connor <wendywoodswalker@rocketmail.com>

To: customer.relations@ieso.ca <customer.relations@ieso.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 10:13:28 a.m. EDT

Subject: Question about power sources and usage

Hi IESO,

I am part of a conversation regarding whether NW Ontario relies on (or uses, and in what circumstances) nuclear power generated in Southern Ontario.

Those who say YES affirm this with the fact that the northern and southern Ontario grids are robustly joined (new East-West Tie, 2022). They further say the power that goes into the grid acts like a pool, and everyone gets the same mix, no matter where they are located in Ontario. So, if 50-60% nuclear power is going into the Ontario grid, people in Red Lake Ontario would receive 50-60% nuclear-generated electric power, just as residents in Kitchener would (who would simultaneously be receiving a significant portion of their power from hydro dams in NW Ontario).

Those who say NO recognize the East-West Tie and the unified grid, but contend that line resistance, paired with ample local power sources (mainly hydro-generated power), preclude nuclear-generated power from reaching NW Ontario, unless there was a complete NW-Ontario power outage and unavailability of power from Manitoba or Minnesota.

Is there any information you can provide to elucidate this?

Note that, until recently, OPG's website stated that NW Ontario uses 86% hydro and biomass-generated power (the other 14% presumably made up of wind, solar and possible occasional inputs from MB and MN).

Thanks in advance,

~Wendy O'Connor

From: IESO Customer Relations <IESOCustomerRelations@ieso.ca>

To: "wendywoodswalker@rocketmail.com" <wendywoodswalker@rocketmail.com>

Subject: Customer Enquiry (10244) Confirmation

Date: Mon, 8 Jul 2024 18:46:24 +0000

Wendy,

There is no real way to tell how much of a specific generation-type a specific load is receiving. The IESO operates a market, in which the marginal MW is determined as the MW that meets demand for the province. This means that at any given moment, power is generated by a number of resources, and distributed across the grid. This power is then purchase by your utility, and provided to you.

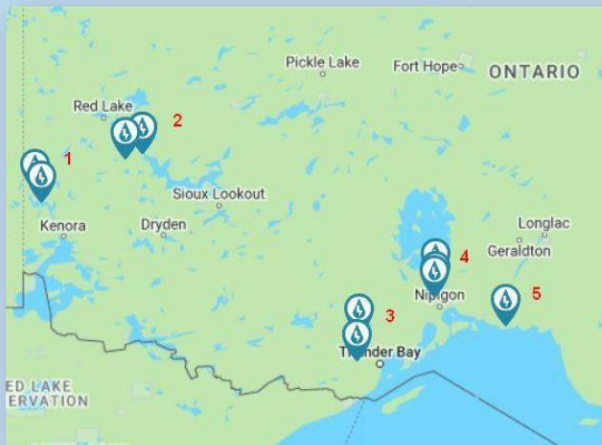
Data for the IESO's Supply Mix can be found here:

<https://www.ieso.ca/en/Learn/Ontario-Electricity-Grid/Supply-Mix-and-Generation>

Attachment 2: Our presentation slide including information from OPG on electricity sources in NW Ontario.

NW Ontario does not rely on nuclear power

"Ontario Power Generation's (OPG's) Northwestern Operations include one operating biomass and 10 hydroelectric stations. **Together, they provide about 900 megawatts (MW) of power, which accounts for 86% of the electricity used in the Northwest.** These stations, their employees and local host communities play an important role in generating clean, reliable power for Ontario." [Jan. 2024 - OPG website]



- 1) Whitedog Falls Generating Station (G.S.) & Caribou Falls G.S.
- 2) Manitou G.S. & Lac Seul G.S.
- 3) Kakabeka Falls G.S. & Silver Falls G. S.
- 4) Alexander G.S. & Cameron Falls G.S. & Pine Portage G.S.
- 5) Aguasabon G.S.

These hydroelectric stations, along with the biomass-fuelled station at Atikokan, solar, and wind power (Shuniah and Dorion), supply NW Ontario's electric power needs.

Hydroelectric line-transmitted power is drawn by the closest need. The more remote the source, the greater the line losses. Southern Ontario's needs are served, therefore, in a greater part by nuclear-generated power, and NW Ontario's by our ample hydro, biomass, solar and wind powered generation.

SAMPLE MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has been in the process of investigating potential sites for a deep geological repository for high-level nuclear waste from all of Canada's nuclear power reactors since 2010; and

WHEREAS the NWMO project involves the transportation, processing, burial and abandonment of an estimated 100,000 tonnes of highly radioactive waste; and

WHEREAS there are scientific and public concerns about the risks of radioactive exposures along the transportation route and in the region of and downstream from the repository site under both normal operating and accident conditions; and

WHEREAS the roads infrastructure in Northwestern Ontario is already under strain from heavy truck and vehicle traffic and the NWMO project will add 2-3 trucks per day for more than fifty years thereby increasing the risks; and

AND WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario do not rely on nuclear power and should not be burdened with the risks of transportation, processing, burial and abandonment of the highly radioactive wastes the nuclear power reactors have produced.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of _____
urges the Nuclear Waste Management Organization to find storage solutions for nuclear waste in the vicinity of the reactor stations where the waste is and not pursue the transport of these radioactive wastes to Northern Ontario.

Subject: FW: Corporation of the Township of Conmee - #133373 - Aug 2024 Renewal
Attachments: image001.png; Evidence of Insurability Form GL0004E (112020).pdf; Renewal Census 2024.pdf; Township of Conmee - Manulife - Aug 2024 - Carrier Renewal.pdf; Township of Conmee - Manulife - Aug 2024 - Renewal Presentation.pdf

From: Julie Katz [mailto:julie@gbkstrategic.com]
Sent: July 4, 2024 1:05 PM
To: Conmee Clerk <conmee@conmee.com>; Conmee Treasurer <treasurer@conmee.com>
Subject: Fwd: Corporation of the Township of Conmee - #133373 - Aug 2024 Renewal

Renewal Overview

- The general aging of the employees and demographic changes have the Life, Dependent Life and Long Term Disability rates increasing while the AD&D and EAP rates are being held. Under the Life benefit the number of covered employees increased from 2 last year to 3 this year with the addition of 1 female employee.
- The Medical Incurred Loss Ratio increased compared to last year but continued to run well below the Target Loss Ratio. Due to trend/inflation factors and the influence of the pool, Manulife proposed an increase of 8% to the Medical rates which was negotiated to no change.
- The Dental Incurred Loss Ratio also increased compared to last year but continued to run well below the Target Loss Ratio. Manulife proposed a decrease of 1% to the Dental rates which was negotiated to a decrease of 5%.
- After negotiating this renewal, Manulife agreed to reduce the original renewal's overall adjustment from an increase of 6.0% to a decrease of 0.8%
- For any employees in Quebec their LTD benefit has been amended to align the Government of Quebec's disability pension for people 60 years and older effective January 1, 2024.

Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me and we can set up a call.

Kindest regards,
Julie
Julie Katz
Partner
GBK Strategic Financial

Renewal Rate Illustration

ACCOUNT/CLASS: ALL							
BENEFIT	VOLUME	LIVES	CURRENT MONTHLY RATE	CURRENT MONTHLY PREMIUM	RENEWAL MONTHLY RATE	RENEWAL MONTHLY PREMIUM	% CHANGE
Life	250,000	3	0.337	84.25	0.371	92.75	10.1 %
Accidental Death and Dismemberment	250,000	3	0.062	15.50	0.062	15.50	0.0 %
Dependent Life		2	2.234	4.47	2.457	4.91	9.8 %
Long Term Disability	4,400	2	0.429	18.88	0.493	21.69	14.9 %
Extended Health Care							
Single		1	102.25	102.25	102.25	102.25	
Family		2	415.94	831.88	415.94	831.88	
Total Extended Health Care				\$934.13		\$934.13	0.0 %
Dental							
Single		1	69.39	69.39	65.92	65.92	
Family		2	202.87	405.74	192.73	385.46	
Total Dental				\$475.13		\$451.38	-5.0 %
Employee and Family Assistance		3	2.99	8.97	2.99	8.97	0.0 %
Total Monthly Premium				\$1,541.33		\$1,529.33	
Change in Total Monthly Premium						(\$12.00)	-0.8 %



J. Paul Dubé, Ombudsman

Greetings,

I am pleased to send you two hard copies of my latest Annual Report (one English, one French). This report covers the 2023-2024 fiscal year and reflects on record and near-record complaints in several areas, including those focused on the rights of vulnerable children, people with disabilities, inmates and Ontarians seeking services in French.

We received 27,030 cases – complaints and inquiries – in fiscal 2023-2024, and resolved 57% of them in two weeks or less. The near-record case volume is up 10% from the previous year.

We encourage you to read the chapters of the report that relate to the topic areas relevant to your interests. In each chapter, we discuss the most common issues and the types of cases we have resolved. Please feel free to share this information with your colleagues and any other interested parties.

You can find the entire report, media materials and statistics on our website. We would be happy to provide more copies upon request.

Should you have any questions about the report or cases related to your organization, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are also happy to assist you with any general questions about our work. Our staff can be reached via email at info@ombudsman.on.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul Dubé', written over a large, light-colored oval shape.

Paul Dubé,
Ombudsman of Ontario

*Placed on
front table
in council chambers*

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11 & 19 Holland Rd W – Tbaytel - Scope of work

As requested from Tara Wupori, below is the scope of work required by Tbaytel to provide fibre services for the Township of Conmee buildings at 11 & 19 Holland Rd W.

11 Holland Rd W – Garage location

- Tbaytel will need to pull the new entrance fibre drop through the existing conduit from the pedestal to the building.
- A new cat6 drop will need to be installed from where the new fibre will enter into the garage and then to the office where the existing tbaytel modem is located.

19 Holland Rd W – Main office location

- Tbaytel will need to pull the new entrance fibre drop through the existing conduit from the pedestal to the buildings main electrical room.
- The entrance duct was previously covered over with drywall, maybe when the building additions were completed. Tbaytel will need to expose the entrance duct in order to pull in the new entrance fibre. Tbaytel will be responsible to re-seal the hole once the fibre has been pulled in.
- All existing inside wiring will be able to be used for the new fibre services.

Please reply to the email this scope of work has been sent with if there are any further questions.

Thank you,

Derek Craig



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August 1, 2024

Sent via email

Shara Lavallee, CAO/Clerk
Conmee Township
19 Holland Rd. W. RR1
Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0

CLIENT: Tbaytel
RE: Request for Concurrence – 60m Self-Support Tower Telecommunication Site
SITE ID: CONMEE
ADDRESS: Enders Road, Conmee, Ontario

Ms. Lavallee,

Forbes Bros. Ltd. on behalf of Tbaytel is advising Conmee Township the land-use and public consultation process required by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) is complete for Tbaytel proposed 60m self-support tower telecommunication site located on the east side of Enders Road, 880m north of Holland Road West (SW Quarter of the North Half of Lot 4, Concession 3), Conmee, Ontario.

The approval authority for wireless telecommunication towers is within ISED, under the *Radiocommunication Act*. ISED's *Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems – CPC-2-0-03, Issue 6* outlines the process for the proponent to follow and encourages the establishment of policies from the land-use authority as they are best positioned to contribute to optimum siting of facilities to meet their own community needs.

ISED's *Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems – CPC-2-0-03, Issue 6*, can be retrieved at:
<http://tinyurl.com/ISED-CPC>

ISED requires the proponent to consult and obtain land-use authority concurrence in writing prior to moving forward with a proposed installation.

This site is located within Conmee Township which has not established their own policy. ISED's protocol for municipal and public consultation was completed with the following:

Land-Use Authority Consultation

Submitted Information package on June 17, 2024 for the proposed 60m self-support tower telecommunication site that provide Conmee with the following:

- Justification report
- Draft public consultation documents (Mail Notification and Public Notice)

Township confirmed Staff will assign and install the civic number, entrance and culvert at a cost to the proponent.

ISED - Default Public Consultation

- Mail notifications - sent to two (2) property owners within 3* height of proposed telecommunication site (3 * 60m = 180m) – June 18, 2024
- Public notice - published in the July edition of the community newsletter as well as the Township's website and facebook page during consultation period
- Last day to received submissions – July 31, 2024

Public Consultation Summary

See attached Public Submission Tracker.

Received one (1) submission in support for the proposed tower.

Concluding Public Consultation

There were no concerns received to address as the sole submission is in support of the proposed telecommunication site.

Requesting Concurrence

As the requirements of ISED's policy has been fulfilled we are requesting from Council a letter of concurrence for the proposed 60m self-support telecommunication tower site located on the east side of Enders Road, 880m north of Holland Road West (SW Quarter of the North Half of Lot 4, Concession 3), Conmee, Ontario as described in the information package submitted on June 17, 2024.

Thank you for the consideration of this proposal. If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Jay Lewis

Land Acquisition & Government Relations
Forbes Bros. Ltd.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION TRACKER

PROJECT NAME	CONMEE
CLIENT	Tbaytel
PROJECT MANAGER	Jay Lewis

RECEIVED FROM	RECEIVED DATE	SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OR CONCERNS/COMMENTS/QUESTION	RESPONSE DATE	RESPONSE
Ellen Knudsen kristeldorsa@live.com	19-Jul-24	In support of tower, limited service where drive in to complete phone service.	19-Jul-24	Confirmed coverage and timeline.

DATE

Jay Lewis
Forbes Bros. Ltd.
482 South Service Road East, Suite 130
Oakville, ON L6J 2X6

RE: TBAYTEL
Letter of Concurrence
Proposed 60m Self-Support Tower Telecommunication Site
SITE ID: CONMEE
ADDRESS: Enders Road, Conmee, Ontario

Dear Mr. Lewis

Conmee Township acknowledges that the approval of the telecommunication tower site at the above-mentioned location and its design fall under exclusive jurisdiction of the Government of Canada through Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) in accordance with the *Radiocommunication Act*.

The Township has not enacted a consultation policy pertaining to establishing telecommunications sites and understands Forbes Bros. Ltd. on behalf of Tbaytel has completed the following:

Land-Use Authority Consultation

- Information package, including Justification Report submitted to Township – June 17, 2024

Public Consultation

- Mail notification – June 18, 2024
- Public notice published in the July edition of the community newsletter as well as the Township's website and facebook page during the consultation period

Conmee Township understands ISED's consultation requirements have been met, has no objections to the proposal and passed resolution _____ at the _____ Council meeting to provide a letter of concurrence.

Please accept this letter as concurrence for the proposed 60m self-support tower telecommunication site located on the east side of Enders Road, 880m north of Holland Road West (SW Quarter of the North Half of Lot 4, Concession 3), Conmee, Ontario.

Sincerely,

2024 AMO Conference Delegation Meetings

Hydro One is pleased to be accepting delegate meetings at the 2024 AMO Conference on Monday, August 19 and Tuesday, August 20. As the largest distributor and transmitter of electricity in the province, Hydro One is uniquely invested in meeting the needs of Ontario's electricity system to support thriving communities and growing economies.

Hydro One invites you to meet with us to directly discuss your most important questions and concerns in order to understand how to better serve and work with your community. If you are interested in requesting a delegation meeting, please fill out the form [linked here](#). There are limited appointments available – please complete the form by Wednesday, August 14.

We also hope you will join us at the Hydro One, AMO Insight Breakfast on Tuesday, August 20 at 7:30 a.m. to hear how we are energizing life in communities across Ontario.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Hydro One.

 **Community.Relations@HydroOne.com**

 **1.877.345.6799**

From: Olson, Crystal (Serco NA) <Crystal.Olson@serco-na.com>
Sent: July 29, 2024 1:42 PM
To: Mayor Sheila Maxwell
Cc: Conmee Clerk
Subject: Connecting for Change - Transforming Employment Services in Northwestern Ontario

Serco Business

Good Afternoon Mayor Maxwell,

I hope this email finds you well.

My name is Crystal Olson, I am reaching out on behalf the **EmployNext powered by Serco** team to introduce myself as the Manager of Employment and Community Services for the Northwestern Ontario.

Serco Canada, leading a consortium partnership with Thrive Career Wellness and Deloitte Canada, has been designated as the **Service System Manager (SSM) for the Northwestern Ontario Employment Services Transformation** effort. As part of Ontario's Integrated Employment Services (IES) initiative, **launching here March 1, 2025**, our goal is to create a more responsive and effective employment services delivery model that caters to the diverse needs of job seekers, businesses, and local communities.

We deeply appreciate the pivotal role that local service providers, community partners, and employers play in shaping our approach. Your invaluable insights and contributions ensure that our services effectively support the diverse challenges and opportunities across Northwestern Ontario. We are committed to incorporating the lived experiences and insights from communities across our vast region to build a system that meets the needs of all jobseekers and communities.

Our goal is to foster collaboration, innovation, and inclusivity to ensure that our employment services ecosystem meets the diverse needs of job seekers and employers across Northwestern Ontario.

I welcome the opportunity to connect with you virtually for a general introduction, to address any questions about the transformation and discuss how we can work together to support our community's employment needs. Please feel free to reach out with a suggest date and time that suit you best, so we can schedule an initial virtual meeting at your convenience.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the community. I look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with you and further discuss how we can support the employment needs of Northwestern Ontario.

Warm regards,

Crystal

Crystal Olson
Manager, Employment & Community Services (North West)
crystal.olson@serco-na.com Ph. (807) 346-8840

EmployNext
powered by **serco**

Note: My working hours may not be your working hours. Please do not feel obligated to reply outside of your normal work schedule.





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24168	Meeting Order: 11
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of Wawa received correspondence from the Ontario Forest Industries Association dated June 19, 2024 regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector;


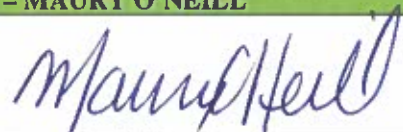
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby receive and support the correspondence dated June 19, 2024 from the Ontario Forest Industries Association and urges the Ontario government support all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario Forest sector faces.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED		MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED		Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED		Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)		Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED		Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN		Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- ☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
	



June 19, 2024

The Hon. Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources
Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1W3

The Hon. Nolan Quinn
Associate Minister of Forestry
Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1W3

Submitted via email.

Re: Immediate Action Needed To Support Ontario's Forest Sector

Minister Graydon Smith and Associate Minister Nolan Quinn,

Congratulations on your recent appointments within Premier Doug Ford's Cabinet. The Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) looks forward to our productive and continued work together.

Over the last six months, three of Ontario's six pulp and paper mills have permanently closed or idled. Adding to the issue was the closure of a critical softwood pulp market in Quebec. As you know, these facilities served as important consumers of solid-wood byproducts from Ontario sawmills.

The OFIA appreciates the many opportunities we have had to speak with you and senior leadership within Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Premier's Office. This includes in-person meetings with members of OFIA's Board Executive Committee on January 19th, March 19th, and May 28th, 2024. During these meetings, the OFIA presented short and long-term actions Ontario could take to address the regional chip and pulpwood market crisis endorsed by the OFIA membership (incl.).

The industry eagerly anticipates government action on this matter, as operating conditions for many have continued to worsen over the past six months. Combined with weak markets for some finished products, many companies struggle to continue their operations. We are now facing an unprecedented challenge in the sector, which could have negative and long-lasting implications for northern and rural communities across Ontario.

Without immediate action in response to OFIA recommendations and, critically, the vetting of potential solutions through the industry to ensure programs truly meet the sector's needs, we fear Ontario could face further curtailments, job losses, and lost economic opportunity.

The OFIA is ready to work with the Ontario government to set the forest products sector on a long-term and stable path towards economic development and prosperity. This includes our

vision of a *Forest Energy Directive* to develop bioheat, district heating, liquid fuels, renewable gases, biocarbon, and electricity generation projects, supporting Ontario's massive forecasted growth in non-emitting energy demands.

We urge you and your colleagues to continue supporting all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario forest sector faces and look forward to future discussions with you.

Sincerely,



Ian Dunn, R.P.F.
President & CEO
Ontario Forest Industries Association
Cell: 647-297-3827

Incl. March 19th, 2024 Slide Deck – Summary of Input from the Membership – OFIA Meeting with the Hon. Graydon Smith

May 28th, 2024 Slide Deck – Ontario Forest Energy Directive

CC The Hon. Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board
The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development and Indigenous Affairs
The Hon. George Pirie, Minister of Mines
The Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification
The Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy Intensive Industries
The Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Education
The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
MPP John Yakabuski, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy
MPP Kevin Holland, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Mines
Deputy Minister Drew Vanderduim, Ministry of Natural Resources
OFIA Membership



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July 16, 2024

Dr. Michelle Acorn
CEO of the Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario (NPAO)
18 King Street East, Suite 1400
Toronto, Ontario, M5C 1C4
Sent via Email: macorn@npao.org

RE: SUPPORT FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS TO OBTAIN BILLING NUMBERS

Dear Dr. Acorn,

On behalf of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), I am writing to express our full support for the Nurse Practitioner Association of Ontario (NPAO) in their efforts to obtain billing numbers for Nurse Practitioners (NPs).

Nurse Practitioners play a vital role in our healthcare system, particularly in Northern Ontario where access to primary care services can be challenging. As the shortage of family physicians continues to persist, Nurse Practitioners have emerged as essential healthcare professionals who fill the gaps and provide much-needed care to our communities.

In remote rural areas, where access to emergency rooms can be limited, Nurse Practitioners have become the backbone of healthcare delivery. Their expertise and ability to provide comprehensive care have allowed remote rural emergency rooms to remain open, ensuring that residents have access to critical healthcare services when they need it the most.

By granting Nurse Practitioners the right to have billing numbers, it would not only recognize their expertise, but also enhance their ability to deliver quality care to patients. This would enable NPs to have a more sustainable practice, attracting and retaining highly skilled professionals in our communities.

We believe that Nurse Practitioners have demonstrated their competence and dedication in delivering high-quality care, and it is only fitting that they are granted the recognition and support they deserve. By granting them billing numbers, it would further empower NPs to continue their exceptional work, bridging the gap in healthcare access and improving the overall health outcomes of our communities.

NOMA stands firmly in support of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Ontario's advocacy efforts to secure billing numbers for Nurse Practitioners. We will actively engage with our municipal partners to raise awareness of this issue and advocate for the necessary changes to ensure that Nurse Practitioners are recognized and supported in their vital role.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to advancing the interests of Nurse Practitioners and improving healthcare access across Ontario. We look forward to working together to achieve this important milestone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Wendy Landry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wendy Landry, President, NOMA
Mayor, Municipality of Shuniah

CC:

Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier & Minister of Health

MPP Kevin Holland – Thunder Bay-Atikokan

MPP Lise Vaugeois - Thunder Bay-Superior North

MP Marcus Powlowski – Thunder Bay-Rainy River

MP Eric Melillo – Kenora

MP Patty Hajdu – Thunder Bay – Superior North

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

Leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario

Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association Clerks and CAOs

Date: July 16, 2024

Resolution 2024-32: Recognizing the Essential Role of Nurse Practitioners in Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) Healthcare Services

Background:

WHEREAS Nurse Practitioners (NPs) possess the necessary skills and expertise to independently handle CTAS 3, 4, and 5 cases in the emergency room, as well as provide valuable assistance to Medical Doctors (MDs) in managing CTAS 1 and 2 cases;

WHEREAS in situations where MDs are unavailable, NPs have the capability to collaborate with MD support (virtually) to effectively manage and treat CTAS 1 and 2 cases, ensuring continuity of care for patients in NOMA;

WHEREAS NPs play a vital role in patient health continuity by providing comprehensive and holistic care, addressing not only the physical ailments of patients but also considering their mental and emotional well-being, thereby promoting overall wellness;

WHEREAS NPs significantly contribute to the overall patient care by utilizing their expertise to refer patients to specialists, write prescriptions, and order specialized testing, ensuring timely access to appropriate healthcare services and enhancing the quality of patient care;

WHEREAS NPs have demonstrated their ability to deliver high-quality healthcare services, improve patient satisfaction, and bridge the gaps in healthcare access, particularly in underserved areas of the NOMA catchment area;

WHEREAS NPs have undergone extensive education, training, and certification, equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills to provide competent and compassionate care to patients in Northwestern Ontario;

Recommendation:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. THAT NOMA recognizes and appreciates the invaluable contributions of Nurse Practitioners in the healthcare system, particularly in the emergency room setting.
2. THAT NOMA supports the autonomy of NPs in handling CTAS 3, 4, and 5 cases independently, as well as their collaborative role in assisting MDs with CTAS 1 and 2 cases, recognizing their expertise and ability to provide safe and effective patient care.
3. THAT NOMA acknowledges and encourages virtual collaboration between NPs and MDs in

the absence of an MD, ensuring that CTAS 1 and 2 cases are effectively managed and treated, thereby promoting seamless continuity of care for patients.

4. THAT NOMA recognizes and values the significant role NPs play in maintaining patient health continuity, providing comprehensive care that encompasses physical, mental, and emotional well-being, and fostering long-term relationships with patients.

5. THAT NOMA acknowledges and appreciates the expertise of NPs in referring patients to specialists, writing prescriptions, and ordering specialized testing, thereby enhancing the quality of patient care and facilitating timely access to necessary healthcare services.

6. THAT NOMA commits to advocating for the recognition and support of NPs at all levels, including government bodies, healthcare organizations, and the public, to ensure that NPs can continue to make significant contributions to the healthcare system and improve patient outcomes in Northwestern Ontario.

7. THAT NOMA will actively engage in initiatives and campaigns aimed at raising awareness about the essential role of NPs, promoting their professional development, and advocating for policies that enhance their practice and remove barriers to their full scope of practice in Northwestern Ontario.

8. THAT NOMA will collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including nursing associations and healthcare organizations, to promote the advancement and recognition of NPs, fostering an environment that values their expertise and contributions in NOMA healthcare services.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, Dr. Michelle Acorn CEO of NPAO, NOSM University, FONOM, AMO, all MPs and MPPs, TDBML, KDMA, RRDMA, and all municipal association clerks and CAOs.

Moved By: Eric Pietsch, Councillor of Greenstone

Seconded By: Rick Dumas, Mayor of Marathon

CARRIED



President, NOMA



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July 16, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Room 28, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A1
Sent via Email: Premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) to express our concerns at continuously being unsuccessful in securing a multi-minister meeting at AMO & ROMA Conferences. This news is disheartening, as we believe that a multi-minister meeting is vital in addressing the regional needs of Northwestern Ontario.

As you know, the needs of Northwestern Ontario are complex. Tackling these challenges requires a multi-minister approach. For instance, improving infrastructure in the region requires the involvement of ministers of Transportation, Infrastructure and Finance. Supporting Northern and rural economic development requires the collaboration of ministers of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Northern Development.

NOMA has recently released our regional Economic Development Plan for Northwestern Ontario titled "Time to Grow". The plan outlines 15 regional priorities to ensure future growth for the region and ultimately Ontario over the next 10 years. It proposes actions that all levels of government, indigenous groups, and relevant organizations can take to achieve these goals.

We need all relevant ministries present at a meeting during the AMO conference to discuss how we move forward together to achieve these goals. We cannot afford to have silos in addressing regional concerns, and we need to stand together to improve Northwestern Ontario and ensure we are prepared in the North to support the future of Ontario.

NOMA represents the interests of 37 municipalities from Kenora and Rainy River in the west to Hornepayne and Hearst in the east. We represent over 232,300 people in Northwestern Ontario. NOMA's mission is to consider matters of general interest and advance the needs of municipal governments whose services contribute greatly to the community well-being in Northwestern Ontario.

The NOMA Board operates on a volunteer basis and all Board members have their own individual municipal delegations to discuss their specific issues throughout the conference leading to many scheduling conflicts. It is challenging for NOMA to present common regional issues on behalf of 37 municipalities without a multi-minister meeting.

In Northwestern Ontario, we do not have the luxury of meeting regularly at Queen's Park. As such, reducing barriers for all of us to advance the issues of the Northwest at the cabinet table should be a priority. We believe that the future provincial GDP growth will largely come from the North, and this means that we must work together to ensure that the region receives the attention it deserves.

We are requesting your assistance to secure a multi-minister meeting at the AMO conference and future conferences to ensure all relevant ministers come to the table to discuss how to approach the region's challenges and maximize resources.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters. We look forward to working with you and your team.

Sincerely,



Wendy Landry, President, NOMA
Mayor, Municipality of Shuniah

CC: Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier & Minister of Health
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Raymond Cho, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility
Hon. Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Farming, Agriculture and Agribusiness
Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care
Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges & Universities
Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development & Indigenous Affairs & First Nations
Economic Reconciliation
Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
Hon. George Pirie, Minister of Mines
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification
Hon. Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement
Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
MPP Kevin Holland – Thunder Bay-Atikokan
MPP Lise Vaugeois - Thunder Bay-Superior North
MP Marcus Powlowski – Thunder Bay-Rainy River
MP Eric Melillo – Kenora
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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Leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario
Northwestern Municipal Association Clerks and CAOs

Date: July 23, 2024

Resolution 2024-33:

Background:

WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) launched a plan to help government build housing faster across eastern Ontario;

WHEREAS the EOWC developed an innovative regional approach to incentivize and support the construction of 28,000+ housing units in seven years, titled the 7 in 7+ Regional Housing Plan. Of the 28,000 total units, 7,000 would be affordable community rental units to address municipal housing wait lists and the remaining 21,000 would be market rate units.

WHEREAS the EOWC is looking to the Ontario Government to join as a project partner in the EOWC's 7 in 7+ Regional Housing Plan.

WHEREAS the EOWC requests that the Ontario Government work with the EOWC to:

1. Establish a senior staff cross-ministry working group
2. Expand program eligibility for regional organizations (like the EOWC) and upper-tier municipalities
3. Support a new communal servicing approach developed by Frontenac County to spur rural housing and community development
4. Work with the EOWC to identify and make available appropriate provincial lands and properties
5. Encourage the Federal Government to be a 7 in 7+ partner

Recommendation:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NOMA Board is supportive of the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus 7 in 7 Regional Housing Project and encourages the Federal and Provincial Governments to work with the EOWC to build 7,000 plus 21,000 homes.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to Prime Minister Trudeau, Premier Ford, Minister Freeland, Minister Fraser, Minister Hutchings, Minister Bethlenfalvy, Minister Calandra, Minister Thompson, PA Mathew Rae, FONOM, ROMA, AMO, all MPs and MPPs, and all municipal association clerks and CAOs.

Moved By: Rick Dumas, Mayor of Marathon

Seconded By: Eric Pietsch, Councillor of Greenstone

CARRIED



President, NOMA

June 20, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL

Hon. Doug Ford MPP
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario

Dear Premier,

As I know you will agree, Ontario's paramedics, police officers and firefighters are our frontline heroes, regularly putting themselves at risk to protect the rest of us.

In recent months, local resident, paramedic and former volunteer firefighter, Charles Shaw, has been advocating for paramedics and all police officers to receive the same long-service medal as exists today for firefighters and Ontario Provincial Police officers.

Our Town Council agrees with Mr Shaw, and passed the below resolution unanimously requesting the province create such medals. Here is the resolution:

Resolution 2024-206

Whereas paramedics, firefighters and police officers are our frontline heroes, regularly putting their own health and safety at risk to help others in need;

Whereas the Ontario Fire Services Long Service Medal was created in 1971 to honour firefighters who have served the public for twenty-five years or more and the Governor General's Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal was created in 1985 and 'honours members of a recognized Canadian fire service who have completed 20 years of service, ten years of which have been served in the performance of duties involving potential risks;

Whereas the Ontario Provincial Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal honours OPP officers who have served for twenty years or more and the Governor General's Police Exemplary Service Medal, created in 1983, 'recognizes police officers who have served in an exemplary manner having completed 20 years of full-time service with one or more recognized Canadian police forces;

Whereas many non-OPP police services have similar local long-service medals within their forces, but there is not a province-wide long-service medal for non-OPP police officers;

Whereas the Governor General's Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal, created in 1994, recognizes 'professionals in the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services to the public who completed 20 years of exemplary service, including at least 10 years in the performance of duties involving potential risk;

Whereas there is no province-wide long-service medal for paramedics in Ontario;

Therefore, The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council:

- 1. Endorse the creation of a province-wide long-service medal for police and for paramedics, modelled after the existing such award for firefighters;*
- 2. In furtherance of this resolution, that the Mayor write to the Premier, Minister of Health, Solicitor General, Minister of Citizenship and our local MPP urging them to work collaboratively to create such awards; and*
- 3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities.*

I believe this is a relatively simple but important measure your government could take to honour our paramedics and police officers, as we already honour our firefighters. I understand the creation of such an award would involve several different ministries, and I hope you might instruct your cabinet to work together to create this award.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



James Leduc
Mayor
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

cc

Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Hon. Michael Krezner, Solicitor General
Hon. Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York—Simcoe
Cllr Jonathan Scott, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Mr. Charles Shaw
Ontario's Municipal Councils

July 22, 2024

Municipal Public Works/Engineering Department Head

Dear Sir/Madam:

Subject: Ontario Provincial Standards

The Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) is a non-profit association representing the interests of over 1,225 professional engineers employed by over 100 Ontario municipalities. We also have members from provincial agencies, conservation authorities consulting engineers who are designated as the engineer-of-record for smaller Ontario municipalities. MEA was established 61 years ago.

Through our member volunteers, MEA provides expertise in various areas of municipal engineering to assist Ontario municipalities. One significant area of expertise is our efforts in maintaining Ontario Provincial Standards (OPS). MEA, together with MTO, are the co-proponents of OPS – with MEA taking a lead role in the municipal version of these standards (OPS- MUNI). Many municipalities in Ontario already have adopted OPS for their infrastructure projects – but not all.

The OPS-MUNI provides over 870 standard specifications and 730 standard drawings, providing free, universally accessible engineering standards/specifications for various municipal projects, including roads, sewers, watermains, traffic safety, structures, and environmental initiatives. The MEA supports this system with 10 active committees composed of experienced municipal engineering professionals who regularly review and update the OPS to ensure it remains current and effective. These committees are committed to the following specific areas:

Standards Management
Environmental
Pavement
Watermains

Drainage
General Conditions
Structures

Electrical
Grading
Traffic Safety

If your municipality has not yet adopted OPS, we would like to highlight various reasons why you should consider doing so:

1. Providing consistent/harmonized standards/specifications would assist in reducing design costs, promote efficiencies for the construction industry resulting in better construction pricing when contractors bid on projects.
2. Maximizing asset life cycle through the use of "tried and true" standards developed over many years by experienced professional engineers.
3. Reducing staff time spent on developing "custom" local standards (let OPS do the work for you).
4. Minimizing municipal risk exposure by using universally accepted standards.
5. Creating better opportunities for knowledge sharing across different jurisdictions, especially where municipalities share "boundary" roads (in some cases, as many as 4 municipal jurisdictions could provide differing standards for the same road).

MEA provides training opportunities so your staff can understand and become proficient in the use of OPS. You can learn more about training opportunities on the MEA website at:

<https://municipalengineers.on.ca/events/opstraining.html> .

You can access the OPS website via the following link:

<https://www.library.mto.gov.on.ca/SydneyPLUS/TechPubs/Portal/tp/opsViews.aspx>

If you have any questions regarding OPS, please contact the MEA's Technical Services Coordinator, Rishabh Sharma, at rsharma@municipalengineers.on.ca .

Sincerely,



D.M. (Dan) Cozzi, P. Eng.
Executive Director
Municipal Engineers Association

cc OPS Advisory Board.

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File Reference:600

July 23, 2024

Dear Mayor/Reeve/CAO/Treasurer,

The Ontario Provincial Police Association and the Provincial Government have ratified new uniform and civilian collective agreements in effect for the term January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026 (four-year term agreements).

The new agreements include general salary year-over-year rate increases of 4.75% (2023), 4.5% (2024), and 2.75% (2025 and 2026). Additionally, effective September 1, 2024, many OPP detachment front-line constables and sergeants will be receiving an additional 3% front-line patrol premium.

Included in the new collective agreements were other compensation adjustments, which, for the most part, will take effect in the 2025 calendar year.

Further analysis is required before the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau communicates the full impact of the new agreements on municipal policing cost.

The OPP Municipal Policing Bureau will issue the 2025 annual billing statements in the fall of 2024 based on the estimates of the impact of the new collective agreement terms.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau at OPP.MunicipalPolicing@opp.ca

I would like to thank you for your support and look forward to our continued collaboration.

Yours truly,

Superintendent Steve Ridout
Municipal Policing Bureau Commander

Cc: OPP Regional and Detachment Commanders

THE VOICE OF NORTHERN BUSINESS



Re: Request for Council Resolution: Support a Set-Aside for Northern Ontario within the OINP

On July 25th, 2024, over 40 organizations from across Northern Ontario came together to formally support an initiative to increase provincially led immigration to Northern Ontario communities. Northern Ontario Chambers of Commerce, Municipalities, Economic Development Agencies, Community Futures Development Corporations, Local Immigration Partnerships, Réseau du Nord, and more are working together to advocate for a Northern Ontario "set-aside" within the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP).

As the Government of Ontario has full authority to set the parameters and allocations for the OINP. We are requesting 3,000 nominations, annually, be specifically set aside for immigrants coming to Northern Ontario to fill labour shortages. These 3,000 immigrants would help our communities maintain their current standard of living. Meaning there would be enough people to support vital services in our communities, pay taxes, and keep businesses open.

Currently, Northern Ontario is only receiving between 1-3% of all allocations through the OINP (approximately 100-200 nominees per year for the past 14 years). Meanwhile, the GTA receives approximately 90% of ALL immigration to Ontario. OINP has 21,500 total spots to allocate in 2024, up from 9,000 spots just three years ago. That means there is plenty of room to make a set-aside for Northern Ontario work without detracting from the GTA and other Ontario communities.

We need your help ASAP. To put pressure on the provincial government, **we are requesting your Council pass a resolution formally supporting a 3,000-nomination set-aside within the OINP for Northern Ontario communities.**

The allocation of these 3,000 spots would be spread among communities, ensuring that the benefits of immigration are extended beyond the largest cities in Northern Ontario. Importantly, the set-aside would **work alongside existing programs**, like the federal Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (and future iterations of it). Also, in-need occupations would be identified specifically for Northern Ontario communities to help address our unique labour shortages.

The federal Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot has brought over 4,000 immigrants to Northern Ontario since its inception five years ago. Targeted, community-level immigration works for Northern Ontario. Help us keep the momentum going.

For questions or more information, please contact:

Charla Robinson, President, Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce at charla@tbchamber.ca

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Table: Proposed Allocations for Northern Ontario OINP “Set-Aside”

OINP Proposed Northern Ontario Allotments, CMA/CAs and CDs (Rural)		
Geography	Geographic Level	Allocations
Greater Sudbury	CMA	689
Timmins	CA	166
Sault Ste. Marie	CA	310
Thunder Bay	CMA	498
North Bay	CA	290
Kenora	CA	60
Nipissing	District**	52
Manitoulin	District	56
Sudbury	District	72
Greater Sudbury*	District**	0
Timiskaming	District	127
Cochrane	District**	149
Algoma	District**	150
Thunder Bay	District**	95
Rainy River	District	79
Kenora	District**	206

Source: Northern Policy Institute.

Definitions: A census metropolitan area (CMA) must have a total population of at least 100,000. A census agglomeration (CA) must have a core population of at least 10,000. Census divisions (CDs) are intermediate geographic areas between the province/territory level and the municipality.

Note: *The Greater Sudbury CMA overlaps completely with the Greater Sudbury CD. Thus, for simplicity, all the allocations are included under the Greater Sudbury CMA.

**Districts represent the CD population minus the CMA/CA population (if there is a CMA/CA present within the CD). This allows there to be a specific allotment for rural areas

Source: Author's calculations. Based on an allotment of 3,000 spots for Northern Ontario divided amongst regions based on population share. Data obtained from 2021 Census of the Population.

THE VOICE OF NORTHERN BUSINESS



Sample Motion

WHEREAS employers across Northern Ontario are experiencing a critical shortage of skilled workers, contributing to a shrinking labour market.

WHEREAS, the labour shortage is causing significant economic hardship for Northern Ontario communities, including reduced productivity and business closures; and

WHEREAS population and migration trends to 2021 suggest that Northern Ontario needs **100,000 newcomers by 2041** to sustain current population; and

WHEREAS the success of the federal Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) demonstrates the effectiveness of allocating nomination spots to address regional labour shortages in attracting newcomers to Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program has been expanded from 9,750 nominees in 2022 to a goal of 21,500 nominees in 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY (town / city) COUNCIL (insert municipality name) to:

Urges the Government of Ontario to address the critical labour market shortage in Northern Ontario by allocating 3,000 Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program spots to support the region's economic growth and development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Copies of this resolution be forwarded to: the Ontario Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training & Skills Development; local Members of Provincial Parliament; the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association/Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce

List of Correspondence

Electronic

1. AMO Policy Update – Municipal Infrastructure, Gender-Based Violence and Unlicensed Event Spaces
2. ROMA Update - AMO Rural Caucus Elections
3. AMO - Launching AMO's Workforce Development Project Roadmap
4. AMO - AMO Policy Update - Call to Action: Social and Economic Prosperity Review
5. LPSC - Join the Labour Day Picnic! Free Space for Social Agencies to Share Information

Upcoming Training Available

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

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

2024

Aug 18-21	AMO	Annual Conference – Ottawa (three hotel rooms booked; 3 people registered; agenda not released yet)
Sept 19th	AMO	Municipal Codes of Conduct \$400
Sept 26 th	AMO	Competing Rights: What You Need to Know! \$525
Oct 1-2	AMO	Knowledge Exchange: Community and Supportive Housing Symposium \$600 Toronto
Oct 9	OGRA	Low Volume Road Maintenance Workshop – Barrie \$375
Oct 16-18	MFOA	Northern Finance Workshop – Thunder Bay \$75 (free accommodations)
Nov 5-6	WSPS	Partners in Prevention Regional Health & Safety Conference
Nov 14 th	AMO	Competing Rights: What You Need to Know! \$525

2025

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

BY-LAW # 1460

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting.

Recitals:

Subsection 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, requires a municipal Council to exercise its powers by by-law, except where otherwise required.

Council from time to time authorizes action to be taken which does not lend itself to an individual by-law.

The Council of The Corporation of the Township of Conmee deems it desirable to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting by by-law to achieve compliance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Ratification and Confirmation

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

Meeting held August 13th 2024

2. Execution of all Documents

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

Passed this 13th day of August, 2024.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

Sheila Maxwell, Mayor

Shara Lavallee, CAO/Clerk