



MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 23rd, 2021 – 5:00 pm

- PRESENT:** Mayor Kevin Holland
Councillor Sheila Maxwell
Councillor Robert MacMaster (virtual)
Councillor Leslie Kivisto (virtual)
Councillor Grant Arnold (virtual)
Councillor Leslie Kivisto (virtual)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Shara Lavalley, Clerk
Len Arps, Public Works (departed 6:26 p.m.)

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Holland called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 2021-040

Moved by: Councillor MacMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Meeting Agenda, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
Mayor Holland declared pecuniary interest in the following items:
- Item 6.3 regarding discussion of the municipal half-ton truck as he is employed by Holland Enterprises

4. DEPUTATIONS
none

Mayor _____

Clerk _____

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

5.1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting held February 9th, 2021

Resolution No. 2021-041

Moved by: Councillor Kivisto

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on February 9th, 2021 be approved

CARRIED

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Clerk's Report

Council discussed the SNEMS trailer which remains on municipal property. The trailer could not be removed before the end of the SNEMS lease; therefore the trailer must remain on the property until the spring thaw to avoid damaging the property or septic system. Administration was directed to charge the SNEMS \$100 per week plus rehabilitation of property for the storage of the trailer past the lease end date.

6.2 Public Works Report

The Public Works Manager provided a summary of recent work conducted by the staff.

Mayor Holland left the council chambers at 5:26 p.m. The Public Works Manager provided an overview of the truck he intends to purchase to replace the old vehicle. As per the Procurement Policy By-Law, a request for tender shall be created and used to determine the supplier.

Mayor Holland returned to the council chambers at 5:32 p.m.

6.3 Telecommuting Policy

Resolution No. 2021-042

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Kivisto

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the 'Remote Work' Policy

CARRIED

Mayor _____

Clerk _____

6.4 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland provided a summary of his activities including an NOHFC announcement regarding grants, OAPSB meeting, Pines on Hume meeting, and ROMA board meeting. He also met with the local media regarding a news story about the new roof rink.

Councillor Maxwell also was present at the community centre when the local media did a news story about the rink. The upgrades to the rink, including the roof, are appreciated by residents.

Councillor Kivisto attended the Rural Food Bank meeting.

Councillor Arnold attended the TBDML meeting. He also was present when the local media were at the rink. He has received some positive feedback regarding the resolution recently passed by council regarding criminals in municipal positions. He is scheduled to attend a LRCA meeting.

Councillor MacMaster also attended the rink during the press release. He asked that it be placed on record that the videos and photographs that he taken that day were provided to the Township and all copyright/ownership/etc is hereby transferred to the Township of Conmee.

Public Works Manager Arps left the council chambers at 6:26 p.m.

6.5 Other Board and Agency Reports For information
Received for information

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST
None

Mayor _____

Clerk _____

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell

Resolution No. 2021-043

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee supports the bill proposed by MPP Monteith-Farrell , being the Awenen Niin Act (Who Am I) Respecting Identity Documents, 2021; An Act to amend the Photo Card Act, 2008 and the Vital Statistics Act to prohibit the charging of fees for a photo card or relating to birth registrations, birth certificates and other documents

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to MPP Monteith-Farrell.

FAILED

9. BY-LAWS

9.1 By-Law 1263, being a By-law to amend By-Law 1261

Resolution No. 2021-044

Moved by: Councillor MacMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1263 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. 1263, being a By-law to amend By-Law 1261

CARRIED

9.2 By-Law 1265, being a By-law to appoint a Chief Building Official

Resolution No. 2021-045

Moved by: Councillor MacMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Kivisto

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1265 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. 1265, being a By-law to appoint a Chief Building Official

CARRIED

Mayor _____

Clerk _____

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Thunder Bay Vet Services Committee
Annual Meeting is February 25, 2021; please advise who the
2021 representatives shall be

Resolution No. 2021-046

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee approved payment of membership fee
for the Thunder Bay Veterinarian Services Committee

AND THAT Councillor MacMaster be appointed as the representative for the term of the
council

CARRIED

- 10.2 NOMA 2021 Conference and AGM
Administration was directed to register the following people for the
conference:
- Mayor Holland
 - Councillor Arnold
 - Clerk Lavallee
- 10.3 City of St. Catharines
Support of resolution requested; draft resolution provided

Resolution No. 2021-047

Moved by: Councillor Kivisto

Seconded by: Councillor MacMaster

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee supports the resolution passed
by the City of St. Catharines on February 1st, 2021 regarding the legislated sick
leave

AND directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Premier, Minister of
Labour, and MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell

FAILED

Mayor _____

Clerk _____

10.4 Township of Perth South
Support of letter requested; draft resolution provided

Resolution No. 2021-048

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee supports the letter sent by the Township of Perth South to Minister Jeff Yurek on February 2nd, 2021 regarding the Working Group for the Conservation Authorities Act

AND directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to Minister Jeff Yurek, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks Working Group, and MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell

FAILED

10.5 Guelph/Eramosa Township
Support of resolution requested; draft resolution provided

Resolution No. 2021-049

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor MacMaster

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee supports the resolution passed by the Guelph/Eramosa Township on February 1, 2021 regarding the MFIPPA legislation

AND directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Consumer Services, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, AMCTO, and MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell

CARRIED

Mayor _____

Clerk _____

10.6 Ontario Waste Management Association
Support requested; draft resolution provided

Resolution No. 2021-050

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Kivisto

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee Council support the resolution from the City of St. Catharines, requesting an amendment to Schedule 6 of Bill 197 (Environmental Assessment Act), eliminating the adjacent municipality overreach powers

AND that Administration be directed to send correspondence in support of the City of St. Catharines request to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell.

CARRIED

10.7 Thunder Bay District Municipal League

Resolution No. 2021-051

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Kivisto

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee Council supports the letter by the Thunder Bay District Municipal League which was sent the North Superior EMS expressing concerns regarding proposed changes to the SNEMS services

AND that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Thunder Bay District Municipal League, the SNEMS, and all Thunder Bay council members

CARRIED

Mayor _____

Clerk _____

Resolution No. 2021-052

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor MacMaster

WHEREAS the City of Thunder Bay has been presented with a proposed 2021-2030 Paramedic Services Master Plan;

WHEREAS the Plan calls for the closure of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Base in the community of Beardmore;

WHEREAS Paramedic Services is a critical service to area residents throughout the District of Thunder Bay;

WHEREAS there has been little to no consultation or dialogue with the Municipality, community, or First Nations on the proposal, its impact or to find potential mutually satisfactory solutions;

WHEREAS Beardmore is 85 kilometers from the nearest EMS base and hospital, resulting in a 170km round trip (nearly 2 hour response time from time of call to arrival to hospital) for emergency medical calls;

WHEREAS the proposed changes will also impact the ability to service other communities as units would now be tied up for an additional 2 hours per call to Beardmore;

WHEREAS the proposal to leave an EMS for when the clinic is closed does not take into account important factors such as calls would still require a dispatch of a unit from Nipigon or Geraldton, the future growth of population in the First Nations communities, or that the Clinic is not open 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year;

WHEREAS if carried out, the proposal to close the Base in Beardmore will have severe life threatening impacts going forward;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Conmee is opposed to the 2021-2030 Paramedic Master Plan in its current form; and

THAT the Council of the Township of Conmee calls upon the Council of the City of Thunder Bay to not approve the Plan as presented and ensure that proper dialogue regarding these types of decisions occurs going forward

AND THAT it be sent to the Council of the City of Thunder Bay, the Minister of Health, as well as Municipalities and First Nations in the District of Thunder Bay.

CARRIED

Mayor _____

Clerk _____

10.8 Other correspondence
Received for information.

11. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

March 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
March 23, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

12. CLOSED SESSION

none

13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

13.1 By-law 1266 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Resolution No. 2021-053

Moved by: Councillor MacMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Kivisto

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1266 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. 1266, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business to attend to, the meeting is adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Kevin Holland

Clerk Shara Lavallee

Mayor _____

Clerk _____