



MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 9th, 2023 – 6:00 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Shara Lavalley, CAO/Clerk
Len Arps, Public Works Manager
Nadia Kukkee, Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO 2023-093

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular council meeting of May 9th 2023
be approved

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. DEPUTATIONS

None

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

5.1. Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – April 25th 2023

RESOLUTION NO 2023-094

Moved by: Councillor Halvorsen

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 25th 2023 be approved

CARRIED

6. DISBURSEMENT LIST

- 6.1 Payroll Report
- 6.2 Payment Register

RESOLUTION NO 2023-095

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the disbursements represented by Check Numbers 6321 through 6348, totalling \$130784.06

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

7.1. Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided a summary of administrative activities. Residents will be reminded about the rules and responsibilities of dog ownership including licensing and not running at large.

7.2. Public Works Report

Crew is being careful with the grading to avoid making mud or damaging the roads. Main roads have been graded; secondary roads have been started. Crew continues to address frost boils and blown down trees. A sinkhole developed on Wiljala Road due to a damaged culvert. A larger culvert is scheduled to installed.

Council requested a bylaw be drafted and presented regarding beaver dams on private property which cause damages to public roads.

A turnaround shall be installed on Maxwell Rd N. to assist with winter maintenance activities.

7.3. Fire Chief Report
Not present at time of report

7.4. Councillor Reports

Mayor Maxwell attended the annual NOMA conference. Meetings attended included the CNHPC, Conmee Social Committee, EMPC, and budget committee. She also assisted with the Comedy Night held by the Conmee Social Committee.

Councillor Arnold attended the annual NOMA conference. Meetings attended included the EMPC and TBDHU.

Councillor Halvorsen attended the LRPB meeting.

Councillor Maxwell assisted with the Comedy Night held by the Conmee Social Committee. Meetings attended included the budget committee. He also completed some Health and Safety training.

- 7.5. Other agencies report
Received for information.

8 NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1. Aging and Health Seminar Series – Project Debrief

The Township of Conmee was the successful recipient of \$14,984.34 under the 2022-2023 Seniors Community Grant Program. The Township received \$11,987.00 in October 2022 to put towards our Seminar Series project. The breakdown of the spending was provided to Council. The final report has been sent to the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility for review. A total of 133 people attended with a 99% satisfaction rating.

For the Seminar Series, the Township of Conmee has won the E.A. Danby Award from AMCTO, in the category of “Implementation of Legislation” because of its commitment to making resources accessible to our rural residents and their neighbours, promoting an age friendly community, getting seniors connected (therefore reducing psychosocial isolation), and helping them to age in place. The Award will be presented at the AMCTO Conference in Niagara Falls in June.

Councillor Arnold expects to be in the Niagara Falls around that time. Council approved Councillor Arnold’s attendance at the presentation ceremony as a representative of the Township for receiving the award.

- 8.2. Variance Budget – as of December 31, 2022
Discussions continued. Further adjustments were requested.

9 BY-LAWS

none

10 CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Emergency Management Ontario – EMPCA Compliance Letter

The Township of Conmee continues to meet the compliance requirements for emergency management.

10.2 Rural Cupboard Food Bank

- a. Client Distribution by Postal Code 2022
- b. Client Distribution by Postal Code Jan-Apr 2023
- c. Heat Map Hamper Distribution
- d. Statistics 2022

Statistics were provided regarding the food distribution of the Rural Cupboard Food Bank. Received for information.

10.3 NWORTA

- a. Conmee Information Session
- b. O'Connor Information Session
- c. Oliver-Paipoonge Information Session

Received for information.

10.4 IESO - Recommends New Transmission Line in Northwest Ontario (Phase 2 Waasigan)

Received for information.

10.5 Ministry of Environment – regarding 2021 Landfill Water Quality Summary Report

In response to the 2021 Report submitted, the Ministry requested renovations to the landfill water monitoring system including updates to various plans and logs.

10.6 North Rock – quote to amend contract to conduct work in accordance with Item 10.5

As the contractor currently responsible for the landfill water monitoring system, North Rock provided a quote to amend the 2023 schedule to perform the work requested by the Ministry of Environment. Council reviewed the quote and accepted the changes. It was noted that the

work requested by the Ministry of Environment was mandatory before any consideration for landfill expansion would be considered.

- 10.7 Other Correspondence
Received for information

11 UPCOMING MEETING DATES

May 23 rd , 2023	Regular Council Meeting
June 13 th , 2023	Regular Council Meeting
June 27 th , 2023	Regular Council Meeting
July 11 th , 2023	Regular Council Meeting
July 25 th , 2023	Regular Council Meeting

12 CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO 2023-096

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:34 p.m., Council resolve into closed session, under the authority of paragraph (a) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to discuss Item 12.2 regarding municipal property and also under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(b) and (d) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to discuss Item 12.3-12.5 regarding identifiable individuals and labour relations;

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 meeting of April 25th 2023

CARRIED

- 12.1 Closed Minutes – Apr 25th 2023
- 12.2 Municipal Property
- 12.3 Human Resources
- 12.4 Human Resources
- 12.5 Human Resources

RESOLUTION NO 2023-097

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 10:02 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session

AND THAT the Closed Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 25th 2023 be approved

AND THAT administration proceed as directed

CARRIED

13 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

13.1 By-law 1390 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

RESOLUTION NO 2023-098

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1390 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. 1390, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

CARRIED

14 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Clerk Shara Lavallee