

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 25th, 2025 – 6:00 pm



PRESENT Mayor Sheila Maxwell
Councillor David Maxwell
Councillor Chris Kresack

PRESENT VIRTUALLY Councillor Grant Arnold

REGRETS Councillor David Halvorsen

ALSO PRESENT Karen Paisley, Clerk

PRESENT VIRTUALLY Rosalie Evans, Acting Clerk
Olabisi Akinsanya-Hutka, Human Resources Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION 2025 - 036

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular council meeting of February 25, 2025, be amended as follows:
a) Add item 13.2 to closed session agenda under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, paragraph 239(2)(b) relating to personal matters about an identifiable individual.
AND, FURTHER, THAT the agenda, as so amended, be approved.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations were made.

4. TOWN HALL SEGMENT

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

5. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were scheduled for this evening's meeting.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

6.1. Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – February 11, 2025
Members present reviewed the minutes. No errors or omissions were noted.

RESOLUTION 2025 - 037

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the open session portion of the regular council meeting of February 11, 2025, be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

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7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

7.1. Payroll Report

No payroll report was provided for this meeting.

7.2. Payment Register

Council reviewed the payment register. There were no questions for the Clerk.

RESOLUTION 2025-038

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the disbursements represented by electronic bank payments, check numbers 7302 to 7323, totaling \$44,126.07.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

8.1. Clerk's Report

Clerk Paisley overviewed the Clerk's report to Council and responded to questions. In addition to the information in the report, the Clerk advised that the raffle basket being created for the NOMA conference in April is almost complete and includes donations from Brule Farms. Clerk Paisley requested that Council advise who will be attending the NOMA Conference.

RESOLUTION 2025-039

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Councillor Arnold and Clerk Paisley's attendance at the NOMA conference April 23 to 25.

CARRIED

The Clerk advised that Steve Lazar from Backstage Music attended the office on Friday February 21 to work on the sound system in council chambers. Mr. Lazar advised the Clerk that there are still issues with the sound system in council chambers. Mr. Lazar attached his mixer to the amplifier and the sound was better so he advised the Clerk that council chambers system may require a new mixer. Mr. Lazar will be coming back to the municipal office to fix the sound system problems.

8.2. Treasurer's Report

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

8.3. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer's Report

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

8.4. Public Works Report

Public Works manager Leonard Arps overviewed his report to Council and responded to questions. In addition to the information provided in the report, Mr. Arps advised that in the spring he usually includes information in the newsletter advising that Public Works will be moving the snowbanks off the shoulder to allow for water drainage. He advised this work has already commenced due to the warm weather. Mr. Arps advised that he was able to get 2 new batteries and an alternator for \$700. Mr. Arps will be installing posts with delineators on some roads with drop off sections for safety.

8.5. Fire Chief's Report

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

8.6. Council Member Reports

Mayor Maxwell reported that she has staff performance reviews and will be meeting with administration to review the CUPE agreement ahead of negotiations.

Councillor Arnold reported that, on February 11th, after the last council meeting, he attended a zoom meeting with an organization called "Municipal Mutual Liability" regarding insurance. There was discussion around merging services with other municipalities. Councillor Arnold attended the Alpha Symposium through the Thunder Bay District Health Unit by zoom. On February 19th he attended the Thunder Bay District Health Unit Director's meeting. On the afternoon of February 26th, he will be attending the LRCA board of directors meeting.

Councillor Maxwell reported that he attended the Thunder Bay District Municipal League meeting virtually. They discussed the upcoming conference and electing officials for this association. Councillor Maxwell offered the Conmee Hall for in-person meetings next year for the Thunder Bay District Municipal League. Councillor Maxwell completed a generator report on February 23rd. Councillor Maxwell will drop the report off to administration.

Councillor Kresack reported he attended the Rural Food Bank board meeting Wednesday, February 12th. They discussed the 25th Anniversary of the Food Bank. The board also discussed the issue with the door entrance, which had been discussed with public works at a previous council meeting. The entrance will be repaired.

8.7. Other Agencies' Reports

These reports were listed, for information, in the Clerk's report at Item 8.1.

RESOLUTION 2025-040

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

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

CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. Resolution to Change the Regular Council meeting date from June 24th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to June 25th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2025-041

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 24th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. be rescheduled to Wednesday, June 25th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

CARRIED

10. BY-LAWS

- 10.1. Bylaw Number 2025-005 to repeal two prior Bylaws, each of which amended Bylaw 1307 re CEMC

RESOLUTION 2025-042

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2025-005 repealing Bylaws 1337 and 1414 be passed.

CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1. List of Resolution Support Requests from other Municipalities

No resolution support requests were received for this meeting.

- 11.2. Correspondence from the Thunder Bay Veterinary Services Committee re: Membership for 2025

On consensus, Council supported continuing membership with the Thunder Bay Veterinary Services Committee for the upcoming year.

12. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

The list of upcoming regular Council meeting dates was available for review. The council meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 24, 2025, at 6:00 pm has been changed to Wednesday June 25, 2025, at 6:30 pm per resolution 2025-041.

13. CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 2025-043

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 6:49 p.m., Council enter Closed Session under the authority of those paragraphs of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, for which the meetings were closed, in order to consider Item 13.1, being the Closed Session minutes of the Council meeting held February 11th, 2025; and, under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(b) of the same legislation, in order to consider Item 13.2, involving personal information about identifiable individuals.

CARRIED

During closed session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION 2025-044

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 6:51 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED

Open session resumed.

14. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 2025-045

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Closed Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 11, 2025, be approved; AND, FURTHER, THAT Administration be authorized to proceed as directed in closed session.

CARRIED

15. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

15.1. By-law 2025-006

RESOLUTION 2025-046

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

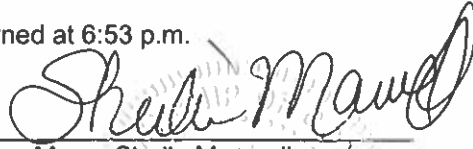
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2025-006 be passed;

AND, FURTHER, THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 2025-006, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

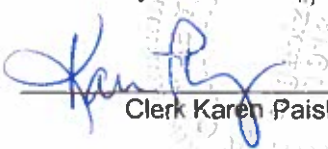
CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to attend to, the mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Mayor Sheila Maxwell



Clerk Karen Paisley

