

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Shara Lavallee, CAO/Clerk
Leanne Maxwell, Treasurer
Robb Day, Fire Chief
Darryl Parfeniuk, Deputy Fire Chief
Tara Wupori, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

DEPUTATION: Chad Tanner, OPG, Senior Communications Advisor
Gillian MacLeod, OPG, Senior Environmental Advisor
Thomas Klemens, OPG, Project Leader
Tom Kurtz, OPG, Project Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION 2024-062

Moved by Councillor Halvorsen

Seconded by Councillor Kresack

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

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
None
4. DEPUTATIONS
 - 4.1 Ontario Power Generation

A presentation was made regarding the Kakabeka Falls Generating Station Redevelopment project scheduled to start in 2025.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
 - 5.1. Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – April 9th 2024

RESOLUTION 2024-063

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 9th 2024 be approved

CARRIED

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

6. DISBURSEMENT LIST

- 6.1. Payroll Report
Received for information

- 6.2. Payment Register

RESOLUTION 2024-064

Moved by Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the disbursements represented by Check Numbers 6930 through 6937 totalling \$8,144.28 and electronic bank payments totalling \$9,838.36, for a grand total of \$17,982.64

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- 7.1. Clerk's Report
 - 7.1.1. SASI Water Treatment quote
Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) has confirmed that the Township has achieved its 2023 annual compliance for all elements required under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMPCA). The 2022 and 2023 Energy Consumption reports were filed with the Ministry of Energy. The Township's current "Conservation and Demand Management Plan" must be reviewed by July 2024. The purpose of the plan is analyze energy consumption and identify "energy conservation and efficiency" goals and objectives. The Clerk shall provide a report at a later date. Councillor Arnold requested a delegation with Minister Calandra (MMAH) regarding senior housing and Pines on Hume project. He has requested the Clerk attended the delegation with him. The delegation has not been confirmed yet.

Community Emergency Preparedness Grant:

An updated quote was received from SASI for the updated water treatment system. A copy was attached for council review. Quotes are still being obtained for the two generators. Other items such as the marquee and the cell phone booster have remained at the original quoted prices.

Facilities:

The local school requested approval to borrow the 'good' tables for a graduation reception. Current policy is that such equipment is not rented out. The old tables in the Quonset are available but are certainly not nice enough for a graduation reception. Council agreed that the school was permitted to borrow the 'good' tables at no cost in recognition of the many Conmee children that attended the school. Mayor Maxwell agreed to oversee the borrowing and returning of the tables. Interviews are being scheduled for the two vacant positions. The HR Assistant may have more to report.

RESOLUTION 2024-065

Moved by Councillor Halvorsen

Seconded by Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves pre-budget spending for Emergency Preparedness Project as outlined in the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG) application, including the installation of a new water treatment system, as the CEPG will provide 100% funding for all the capital purchases

CARRIED

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

7.2. Public Works Report

Maintenance activities included grading and culvert steaming. Brushing is currently on hold. GeoTabs were installed in two of public works vehicles so that pertinent information is available if needed. Brandt was scheduled to conduct the End of Warranty inspection and full service on the grader at the beginning of May. Wolfe Rd was inspected – it is in an acceptable condition for seasonal low-volume traffic; currently no building permits submitted for this road. Budget discussion to be scheduled at later date; proposed capital projects shall include calcium application and road rehabilitation. A box of stingers was purchased for the grader; the public works used 1.5 boxes over the last 4 years.

7.3. Fire Chief's Report

Weekly training continued. The wildland suppression trailer was moved from the garage to the middle bay of the main station to allow for a faster response to wildland situations. An Acting Deputy Fire Chief was selected from the volunteers: Daryl Perfeniuk. Council passed a resolution to approve his appointment; an appointment by-law shall be provided at the next council meeting. Cameras and locks have been installed. Repairs are needed for the pumper; currently being arranged. The Fire Chief has a meeting the previous week with Fire Chiefs from Oliver-Paipoonge, O'Connor and Neebing regarding any proposals regarding potential shared services. Further discussion is required. An application was submitted for the Tbaytel for Good grant to purchase a battery operated multi-tool for auto extrication.

RESOLUTION 2024-066

Moved by Councillor Kresack

Seconded by Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Daryl Parfeniuk as Deputy Fire Chief for the Township of Conmee

CARRIED

7.4. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer / Health & Safety Representative Report

RESOLUTION 2024-067

Moved by Councillor Kresack

Seconded by Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the "Violence, Harassment, and Discrimination in the Workplace" Policy as amended

CARRIED

7.5. Councillor Reports

Mayor Maxwell attended a Hiring Committee meeting to review applications for the Facilities staff positions.

Councillor Arnold attended TBDHU strategic plan meeting and regular meeting. He also attended the TBDSSAB 25th anniversary event.

Councillor Halvorsen attended the EMPC meeting.

Councillor Maxwell assisted the VFD with security camera installation. He attended the TBDML meeting and the OPG Spring Freshet meeting. He completed the monthly generator inspection. He also had communications with residents.

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Clerk _____

7.6. Other agencies' report
Received for information

8 NEW BUSINESS
none

9 BY-LAWS

10 CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 OPG – Emergency Preparedness Meeting – invitation

RESOLUTION 2024-068

Moved by Councillor Halvorsen

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Shara Lavallee, CAO/Clerk, is approved to attend the OPG
Emergency Preparedness Meeting on May 28th 2024 in Thunder Bay

CARRIED

10.2 North Rock – landfill expansion update
10.2.1 North Rock – quote for 2024 water monitoring and reporting program

Council agreed to North Rock's recommendation to delay landfill expansion while additional data is obtained. Council accepted the quote for the 2024 water monitoring and reporting program.

10.3 J.D. Barnes – quote for landfill survey work required by MOE
Recommendation: accept quote; approve pre-budget spending

Council accepted the quote and approved pre-budget spending.

10.4 MTO – Notice of planned highway rehabilitation (2025-2026)

Construction work is scheduled for the portion of Hwy 11/17 from Kakabeka (350 km east of Oliver Road) westerly to Shabaqua Corners. Construction is tentatively planned for 2025 and 2026. Council requested the addition of feeder lanes at Hunt Rd and Mokomon Road.

10.5 MNRF – regulation proposal for conservation authorities
Received for information

10.6 CN Rail – Vegetation Management
Notices regarding the 2024 vegetation management shall be included in the next newsletter.

10.7 EMO – Provincial Emergency Management Strategy – Annual Report
Received for information

10.8 NWORDA – request for letter of support regarding trails

Council agreed to provide a letter of support for the Shabaqua Trail reroute and extension to Kakabeka Falls.

10.9 LSPC – Community Recovery Summit – invitation
Received for information

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

10.10 Women of Ontario Say No – letter and draft resolution of support
Received for information

10.11 Township of Asphodel-Norwood: Public Health Ontario Labs

RESOLUTION 2024-069

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the resolution by the Township of Asphodel-Norwood regarding the potential closure of regional Public Health Ontario laboratories

AND THAT copies of this support be provided to the Ontario Minister of Health, MPP Kevin Holland, and MP Marcus Powlowski

CARRIED

10.12 Township of Clearview: Bill C-63 in House of Commons

RESOLUTION 2024-070

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the resolution by the Township of Clearview regarding the endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons

AND THAT copies of this support be provided to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Justice & Attorney General Arif Virani, MPP Kevin Holland, MP Marcus Powlowski, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

CARRIED

10.13 County of Prince Edward: Municipal Accessibility

RESOLUTION 2024-071

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the resolution by the Township of Clearview regarding support for a call to action to meet the deadline of an Accessible Ontario by 2025

AND THAT copies of this support be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and MPP Kevin Holland

CARRIED

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

10.14 Hastings County: Municipal Infrastructure

RESOLUTION 2024-072

Moved by Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the resolution by Hasting County regarding the endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons

AND THAT copies of this support be provided to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Marcus Powlowski; MPP Kevin Holland; AMO, ROMA, FCM

CARRIED

10.15 City of Peterborough: Jurisdiction of Ontario Ombudsman

RESOLUTION 2024-073

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the resolution by the City of Peterborough regarding the recommendations outlined in April 2024 by the Commissioner of Legislative Services regarding the jurisdiction of the Ontario's Ombudsman

AND THAT copies of this support be provided to Minister Calandra, MPP Kevin Holland, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

CARRIED

10.16 Town of Rainy River: International Student Program

RESOLUTION 2024-074

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the resolution by Town of Rainy River regarding the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada reforms to the International Student Program

AND THAT copies of this support be provided to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Minister of Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship Marc Milier, MP Patty Hajdu - Thunder Bay - Superior North, MP Marcus Powlowski - Thunder Bay - Rainy River, MP Eric Melillo - Kenora, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPP Greg Rickford Kenora - Rainy River, MPP Kevin Holland - Thunder Bay - Atikokan, MPP Lise Vaugeois - Thunder Bay -Superior North, Lakehead University, Confederation College, Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.

CARRIED

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

10.17 Town of Shelburne: Eradication of racism
Received for information

10.18 Municipality of St. Charles: Household Food Insecurity

RESOLUTION 2024-075

Moved by Councillor Halvorsen

Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the resolution by the Municipality of St. Charles regarding the resolution passed by Public Health Sudbury & Districts regarding household food insecurity

AND THAT copies of this support be provided to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Michael Parsaco; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and MPP Kevin Hollan

CARRIED

10.19 Other correspondence

11 UPCOMING MEETING DATES

May 14 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
May 28 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
June 11 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
June 25 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
July 9 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
July 23 rd , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
August 13 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
August 27 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
September 10 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
September 24 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting

12 CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 2024-076

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:53 p.m., Council resolve into closed session, under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(b)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to discuss Item 12.2-3 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 9th 2024

CARRIED

12.1 Closed Minutes – April 9th 2024
12.2 Human Resources (verbal) – Committees and Boards
12.3 Human Resources – General

RESOLUTION 2024-077

Moved by Councillor Halvorsen

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 10:23 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 9th 2024 be approved

AND THAT Administration proceed as directed

CARRIED

13 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

13.1 By-law 1440 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

RESOLUTION 2024-078

Moved by Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1440 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. 1440, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

CARRIED

14 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Sheila Maxwell, Mayor

Shara Lavallee, Clerk

Mayor ____
Clerk ____