

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, August 13 2024 – 6:00 pm



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

ALSO PRESENT: Shara Lavalley, CAO/Clerk  
Len Arps, Public Works Manager  
Tara Wupori, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Maxwell provided a statement of land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**RESOLUTION 2024-0149**

**Moved by Councillor Kresack**

**Seconded by Councillor Maxwell**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular council meeting of August 27th, 2024 be approved

**CARRIED**

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. DEPUTATIONS

None

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-0150**

**Moved by Councillor Kresack**

**Seconded by Councillor Arnold**

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

**CARRIED**

6. DISBURSEMENT LIST

6.1. Payroll Report

6.2. Payment Register

**RESOLUTION 2024-0151**

**Moved by Councillor Maxwell**

**Seconded by Councillor Kresack**

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

**CARRIED**

\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
\_\_\_\_ Clerk

7. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

7.1. Clerk's Report

The annual road inspection shall be scheduled for the month of September.

Delegations at the AMO Conference have been scheduled with the Minister of Health, the Minister of Transportation and the Solicitor-General.

7.2. Public Works Report

Activities included grading and gravel hauling. Holland Rd East was widened in certain section and fresh gravel applied. Oikonen Road was graded and new gravel applied. Maxwell Rd S. was ditched on both sides with new ditch liner; gravel was also applied. New snowplow turnaround was installed on Maxwell Road. A resident requested that Council consider replacing the 4-way stops on Holland Road with 2-way stops; Council discussed the request and determined that the 4-way stops would remain.

7.3. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Intern's Report

Activities included monthly H&S inspections and administrative duties. Also attended the MNRF: Engagement session in Thunder Bay on proposed modernization of wildland fire management including the Forest Fires Prevention Act.

7.4. Councillor Reports (verbal)

Mayor Maxwell attended a Round Table discussion with OMAFRA regarding rural economic development. She attended the office for such duties as performance reviews. The Township has been approached by a local organization about providing bartending services during an event. Council had no objections; proceeds shall be allocated to the Social Committee for future events. The Mayor shall provide more information at a future council meeting.

Councillor Halvorsen provided a brief update on the new police services board.

Councillor Kresack has no meetings with the Rural Cupboard Food Bank until September. He did receive one phone call from a resident.

Councillor Arnold received a phone call regarding a hall rental and the security guard requirements. Councillor Arnold requested that the rental policy be amended to ensure that renters are provided with a copy of the policy and that adequate notice is provided regarding decisions on security guard requirements for rentals.

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Communications system

Council reviewed the history and structure of the communications system (phone, internet). It was decided to permit the installation of fibre and reassess the use of Starlink at a later date.

8.2. Review – "Operation of Municipal Office" Policy

Policy was amended to provide more flexibility in scheduling of students and interns.

**RESOLUTION 2024-0152**

**Moved by Councillor**

**Seconded by Councillor**

BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Township of Conmee approve the "Operation of Municipal Office" Policy as amended

**CARRIED**

\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
\_\_\_\_ Clerk

8.3. Social Committee Terms of Reference

Amendments were requested to improve the organizational capabilities of the committee. A revised copy shall be brought forward at a future council meeting.

8.4. High School Placement

Council discussed the potential benefits of providing high school placements. Mayor Maxwell shall discuss potential opportunities with the local high school and report back to Council. Another option that shall be considered is the creation of a student councillor.

9 BY-LAWS

9.1 Draft – Firearms Discharge By-Law

Comments from the public was permitted by the Mayor. Robert Pajamaki questioned the necessity of the by-law. He also asked about enforcement. He noted that other items such as 'bear bangers' sound like firearms. Verner Kivipelto questioned the origin of the by-law. He requested that any by-law focus on excessive shooting of firearms.

A public consultation was recommended and shall be considered. Council discussed the current regulations provided by the provincial and federal governments. Enforcement of a municipal by-law would be a primary concern. Council requested that the draft be brought back with amendments for further discussion.

9.2 Draft – Noise By-Law

Council discussed the draft and potential amendments. The inclusion of excessive shooting shall be considered for inclusion in the noise by-law.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

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

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 26<sup>th</sup> 2024)

Additional time was requested for reflection. Deferred until next council meeting

10.3 Manulife Benefits - Renewal  
The renewal was accepted.

10.4 Ombudsman Ontario - Annual report

Council was advised of the location of the printed copy. Electronic copies are available online.

10.5 Tbaytel – Scope of Work for Fibre Installation

Tbaytel provided a scope of work required for installation of fibre services at the municipal buildings located on Holland Rd. Council had no concerns.

\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
\_\_\_\_ Clerk

10.6 Forbes – request for concurrence regarding 60m self-support tower telecommunication site located on Enders Road.

- 10.6.1 Public consultation tracker
- 10.6.2 Example of letter of concurrence

**RESOLUTION 2024-0153**

**Moved by Councillor Halvorsen**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kresack**

- 10.7 Hydro One – AMO Conference delegations  
Filed for information
- 10.8 Serco Canada – introduction email as service system manager (employment services)  
Filed for information
- 10.9 Municipality of Wawa – resolution regarding the Ontario Forest Industries Association and its desire for immediate action to support forest sector

**RESOLUTION 2024-0154**

**Moved by Councillor Maxwell**  
**Seconded by Councillor Arnold**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the resolution by the Township of Wawa regarding the Ontario Forest Industries Association and its desire for immediate action to support forest sector

AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Wawa, the Premier of Ontario, MP Marcus Powlowski, MPP Kevin Holland, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Solicitor-General, and the Ontario Forest Industries Association

**CARRIED**

- 10.10 NOMA – letter and resolution regarding support for nurse practitioners to obtain billing numbers

**RESOLUTION 2024-0155**

**Moved by Councillor Halvorsen**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kresack**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the resolution by NOMA regarding support for nurse practitioners to obtain billing numbers

AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, MP Marcus Powlowski, MPP Kevin Holland, and NOMA

**CARRIED**

- 10.11 NOMA – letter and resolution regarding the need for multi-minister meetings

**RESOLUTION 2024-0156**

**Moved by Councillor Arnold**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kresack**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the resolution by NOMA regarding the need for multi-minister meetings

AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, MP Marcus Powlowski, MPP Kevin Holland, and NOMA

**CARRIED**

\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
\_\_\_\_ Clerk

10.12 Town of Bradford – West Gwillimbury – resolution requesting the creation of long-service medals for non-OPP police and paramedics

**RESOLUTION 2024-0157**

**Moved by Councillor Halvorsen**

**Seconded by Councillor Kresack**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the resolution by Town of Bradford – West Gwillimbury requesting the creation of long-service medals for non-OPP police and paramedics

AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, MP Marcus Powlowski, MPP Kevin Holland, and Town of Bradford – West Gwillimbury

**CARRIED**

10.13 Municipal Engineers Association – Ontario Provincial Standards  
Filed for information

10.14 OPP – collective agreements ratified  
Filed for information

10.15 Voice of Northern Business – request for council resolution: support a set-aside for Northern Ontario within the OINP  
Deferred until next council meeting

10.16 Other correspondence  
Filed for information

**11 UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

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

**12 CLOSED SESSION**

12.1 Closed Minutes – July 23rd 2024

**RESOLUTION 2024-0158**

**Moved by Councillor Maxwell**

**Seconded by Councillor Kresack**

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

**CARRIED**

**13 CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-0159**

**Moved by Councillor Maxwell**

**Seconded by Councillor Halvorsen**

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.

**CARRIED**

\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
\_\_\_\_ Clerk

14 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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Mayor Sheila Maxwell

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Clerk Shara Lavallee

\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
\_\_\_\_ Clerk