

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 24th, 2023 – 6:00 pm

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

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

GUESTS: Ellen Beaudry, Municipal Advisor, MMAH

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO 2023-012

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda for the January 24th 2023 be approved

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. DEPUTATIONS

4.1 Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing

The Municipal Advisor provided a brief municipal council orientation and answered questions.

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Clerk _____

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

5.1. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting – January 10th 2023

RESOLUTION NO 2023-0013

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Jan 10th 2022 be approved

AND THAT the Closed Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Jan 10th 2022 be approved

CARRIED

6. DISBURSEMENT LIST

6.1 Disbursements
No issues with the disbursements.

7. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

7.1. Clerk's Report

Recruitment continues for a Chief Building Official and a Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer. A community representative is also being sought for the Lakehead Police Services Board. The positions of Facilities Manager and Assistant Facilities Manager have been filled. The visit on Jan 18th 2023 by MPP Holland was cancelled by his office due to scheduling conflicts. The visit will occur on a later date. Council will be kept informed.

7.2. Public Works Report

Maintenance continues with the winter weather. No objections have been received regarding the closure of the western portion of Pokki Rd. Quotes shall be obtained for replacement tires on one vehicle.

Public Works Manager Arps left at 6:52 p.m.

7.3. Councillor Reports

Mayor Maxwell attended social committee meetings and participated in the interviews for the positions of Facilities Manager and Assistant Facilities Manager. She attended the LRMC meeting. She also assisted at a Social Committee event.

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Councillor Arnold attended TBDHU and LRCA meetings.

Councillor Kresack met with the Rural Cupboard Food Bank. He relayed some requests from them regarding new door keys and maintenance of the loading bay area.

7.4. Other agencies report
Received for information.

7.5 Fire Chief Report
Fire Chief Fleck provided a report to Council. Public education and VFD training will be the focus for activities this year.

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Accessibility of Elections Report
The Clerk provided a report to Council about the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities.

9 BY-LAWS
none

10 CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 NOMA Conference
10.1.1 NOMA Field Trip

Deferred

10.2 TBDML Conference
10.2.1 Sponsorship Package

RESOLUTION NO 2023-0014

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Conmee approves the attendance of the TBDML Conference on March 23-24th 2023 for Mayor Sheila Maxwell, Councillor Arnold, Councillor Maxwell and CAO/Clerk Lavallee

CARRIED

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Clerk _____

- 10.3 Ministry of Seniors – Community Grant
Council decided not to submit an application this year.
- 10.4 Gro for Good Grant
Staff will apply for the grant to install a community garden.
- 10.5 OGRA 2023 Membership
No membership this year due to costs.
- 10.6 TBDML Alternate

RESOLUTION NO 2023-0015

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Sheila Maxwell is appointed as the alternate member for the TBDML for the term of 2022-2026

CARRIED

- 10.7 MMAH Orientation session

RESOLUTION NO 2023-0016

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Conmee approve Councillor Maxwell and Councillor Arnold to attend the New Councillor Training Session held by MMAH on February 10th in Thunder Bay

- 10.8 Other correspondence
Received for information.

11 UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- Feb 14th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting – Deputation: LRCA
- Feb 28th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
- Mar 14th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
- Mar 28th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
– Deputation: Thunder Bay + Area Food Strategy

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Clerk _____

12 CLOSED SESSION

- 12.1 Closed Minutes – January 10th 2023
Approved earlier

RESOLUTION NO 2023-0017

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:55 p.m., Council resolve into closed session, under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(ab), (b), (c), and (d) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to discuss Items 12.2 to 12.3 regarding individuals and human resources

CARRIED

- 12.2 Human Resources
12.3 Human Resources

RESOLUTION NO 2023-0018

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 9:17 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session

AND THAT administration proceed as directed

CARRIED

13 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

- 13.1 By-law 1374 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

RESOLUTION NO 2023-0019

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1375 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. 1375, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

CARRIED

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

14 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

CAO/Clerk Shara Lavallee