



MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 26, 2021 – 5:00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland
Councillor Sheila Maxwell
Councillor Robert MacMaster (virtual)
Councillor Leslie Kivisto (virtual)
Councillor Grant Arnold (virtual)

ALSO PRESENT: Shara Lavallee, Clerk
Nadia Kukkee, Treasurer (departed 6:21 p.m.)
Len Arps, Public Works

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holland called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 2021-018

Moved by: Councillor MacMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Meeting Agenda, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

none

4. DEPUTATIONS

none

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

5.1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting held January 12, 2021

(Minutes of the Closed Session portion of Regular Council Meeting held January 12, 2021, at Item 12.1 on the Agenda, may be approved in this resolution if there are no questions or corrections. Otherwise, closed session discussion will occur.)

5.2 Minutes of Special Council Meeting held January 18, 2021

(Minutes of the Closed Session portion of Regular Council Meeting held January 18, 2021, at Item 12.2 on the Agenda, may be approved in this resolution if there are no questions or corrections. Otherwise, closed session discussion will occur.)

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Clerk _____

Resolution No. 2021-019

Moved by: Councillor Kivisto

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on January 12th 2021 be approved;

AND, FURTHER THAT the Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Meeting of Council held on January 12th 2021 be approved

AND FURTHER THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on January 18th 2021 be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT the Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Special Meeting of Council held on January 18th 2021 be approved

CARRIED

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Clerk's Report

A brief summary was given of recent administrative activity. The Shared Services Agreement with Oliver-Paipoonge expired on December 31, 2020 and will not be renewed. The Conmee Treasurer is confident that a formal contract is not needed to address any questions or discussions she may have with the former Acting Treasurer. The Clerk brought forward a concern about parked vehicles at the Lundstrom Rd turnaround. Council directed staff to erect a sign "no parking; snowplow turnaround". The Clerk was approved to apply for a summer student to address cemetery records management.

6.2 Councillor Reports – verbal

Mayor Holland provided a summary of his recent activities. He was re-elected Chair of the Lakehead Police Services Board. He attended TBDSSAB and LRMC meeting. The Mayor attended the ROMA 2021 Annual Conference and was elected Vice-Chair of the ROMA board. During the ROMA Annual Conference, the Mayor attended several delegation meetings with various ministries, both as a township representative and a LRMC representative.

Councillor Maxwell attended the delegation meeting with OMAFRA.

Councillor Arnold is scheduled to attend the LRCA Annual Meeting.

Councillor Kivisto attended a Rural Cupboard Food Bank meeting and provided an overview of the yearly report.

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Clerk _____

- 6.3 Public Works Report – to be hand delivered
The Public Works Manager provided a summary of recent work conducted by the staff.

6.3.a Hauling application

Resolution No. 2021-020

Moved by: Councillor MacMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE RESOLVED THAT a hauling permit be issued to Chaschuk Enterprises Ltd. with the approved roads being Sovereign Road and Hunt Road and speed be limited to the Public Works Manager discretion.

FURTHER THAT a bond in the amount of \$5,000 will be required to be paid prior to issuing the permit.

FAILED

Due to some errors in the application, staff was directed to request a new hauling application be submitted to Council by the next Council meeting.

6.3.b Hauling application

Resolution No. 2021-021

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor MacMaster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a hauling permit be issued to Verner Kivipelto (Eco Logging) with the approved roads being Lundstrom Road East and speed be limited to the Public Works Manager discretion.

FURTHER THAT a bond in the amount of \$5,000 will be required to be paid prior to issuing the permit.

CARRIED

- 6.4 Fire Chief Report
none

- 6.5 Treasurer's Report
The Treasurer provided an overview of recent activities. She expects the 2020 audit to begin in April. She will be doing the financial statements to reduce auditor costs. Council reviewed a summary of current tax arrears. The Treasurer explained to Council her preferred methods for addressing the tax arrears. It was

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recognized that the COVID-19 pandemic did increase the number and amount of arrears.

Treasurer Kukkee left the council chambers at 6:21 p.m.

6.6 Draft Resolution

Resolution No. 2021-022

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor MacMaster

WHEREAS duly elected Officials of a Municipality, or a Township are expected to be above reproach and to conduct themselves with integrity, truth, justice, honesty, transparency and courtesy.

AND WHEREAS there are people of dubious character who have a Criminal Record, having been convicted of a Federal Offence of any of the Federal Statutes of Canada, but not limited to the Criminal Code or Narcotic Control Act, who are currently on Council of a Municipality or have let their name stand for election for Mayor, Reeve or Councillor as a municipal candidate.

NOT WITHSTANDING the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee lobby the Provincial Government to amend The Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act, as may be, so that people with a criminal record who have not had their record cleared from the RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections.

AND THAT an elected local government official be disqualified from office upon conviction of a serious criminal offense and must resign

AND THAT Council of the Township of Conmee direct the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Solicitor-General Sylvia Jones, Minister of Municipal Affairs Steve Clark, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Northern Ontario Municipal Association, Thunder Bay District Municipal League, MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell, and all Ontario municipalities

CARRIED

6.7 Other Board and Agency Reports Received for information

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7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

none

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Holland provided a summary of the various delegations he attended at the ROMA annual conference. The delegation with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care was especially positive regarding the Pines on Hume project.

9. BY-LAWS

9.1 By-Law 1259, being a By-law to appoint Nadia Kukkee as Treasurer

Resolution No. 2021-023

Moved by: Councillor MacMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Kivisto

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1259 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. 1259, being a By-law to appoint Nadia Kukkee to the position of Treasurer

CARRIED

9.2 By-Law 1260, being a By-law to establish signing authority for the Corporation

Resolution No. 2021-024

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1260 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. 1260, being a By-law to establish signing authority for the Corporation

CARRIED

9.3 By-Law 1261, being a By-law to establish interim tax rate for 2021

Resolution No. 2021-025

Moved by: Councillor Kivisto

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

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Clerk _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1261 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. 1261, being a By-law to provide for an interim tax levy for 2021 and to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of one and one quarter per cent (1.25%).

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Township of South-West Oxford
Support of resolution requested; draft resolution provided

Resolution No. 2021-026

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Kivisto

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee supports the resolution passed by the Township of South-West Oxford on January 5th, 2021 regarding automatic speed enforcement (photo radar)

AND directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Premier, MPP Ernie Hardeman, and AMO in support of the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement by municipalities

FAILED

- 10.2 United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
Support of resolution requested; draft resolution provided

Resolution No. 2021-027

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Kivisto

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee supports the resolution passed by the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry on January 18th, 2021 requesting the immediate reopening of small businesses

AND directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell

CARRIED

- 10.3 BlueFox Communications

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Clerk _____

Council considered a request to lease space on a municipal building to mount a MicroPOP station. Council reviewed the request and decided that it would be willing to consider leasing a space on the municipal garage.

10.4 Verner Kivipelto, Resident
The resident commented on current zoning restrictions on properties zoned 'rural'. The comments shall be forwarded to the consultants for the upcoming zoning by-law review.

10.5 Statistics Canada

Resolution No. 2021-028

Moved by: Councillor MacMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Kivisto

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the 2021 Census and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

CARRIED

10.6 MMAH – Memo regarding enforcement and reporting
Authority has been given to all enforcement and provincial offences officers including municipal by-law enforcement officers to ensure compliance with the *Reopening Ontario Act* and the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. The MMAH also requires weekly reporting from municipalities on enforcement activities. Mayor Holland requested the Clerk keep track of the staff time required for the weekly report.

10.7 Oliver-Paipoonge Library
The 2021 service contract with Oliver-Paipoonge Public Library was accepted and the Clerk directed to sign the necessary paperwork.

10.8 TBDSSAB 2021 Cost Apportionment
Received for information. The 2021 cost for the township shall be \$80,579 (1.2% increase).

10.9 Other correspondence
Received for information.

11. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

February 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

February 23, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

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Clerk _____

12. CLOSED SESSION

- 12.1 Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Regular Council meeting on January 12nd 2021 (*Municipal Act, 2001*, paragraphs of Subsection 239(2), in accordance with authorizations as noted in the minutes).

Previously addressed in the agenda

- 12.2 Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Regular Council meeting on January 18th 2021 (*Municipal Act, 2001*, paragraphs of Subsection 239(2), in accordance with authorizations as noted in the minutes)

Previously addressed in the agenda

Resolution No. 2021-029

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor MacMaster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:13 p.m., Council resolve into closed session, under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(b) and (d) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to review Items 12.1 to 12.3 involving personal matters about identifiable individuals, employee negotiations, and labour relations.

CARRIED

- 12.3 Human Resources

Resolution No. 2021-030

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:35 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2021-031

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor MacMaster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to the matters at Item 12.2 of the agenda, Administration is authorized to proceed as directed in closed session

CARRIED

Mayor _____

Clerk _____

13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

13.1 By-law 1262 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Resolution No. 2021-032

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Kivisto

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1262 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. 1261, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Holland adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Mayor Kevin Holland

Clerk Shara Lavalley

Mayor _____

Clerk _____