

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**April 18, 2016**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, April 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jack Siemens; Councillors Anthony Leek, Michael Loney and Lori Ann Shortreed; CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Foster.

Absent: Scott Kinnear.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof: None.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Monday, April 18, 2016.

CARRIED.

2. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that the April 5, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Peter McQuaker, Public Works Superintendent and Ed Bullied, Deputy Public Works Superintendent (from April 6, 2016 to April 18, 2016), as submitted.

CARRIED.

4. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to set the following date for the municipal road tour:

- May 9, 2016 at 5:30pm and May 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

5. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to set the following safety equipment allowance:

- Boot – Annual maximum of \$200.00

CARRIED.

6. **Shortreed – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to invest proceeds from sale of 1994 Ford Dump Truck in the amount of \$15,500.00 to EMO5 Equipment Reserve ONE Fund Account.

CARRIED.

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7. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the following first quarter School Board payments:

Public School Board:	\$54,418.19
Separate School Board:	\$ 4,862.18

CARRIED.

8. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to advertise for the hiring of the following summer students in the Emo Municipal newsletter:

- Parks Department – 1 student;
- Recreation Department – 2 students.

CARRIED.

9. **Loney – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment of bills on file in Municipal General to April 18, 2016.

CARRIED.

10. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to April 18, 2016:

- Emo-LaVallee Community Centre
- Emo Recreation Council
- Emo Cemetery
- Emo Parks
- Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre

CARRIED.

11. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize water shut-offs on all accounts four months or more in arrears on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

12. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Township of Emo Compliance Report for Municipal Drinking Water Licence, as submitted.

CARRIED.

13. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Drinking Water Quality Element 20 Management Review minutes, as submitted.

CARRIED.

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14. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit payment to S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$3,677.31 including HST, being payment for Engineering Services to March 17, 2016.

CARRIED.

15. **Leek – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Township of Emo's 2016 Municipal Levy for Rainycrest in the amount of \$5,967.60.

CARRIED.

16. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board's in the amount of \$29,294.48, being April, 2016 levy.

CARRIED.

17. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Fire Status Report FIRE2016-04 prepared by Joshua Colling, Fire Chief, as submitted.

CARRIED.

18. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pay 1/3 of cost to send Joshua Colling, Fire Chief, to NFPA 1035 Fire Life Safety Educator Level 1 Course scheduled May 13-15, 2016 in Dryden.

CARRIED.

19. **Shortreed – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send April Simmons, Program Coordinator to Firefly's *Bridges Out of Poverty* workshop scheduled June 14, 2016 in Kenora. All related expenses to be paid by the Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre.

CARRIED.

20. **Leek – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize purchase of 75 water bottles for *Run Like the Winded 5K Walk/Run* in the amount of \$108.75 (HST included), plus shipping, as requested by Allison Cox, Rec Director.

CARRIED.

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21. **Shortreed – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 7:45 p.m. for the following reasons:

- Security of property;
- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees;
- Proposed or pending acquisitions or disposition of real property;
- Labour relations and employee negotiations;
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matter before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board;
- Advice subject to a solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- Any matter with respect to which a council, local board or committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under any other statute;
- Consideration of a request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED.

22. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:41 p.m.

CARRIED.

23. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept letter of resignation from Sara McCormick, Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre Assistant Coordinator; and further agree to advertise this vacant position in the following:

- Municipal newsletter, Fort Frances Times, Westend Weekly and NCDS

CARRIED.

24. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on May 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from April 5, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.  
Business arising from April 5, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.

Add-on:

1. Water shut-offs.

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Peter McQuaker, Public Works Superintendent, attended the meeting to provide an update, as follows:

- Public Works Department has been working at the Emo Landfill Site and has completed required cleanup;
- A gate has been installed at the entrance to the burn pile, in order for direction to be provided to all residents dumping – ie. shingles are disposed of in the shingle pile, etc. It is essential to ensure proper disposal, as this will in turn ensure minimal maintenance costs;
- Have been filling potholes; need to finish sweeping; and ongoing grading is being completed – *Council has requested the arena parking lot be graded;*
- Recommends selling the 1991 backhoe, as it is no longer in use;
- Would like Council to consider purchasing a new backhoe, as currently a backhoe is being rented, when required.

Joshua Colling, Fire Chief, attended the meeting to provide an update, as follows:

- A few fire incidents have occurred in the Township over the past month;
- Township of Emo needs to recruit more firefighters, as we do not have the numbers to enter into a home that is on fire. Recommends the public be notified that in the event of a fire, the Fire Department will not be entering the home, until we can recruit more firefighters – *a newsletter will be distributed providing the residents with this information;*
- Recommends the Township of Emo implement a policy that would require all schools and large buildings be equipped with a sprinkler system.

The Municipal Office received concerns from a resident that the Township of Emo does not have a half loading by-law in place. Public Works Superintendent Peter McQuaker does not recommend this be implemented.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Attested by:

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Jack Siemens,  
Mayor

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Bridget Foster,  
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer