

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
December 15, 2015

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Councillors Michelle Marinaro.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

CARRIED.

2. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that the December 1, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Peter McQuaker, Public Works Superintendent and Ed Bullied, Deputy Public Works Superintendent (from December 2, 2015 to December 15, 2015), as submitted.

CARRIED.

4. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the following fourth quarter School Board payments:

Public School Board:	\$58,243.41
Separate School Board:	\$4,638.74

CARRIED.

5. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to apply \$150.00 to Assessment Roll #25300 for grass cutting and yard maintenance, as per Property Standard By-law No. 99-01.

CARRIED.

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6. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to December 31, 2015.

CARRIED.

7. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to December 31, 2015:

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

CARRIED.

8. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to withdraw \$75,000.00 from Equipment Replacement Fund Account to the General Account, toward the purchase of the snowplow truck.

CARRIED.

9. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make the following investments:

- \$1,000.00 Water Renewal ONE Fund Account
- \$1,000.00 Sewer Renewal ONE Fund Account

CARRIED.

10. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit payment to S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$6,514.69, including HST, being payment for Engineering Services to November 12, 2015.

CARRIED.

11. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve request from the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #99 to use 85% of their lottery proceeds for the building maintenance and operations of Branch #99, Emo, for 2016, to be evaluated annually.

CARRIED.

12. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit payment to Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board in the amount of \$22,196.77, being payment for December, 2015 Levy.

CARRIED.

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13. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept 2016 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) Allocation in the amount of \$464,100.00; payments to be received quarterly in the amount of \$116,025.00.

CARRIED.

14. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Ministry of Finance's credit in the amount of \$425.00, being 2015 Court Security and Prisoner Transport Grant.

CARRIED.

15. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to increase the level of WSIB coverage for the Emo Volunteer Fire Department from \$84,100.00 to the 2016 annual maximum coverage of \$88,000.00 to each worker's annual gross insurable earnings, effective January 1, 2016.

CARRIED.

16. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to apply for 50% funding from Service Canada's 2016 Canada Summer Jobs program for one student up to 16 weeks, up to 40 hours per week at minimum wage of \$11.25 per hour.

CARRIED.

17. **Kinnear – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Ed Bullied and Jason Smith, Water & Sewer Operators, to Keewaytinook Centre of Excellence's *Disinfection Principles & WHMIS and UV & Ozone Disinfection* courses scheduled January 19-20, 2016 in Fort Frances. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

18. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize Brenda Elias, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, to enroll in AMCTO's Municipal Accounting & Finance Program. All related expenses paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

19. **Loney – Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Allison Cox, Recreation Director/Community Development to the University of Waterloo's *Fundamentals of Community Economic Development* course scheduled May 1-6, 2016 at the Waterloo Campus. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

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20. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize Christmas Greeting advertisement in the Fort Frances Times for a fee of \$142.80 plus HST, as per quotation.

CARRIED.

21. **Leek – Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby support Bill 100 - Supporting the Ontario Trails Act which has the following purpose:

- to increase awareness about and encourage the use of trails
- to enhance trails and the trail experience
- to protect trails for today's generation and future generations
- to recognize the contribution that trails make to quality of life in Ontario
- to recognize the contribution of quality of place

CARRIED.

22. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby support the Municipality of Neebing in their efforts to participate in the public consultation relating to the Police Services Act, to express their support on recruiting non-uniformed safety personnel for day to day policing, relying on uniformed officers only for significant high-level criminal investigations and/or matters requiring particular expertise or specialized equipment; and, to utilize uniformed police services on a fee-for-service basis at the times when services are required.

CARRIED.

23. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera 7:55 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.

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24. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

25. **Kinnear - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept letter of resignation from Curtis Sheloff, Deputy Fire Chief, with regret, effective January 1, 2016.

CARRIED.

26. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to hire Sara McCormick for the Assistant Coordinator position at the Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre, at the approved salary range.

CARRIED.

27. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to hire Julie Martin for the Casual position at the Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre, at the approved salary range.

CARRIED.

28. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize a 1% wage increase effective January 1, 2016, being cost of living allowance, as per the Township of Emo Human Resource Policy.

CARRIED.

29. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from December 1, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.
Business arising from December 1, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.

Add-Ons:

1. Purchase of portable sander;
2. Investment/withdrawal from reserve funds;
3. In-Camera – property issues.

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

- Scarifying the rural roads, due to roads being slippery;
- On-going training at the Water Treatment Plant.

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Council discussed the possibility of purchasing a portable sander in order to do periodic sanding. This would not be used to sand the whole town, but rather do have intersections sanded in town and on the rural roads. It was also requested that when sanding is being contracted, ensure all roads aren't sanded, but rather focus on intersections.

Discussion was held on the maintenance of Jewell and O'Neill Road and Council requested Peter McQuaker speak with property owners on these roads to determine the maintenance required. Currently there are no homes located on these roads so regular maintenance does not take place; however, need to determine what maintenance is required.

Council agreed to review the garbage contract in 2016, as it needs to be renewed.

Due to concerns, Council has requested the Ontario Provincial Police be contacted to request a speed detector be placed in town, to bring awareness to drivers.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Attested by:

Jack Siemens,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer