

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
February 9, 2016**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Councillor 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 Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

CARRIED.
2. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that the January 12, 2016 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 January 13, 2016 to February 9, 2016), as submitted.

CARRIED.
4. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby support the establishment of a licenced child care facility in Emo; and further, to forward a letter indicating our support to Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board.

CARRIED.
5. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to proceed with extension to watermain along Highway 11, to commercial lot located at 5686 Highway 11, to include survey, engineered drawings and tendering of project.
6. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby award Tender No. 2016-01, Arena Elevator Installation Project to Select Construction in the amount of \$76,100.00, plus HST.

CARRIED.

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7. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 per cent.

CARRIED.

8. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-Law No. 2016-04**, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 per cent, be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

9. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to provide for the stopping up and closing of certain highways, portions of highways, road allowances or part of road allowances and to authorize the sale of other disposition thereof.

CARRIED.

10. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2016-05**, being a by-law to provide for the stopping up and closing of certain highways, portions of highways, road allowances or part of road allowances and to authorize the sale of other disposition thereof, be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

11. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to establish and implement fees and/or charges to certain Municipal Services.

CARRIED.

12. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2016-06**, being a by-law to establish and implement fees and/or charges to certain Municipal Services, be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

13. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to February 9, 2016.

CARRIED.

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14. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to February 9, 2016:

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

CARRIED.

15. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Kingdom Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$117,347.26, being Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Payment Certificate No. 4, as per recommendation from S. Burnett & Associates Ltd.

CARRIED.

16. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit payment to S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$6,196.38, including HST, being payment for Engineering Services to December 24, 2015.

CARRIED.

17. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Travis McCormick to Walkerton Clean Water Centre's *Entry Level Course for Drinking Water Operators* scheduled May 16-20, 2016 in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

18. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to establish and regulate the Emo Fire Department for the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

19. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2016-07**, being a by-law to establish and regulate the Emo Fire Department for the Township of Emo, be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

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20. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to provide for the participation of the Emo Fire Department in the District of Rainy River Mutual Aid Plan.

CARRIED.

21. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2016-08** being a by-law to provide for the participation of the Emo Fire Department in the District of Rainy River Mutual Aid Plan, be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

22. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby support Chapple Fire Department by responding to all calls within the Township of Chapple, until further notice.

CARRIED.

23. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Josh Colling, Fire Chief, to Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs 2016 Conference and Trade Show scheduled April 30, 2016 to May 4, 2016 in Toronto, ON. All expenses to be shared between Township of Emo, Township of Chapple and Township of LaVallee.

CARRIED.

24. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit 2015 property tax rebate to the Northwestern Health Unit, in the amount of \$839.61, in accordance with Section 361 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

CARRIED.

25. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board in the amount of \$22,196.77, being February, 2016 levy.

CARRIED.

26. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Rainy River Future Development Corporation in the amount of \$8,302.00, being the Township of Emo's per capita contribution (\$7.00 x 1186).

CARRIED.

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27. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Safe Communities Rainy River District in the amount of \$593.00, being the Township of Emo's per capita contribution.

CARRIED.

28. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Allison Cox to Safe Communities Rainy River District's strategic planning session scheduled March 8, 2016 in Fort Frances. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

29. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Council to the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association's annual conference and meeting scheduled April 27-29, 2016 in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

30. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send three members of Council to Association of Municipalities of Ontario's annual conference and meeting scheduled August 14-17, 2016 in Windsor, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

31. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge letter from Celerity Telecom Inc. regarding leasing the Township of Emo's land for a proposed tower for high speed internet; and further to look into an agreement for this proposal.

CARRIED.

32. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge letter from Kathy Leek/Jill Pedneault/Grant Pedneault/Ed Kuitunen/Karen Kuitunen requesting a Jake Brake By-law; and further, to contact the Ministry of Transportation to determine the feasibility, as this is a provincially maintained highway.

CARRIED.

33. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize Bridget Foster to register for Fred Dean's *Taking the Mysteries Out of Council Meeting Procedures* webinars scheduled March 10-28, 2016.

CARRIED.

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34. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby declares April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day; and further, to recognize this day.

CARRIED.

35. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Ministry of the Environment's *2015-2016 Inspection Report for the Emo Drinking Water System*.

CARRIED.

36. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Bridget Foster to Emergency Management Ontario's *Essential of Municipal Fire Protection & Emergency Management – A Decision Makers' Guide* Seminar scheduled March 9, 2016 in Fort Frances. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

37. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 8:46 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.

38. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 9:13 p.m.

CARRIED.

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39. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept letter of resignation from Anabelle Young, along with verbal resignation from Carlito Gicale, with regret, from the Township of Emo's Planning Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

40. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby appoint Harrold Boven to the Township of Emo's Planning Advisory Committee, effective February 9, 2016.

CARRIED.

41. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the hiring of Travis McCormick on a full time basis, effective February 11, 2016, at approved wage.

CARRIED.

42. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby appoint Lori Ann Shortreed as Emo Municipal Councillor.

CARRIED.

43. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from January 12, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.

Business arising from January 12, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.

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

- Emo Landfill Site wood pile has been burned and pushed;
- Has made some adjustments to the new sander and is working well. Mixed sand and salt has been purchased for this;
- Has had interest in the 1994 snowplow truck and 1991 backhoe. Peter recommends selling the snowplow truck, and using this toward the purchase of a new backhoe;
- A sales person has been at the municipal garage showing interest in taking the backhoe on trade and has a 2012 backhoe, with 2,000 hours logged on it, for sale;
- Current backhoe currently is not in working condition; therefore, in the spring when this equipment is required, we will be forced to rent a backhoe if a new backhoe is not purchased.

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Cindy Judson and Sara McCormick attended the meeting to request Council's support on the establishment of a child care facility in Emo. Currently Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) supports three licenced child care facilities in the area, located in Fort Frances, Devlin and Rainy River. The proposed location for this facility is at the Emo Knox United Church, located across from Donald Young School. They would like to ensure this child care facility is non-profit, in order to access public funds through grants and assist parents, by enabling them to receive a subsidy towards child care.

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

- Township of Chapple has requested the Township of Emo assist with fire protection, by responding to all calls, until such time as assistance is no longer needed, being approximately ninety days;
- A fee for fire protection service to Township of Chapple needs to be determined. Josh has agreed to determine a cost of responding, in order to assist with setting this fee.

Council discussed the request for a jake break by-law and requested the Ministry of Transportation be contacted, as this is a provincially maintained highway.

The Township of Emo purchased three flag poles a few years ago that still need to be installed. Council requested a location be determined and have these installed this spring. The location that was previously considered was on Highway 11 adjacent to the Emo Food Bank.

Seven letters of interest were received for the vacant Councillor position.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.