

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
January 12, 2016

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, January 12, 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, January 12, 2016.

CARRIED.

2. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that the December 15, 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 16, 2015 to January 12, 2016), as submitted.

CARRIED.

4. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve plowing/grading rate of \$120.00/hour, for ongoing maintenance of Fisher Road and Aylsworth Road, during detour of Highway 602.

CARRIED.

5. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby appoint Fire Fighter Robert Simmons as Training Officer for Emo Fire Department with remuneration of \$100.00/month, effective January 1, 2016; and further to set Deputy Fire Chief remuneration at \$225.00/month, effective January 1, 2016.

CARRIED.

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6. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make the following investments in 2015:

- \$250.00 Water Renewal ONE Fund Account;
- \$250.00 Sewer Renewal ONE Fund Account;
- \$5,000.00 Fire Department ONE Fund Account.

CARRIED.

7. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the following appreciation gift for Curtis Sheloff for his years of dedication to the Emo Fire Department:

A commemorative plaque in the amount of \$150.00, plus a \$50.00 gift certificate for the Emo Inn

CARRIED.

8. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby declare the following as surplus land:

Part Lot 6 to 10, being road allowance running through property described as part Lot 20 and Lots 21 to 24, River Range, Township of Lash;

And further, that notice be given to the public by advertising in the Fort Frances Times for three consecutive weeks.

CARRIED.

9. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to confirm appointments of several officers and employees of the Township of Emo for the year 2016.

CARRIED.

10. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2016-01**, being a by-law to confirm appointments of several officers and employees of the Township of Emo for the year 2016, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

11. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law for the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Township of Emo for the year 2016.

CARRIED.

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12. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-Law No. 2016-02**, being a by-law for the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Township of Emo for the year 2016, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

13. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to authorize payment of recurring accounts for the year 2016.

CARRIED.

14. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2016-03**, being a by-law to authorize payment of recurring accounts for the year 2016, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

15. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to January 12, 2016.

CARRIED.

16. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to January 12, 2016:

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

CARRIED.

17. **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 January, 2016 levy.

CARRIED.

18. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we accept Bridge and Culvert Inspection Action report from S. Burnett & Associates Limited, as submitted.

CARRIED.

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19. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit payment to S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$714.09, including HST, being payment for Engineering Services to December 10, 2015.

CARRIED.

20. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept the Northwestern Health Unit's 2016 levy in the amount of \$62,562.93, to be paid in monthly payments of \$5,213.58.

CARRIED.

21. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge letter from Susan Hagen regarding water service.

CARRIED.

22. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to reimburse Imperial Oil in the amount of \$1,443.47, being 2015 property tax write-off on Assessment Roll #40500.

CARRIED.

23. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Jack Siemens to Rainy River Future Development Corporation's Strategic Planning Session on January 19, 2016 in Fort Frances. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

24. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Bridget Foster to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 2016 Planning Workshop to be held on March 30-31, 2016 in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid for by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

25. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Township of Emo's 2016 Property Assessment Levy provided by Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) in the amount of \$21,802.12, to be paid in quarterly payments of \$5,450.53.

CARRIED.

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26. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Township of Emo Accessible Customer Service Plan, as submitted.

CARRIED.

27. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Township of Emo Accessibility Policies and Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, as submitted.

CARRIED.

28. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Livestock Valuer Report from Nick Veldhuisen; and further, to authorize the application to Ministry of Agriculture and Food for the following:

- Harold Kelly – one cow in the amount of \$1,260.00

CARRIED.

29. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept, with regret, letter of resignation from Michelle Marinaro for her position as Emo Municipal Councillor; and further, to declare a vacant Councillor position and agree to advertise in the municipal newsletter, website and Facebook. Applications, in the form of a letter, must be received by February 9, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

30. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera 8:40 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.

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31. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 9:20 p.m.

CARRIED.

32. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve a 1% increase to Dennis Mann's garbage contract, effective January 1, 2016.

CARRIED.

33. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve a 1% wage increase for all Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre employees.

CARRIED.

34. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from December 15, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.
Business arising from December 15, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.

Add-Ons:

1. RRDSSSAB levy.

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

- Has been notified that extended warranty on the snowplow truck may be purchased within the first year;
- Landfill site has been pushed and it will be burned on the weekend. The Fire Department has been notified and a burning permit has been issued;
- Emcom has been maintaining Fisher and Aylsworth Road due to the detour on Highway 602; however, any work the Township is completing from the detour will be reimbursed by the contractor of the Lyons Creek Bridge Project.

Ed Bullied, Water & Sewer Operator, attended the meeting to provide an update, as follows:

- Chlorine analyzer requires cleaning, as it has been fluctuating and setting off alarms at the Water Treatment Plant;
- Ministry of the Environment inspection took place on January 11 and 12, 2016;
- Manhole at the Roy Street lift station has been setup for dumping of sewage and Asselin's has commenced dumping.

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

- Township of Emo is in need of a new tanker truck. Recommends purchasing only a tanker, a tanker/pumper truck could be purchased and could be utilized as a pumper truck when needed or could become the primary pumper truck if needed in the future. Possibly look into any funding that may be available to assist with the purchase of a tanker truck;
- Indicated he has recommends additional hours for each municipality, along with Emo, to complete the duties of a Fire Chief and propose that the municipalities look into another option for the Fire Chief, rather than contracting this service;
- Josh is currently looking into developing an agreement for the Emo Fire Department to respond to calls in the Township of Chapple that are adjacent to Emo;
- Recommends reaching a compliment of fifteen firefighters in Emo, in order to maintain our level of service. Has advertised for these positions with posters and on the Township of Emo's Face Book page. Josh requested the Fire Department's Firefighter Application form be posted on the municipal website ;
- Curtis Sheloff has recently retired as Deputy Fire Chief; however, has agreed to remain on the Fire Department as Safety Officer;
- Internet at the Fire Department would be beneficial while training – *Council agreed to look into getting a booster at the Emo Municipal Office in order to have the Fire Department accessing internet from the office;*
- Portable pump needs to be replaced; however, recommends postponing this purchase, as it may be included on the tanker if the Township proceeds with the purchase.

Council requested when sanding and salting is required in Emo, to ensure sanding and salting is focused on the intersections only.

Council agreed to advertise the vacant Councillor position in the municipal newsletter, website and Face Book page, requesting applications in the form of a letter stating reasons for wanting to be on Emo Council.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Attested by: