

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**May 17, 2016**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 5:30 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 Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

CARRIED.

2. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that the May 3, 2016 Public Meeting and May 3, 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 May 4, 2016 to May 17, 2016), as submitted.

CARRIED.

4. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to establish the tax ratios for the year 2016.

CARRIED.

5. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2016-16**, being a by-law to establish the tax ratios for the year 2016, be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

6. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to establish a Social Media Policy.

CARRIED.

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7. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to establish a Municipal Vehicle Policy.

CARRIED.

8. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Bridget Foster to Municipal Tax Equity's NSA meeting scheduled June 2, 2016 in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

9. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept proposal from Marlin Mose to hay the field north of ball diamonds at Emo Sports Field for a five year term, in the amount of \$360.00 plus HST per year.

CARRIED.

10. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to write off penalty on the following utility accounts, due to error in not receiving notification from the bank:

\$2.01 on account #1540000

\$2.01 on account #1529002

\$2.01 on account #1042001

CARRIED.

11. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to May 17, 2016.

CARRIED.

12. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to May 17, 2016:

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

CARRIED.

13. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge request from Rainy River District School Board regarding building permit fees; and further, that we hereby agree the building permit rates that were set on May 3, 2016 at the regular Council meeting remain in effect for this date.

CARRIED.

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14. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve purchase of 2016/17 municipal insurance from Gillons' Insurance for a fee of \$64,787.20 plus HST, plus \$1,500.00 broker's fee, effective May 16, 2016.

CARRIED.

15. **Loney – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement with Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board and The Corporation of the Township of Emo in order to provide Child Care Services.

CARRIED.

16. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2016-17**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board and The Corporation of the Township of Emo in order to provide Child Care Services, be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

17. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept applications received from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, being Request for Consideration, for the following:

- Assessment Roll #70505, from \$16,228 (RT) to \$3,188(RT), effective August 26, 2015, for the 2015 tax year, and from \$16,800 (RT) to \$3,300 (RT), effective January 1, 2016, for the 2016 tax year;
- Assessment Roll #70702, from \$16,228 (RT) to \$3,188 (RT), effective August 26, 2015, for the 2015 tax year; and from \$16,800 (RT) to \$3,300 (RT), effective January 1, 2016, for the 2016 tax year;
- Assessment Roll #70704, from \$16,228 (RT) to \$3,188 (RT), effective August 26, 2015; and from \$16,800 (RT) to \$3,300 (RT), effective January 1, 2016, for the 2016 tax year;
- Assessment Roll #70805, from \$16,228 (RT) to \$3,188 (RT), effective August 26, 2015, and from \$16,800 (RT) to \$3,300 (RT), effective January 1, 2016, for the 2016 tax year.

CARRIED.

18. **Leek – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Riverside Health Care, being the Township of Emo's contribution toward Fort Frances and District Physician Recruitment; and further agree to review this annually

CARRIED.

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19. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOVLED that we hereby agree to make payment to Rainy River Vet Service Committee in the amount of \$415.10, being the Township of Emo's 2016 Vet Assistance Trust Fund levy.

CARRIED.

20. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send April Simmons to Best Start Hub meeting scheduled June 2-3, 2016, in Dryden, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre.

CARRIED.

21. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Fire Status Report FIRE2016-05 prepared by Joshua Colling, Fire Chief, as submitted.

CARRIED.

22. **Shortreed – Leek:** WHEREAS the price of fuel is critical to the day to day cost of living for all residents of Ontario;  
AND WHEREAS, the price of fuel plays a large role in establishing a competitive business climate;  
AND WHEREAS some regions in Ontario have consistently experienced higher fuel costs that go beyond the cost difference of transporting fuel;  
AND WHEREAS the fuel sales industry is quick to raise fuel prices as the price of oil increases but fuel prices do not adjust as quickly when the price of oil decreases;  
AND WHEREAS history has shown that fuel prices increase for long weekends and holidays;  
AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario had the ability to regulate fuel prices;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo hereby supports the City of Timmins in their efforts to petition the Government of Ontario to regulate fuel prices to the levels that are affordable and profitable as in jurisdictions within Ontario that have lower fuel prices.

CARRIED.

23. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby supports the Niagara Region in their efforts to petition the Province of Ontario to increase funding for research aimed to enhance the testing for Lyme Disease.

CARRIED.

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24. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 7:50 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.

25. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED.

26. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on June 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from May 3, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.

Business arising from May 3, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.

Add-on:

- GPS Remote Assessment Management tracking system.

Tabled items:

- GPA Remote Assessment Management tracking system – will discuss whether to lease or purchase outright the tracking devices.

Mike Canfield, from BDO Canada Ltd., attended the meeting to present Council with the 2015 Audited Financial Statements. Mike is recommending the Township of Emo have a landfill capacity assessment completed this year, in order to determine the capacity at the Emo Landfill Site.

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Wendy and Jon Judson attended the meeting to get an update on the transferring of infrastructure within the Echo Lake Estates Subdivision. In order for the Township to accept ownership of the infrastructure, all deficiencies that have been identified must be completed. Ed Bullied, Water and Sewer Operator, will report to Council the status of the deficiencies. One of the deficiencies that was noted, was the size of the culverts on the roads entering into the subdivision. There were some drainage issues that were thought to be caused from the size of these culverts; however, Jon does not agree with this. The municipal engineer will be consulted to determine the required size of these culverts.

The Public Works Department has requested to purchase a used backhoe, as the backhoe that we have is not in working condition. Council requested a cost to repair the backhoe be determined prior to making a decision to purchase a backhoe.

Council discussed letter received from the Fort Frances and District Recruitment & Retention Committee requesting an increase in contribution towards doctor recruitment. Council recognizes the importance of doctor recruitment; however, feel this is a community responsibility and more municipalities should be contributing towards this initiative.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Attested by:

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Jack Siemens,  
Mayor

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Bridget Foster,  
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer