

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
November 15, 2016

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, November 15, 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. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

CARRIED.

2. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that the October 25, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Peter McQuaker, Public Works Superintendent and Bridget Foster, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer (from October 26, 2016 to November 15, 2016), as submitted.

CARRIED.

4. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby to forward a letter of support from the Township of Emo to Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc. requesting open and transparent communication with regards to loss of services at the Emo Health Care Centre.

CARRIED.

5. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to apply maintenance charges of trimming grass and yard cleanup, following deadline of September 15, 2016, to the following properties, as per Property Standard By-law No. 99-01:

237 Front Street – Assessment Roll #45005 in the amount of \$50.00;
36 Queen Street – Assessment Roll #25300 in the amount of \$50.00.

CARRIED.

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6. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make donation to Emo Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$500.00, toward the fireworks display during Holly Daze, scheduled December 2-3, 2016.

CARRIED.

7. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the following Emo Municipal Office Christmas Holiday hours:

Closed December 23, 26, 27 & 30, 2016 and January 2, 2017

CARRIED.

8. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to purchase a turkey or ham for Township of Emo employees, in lieu of a Christmas dinner.

CARRIED.

9. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to research various options for Water and Sewer Operations, in the event of an emergency; and further, these options will be presented to Council at the next regular meeting.

CARRIED.

10. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we authorize the temporary borrowing of \$30,000.00 from the Township of Emo General to the Emo-LaVallee Community Centre Account.

CARRIED.

11. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize water shut offs on all accounts four months or more in arrears on Wednesday, November 30, 2016.

CARRIED.

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

CARRIED.

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13. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to November 15, 2016:

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

CARRIED.

14. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to contract the Emo Curling Rink canteen to Jennifer Libiak for a fee to be determined; and further, to enter into an agreement with Jennifer Libiak, to include regulations to provide food and beverages.

CARRIED.

15. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit payment to S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$31,145.85, including HST, being payment for engineering services to September 29, 2016.

CARRIED.

16. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Makkinga Contracting & Equipment Rentals in the amount of \$49,037.18 including HST, being Payment Certificate No. 7 - Release of Holdback, on the Township of Emo Front Street & Canning Lane Watermain Expansion Project.

CARRIED.

17. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment of Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board in the amount of \$23,971.19, being the Township of Emo's November, 2016 levy.

CARRIED.

18. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make application to Canadian Heritage's 2017 Celebrate Canada Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 towards the Township of Emo's 2017 Canada Day celebrations.

CARRIED.

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19. **Shortreed – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge request from T. J. Kaemingh & Sons Ltd. to release \$58,400.00 from Letter of Credit, being the paving portion, as per condition 5 of agreement; and further, to release these funds from the Letter of Credit, upon recommendation from the Municipal Engineer.

CARRIED.

20. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that acknowledge request from T. J. Kaemingh & Sons Ltd. for paving from Ministry of Transportation Patrol Yard to Meadowland Apartments, along with two additional streetlights in this area, and further, to have this considered during the 2017 budget process.

CARRIED.

21. **Leek – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to reimburse Reta Dysktra in the amount of \$1,020.97, being credit on Assessment Roll #14500, due to write-off of assessment.

CARRIED.

22. **Shortreed – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to place the following ad in the Fort Frances Times' 2017 NW Ontario Vacation Guide Map:

\$360.00 ad same as last year

CARRIED.

23. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Jack Siemens/Michael Loney to Confederation College's Strategic Planning luncheon scheduled December 5, 2016 in Fort Frances, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

24. **Loney – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby support the Northwestern Board of Health in their efforts oppose mandate skills-based boards of health in Ontario.

CARRIED.

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25. **Shortreed – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 7:40 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.

26. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:12 p.m.

CARRIED.

27. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from October 25, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.
Business arising from October 25, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.

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

- Hauled 1,850 cubic yards of gravel to McDiarmid Road, Stewart Road and Reid Road to repair these roads;
- Preparing equipment for snowplowing;
- Loader requires two new tires – quotation received in the amount \$2,732.00 per tire, plus H.S.T.

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Mary Curtis attended the meeting to discuss the x-ray machine at the Emo Health Centre and request assistance from Council by writing a letter to Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc. requesting open and transparent communication between Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc. and municipalities. The Hospital Auxiliary has worked diligently to support the Emo Health Centre and without the x-ray machine at the Emo Health Centre feels we would be jeopardizing the Emo Health Centre and prevent future doctors from being recruited.

Council discussed the Curling Club's request to have the hot dog roller at the Emo Curling Rink rather than at the arena canteen; however, it was agreed to keep it at the Emo-LaVallee Community Centre, as it is used more frequently.

Proposal from Jen Libiak to operate the canteen at the Emo Curling Rink was discussed; however, prior to setting a fee for this it will need to be determined whether she will also be operating the bar.

The Emo Public Library provided a quotation for a new door to replace the south entrance door. Council discussed this and agreed this should be paid for by the Emo Public Library. Council requested this be discussed at the next Emo Public Library Board meeting to determine if there are sufficient funds in their budget to pay for the door, as this door is an emergency door and should be replaced as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Attested by:

Jack Siemens,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer