

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**November 17, 2015**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Councillor Scott Kinnear.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, November 17, 2015.

CARRIED.

2. **Leek - Marinaro:** BE IT RESOLVED that the October 20, 2015 Public Meeting for Zoning By-law Amendment, November 3, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, November 9, 2015 Public Meeting for Consent to Sever and November 9, 2015 Public Meeting for Consent to Sever and Zoning By-law Amendment Minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Peter McQuaker, Public Works Superintendent (from November 4, 2015 to November 17, 2015), as submitted.

CARRIED.

4. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to transfer accumulated sick leave in the amount of \$44,896.01 to the General Account.

CARRIED.

5. **Loney - Leek:** 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 Days, scheduled December 4-5, 2015.

CARRIED.

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6. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to November 17, 2015.

CARRIED.

7. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to November 17, 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 approve purchase of the computer program FirePro 2, with all required modules, for a one-time fee of \$1,675.00, plus HST, along with an annual fee to maintain the program of \$450.00.

CARRIED.

9. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept 2015 sidewalk report, submitted by Emo Public Works Department; and further, to refer to this report when budgeting sidewalk repairs for the 2016 budget.

CARRIED.

10. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Hydro One's Preliminary Design for Meadowlands of Emo Phase 1, as submitted by T.J. Kaemingh & Sons Ltd. on November 5, 2015.

CARRIED.

11. **Leek - Marinaro:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve Christmas Craft Day proposal, to take place on November 30, 2015, as submitted by Allison Cox, Rec Director/Community Development.

CARRIED.

12. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Northwestern Health Unit's payment of 2015 surplus of municipal levy funds in the amount of \$3,165.60.

CARRIED.

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13. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to advertise the Ontario Energy Board's new Ontario Electricity Support Program on the Township website, FaceBook page and newsletter.

CARRIED.

14. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera 7:05 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.

15. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 7:34 p.m.

CARRIED.

16. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept letter of resignation, with regret, from Shannon Strachan, Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre Assistant Coordinator.

CARRIED.

17. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

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Errors or Omissions from October 20, 2015 Public Meeting for Zoning By-law Amendment, November 3, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, November 9, 2015 Public Meeting for Consent to Sever and November 9, 2015 Public Meeting for Consent to Sever and Zoning By-law Amendment Minutes: None.

Business arising from October 20, 2015 Public Meeting for Zoning By-law Amendment, November 3, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, November 9, 2015 Public Meeting for Consent to Sever and November 9, 2015 Public Meeting for Consent to Sever and Zoning By-law Amendment Minutes: None.

Add-Ons:

1. Purchase of computer program, FirePro 2, for the Emo Fire Department.

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

- The Emo Landfill Site has been pushed and cleaned up;
- The plow truck is expected to arrive at the end of this week or into next week;
- Maxim Trucking forwarded information on extended warranty. Peter recommends purchasing engine warranty and exhaust warranty and must be purchased upon obtaining plow truck – *Council was not in favour of purchasing extended warranty at a cost of \$7,000.00;*
- Sidewalk audit has been completed and submitted to Council – *Council indicated the sidewalk audit will be referenced upon completion of the 2016 budget for sidewalk maintenance and repairs.*

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

- Eight hours per week to provide fire services to Emo is not going to be sufficient;
- The purchase of FirePro 2 should assist with ensuring fire inspections are being completed within Emo, along with keeping track of training;
- Would like to purchase equipment for the fire hall, such as a television, in order to assist with training. Once training equipment has been purchased and the hall is cleaned up, this area should be sufficient to rent out to organizations to hold meetings or training;
- The Fire Department air packs are outdated and recommends purchasing refurbished air packs, rather than new ones, due to the cost difference. Refurbished air packs are approximately \$1,800.00 per pack and recommends purchasing two air packs per year;
- The Fire Department needs to consider replacing the existing personal protective equipment and fire hose. Due to the cost of these items, it is recommended replacing a little bit each year. The fire hose will need to be tested in the spring to determine how much needs replacing.

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Council discussed the municipal staff/volunteer Christmas dinner and agreed to hold a barbeque in the spring to recognize the volunteer in Emo, rather than having them recognized at the Christmas dinner, due to the amount of volunteers that are unable to attend at this time of year. Council also agreed to consult with staff to determine if they would prefer a turkey or ham for Christmas, rather than a dinner.

Michelle Marinaro and Allison Cox attended the Emo Chamber of Commerce meeting to discuss the Holly Daze event and it was decided to have a large Christmas tree displayed downtown, with the lighting of the tree to take place prior to the fireworks. It was suggested at the Chamber meeting to sell Christmas bulbs next year for the tree, with proceeds going to a local fundraiser.

Dusty Sheppard attended the meeting to express his concern of the condition of Fisher Road and Aylsworth Road, due to the increased traffic from the detour.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attested by:

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Jack Siemens,  
Mayor

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Bridget Foster,  
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer