

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
October 25, 2016

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jack Siemens; Councillors Scott Kinnear, Anthony Leek, Michael Loney and Lori Ann Shortreed; CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Foster.

Absent: None.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

CARRIED.

2. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the October 11, 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 Ed Bullied, Deputy Public Works Superintendent (from October 12, 2016 to October 25, 2016), as submitted.

CARRIED.

4. **Shortreed - Leek:** That we hereby agree to set the following fees at the Emo Curling Rink for the 2016/17 season:

Registration (one night)	\$175.00 + HST
Registration (two nights)	\$103.00 + HST
Junior curler registration	\$ 87.50 + HST
Spare Curler	\$ 5.00 + HST
Winter Ice Surface Rental (includes club room & kitchen)	\$250.00 + HST

CARRIED.

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5. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Remembrance Day wreaths be placed during the Emo Remembrance Day Ceremony scheduled on November 11, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Emo Cenotaph, by the following:

Township of Emo - Mayor/Council
Emo Toy Library – Emo Toy Library Representative
Emo-LaVallee Community Centre – Emo-LaVallee Community Centre Representative

CARRIED.

6. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to purchase iPhone 5S with \$55.00/month Data Lite plan, for the Emo Water & Sewer department.

CARRIED.

7. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to October 25, 2016.

CARRIED.

8. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to October 25, 2016:

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

CARRIED.

9. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Kingdom Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$22,001.72, including HST, being Construction Payment Certificate No. 5 - Release of Holdback, on the Township of Emo Water Treatment Plant Project.

CARRIED.

10. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we agree to send Ed Bullied and Jason Smith to Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services' Water/Wastewater CEU courses scheduled October 25-27 and November 15-16, 2016 in Fort Frances, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

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11. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Joshua Colling, Fire Chief to Public Services Health & Safety Association's Joint Health & Safety Committee Part 1 Certification course scheduled October 24-26, 2016 in Fort Frances, ON. Township of Emo to pay for 1/3 of related expenses.

CARRIED.

12. **Loney – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Joshua Colling, Fire Chief to Emergency Management Ontario's Basic Emergency Management course scheduled November 8-9, 2016 in Kenora, ON. Township of Emo to pay for 1/3 of related expenses.

CARRIED.

13. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law of The Corporation of the Township of Emo to authorize the Mayor and Council to execute a Validation of Title Order.

CARRIED.

14. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2016-28**, being a by-law law of The Corporation of the Township of Emo to authorize the Mayor and Council to execute a Validation of Title Order, be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

15. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make donation in the amount of \$100.00 toward The Symphony and the tours planned for the region.

CARRIED.

16. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby supports the County of Grey in their efforts to request the Province to re-evaluate the structure of hydro in terms of access and delivery and implement structural changes to address the unfair practice of charging more for delivery for rural residents.

CARRIED.

17. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby supports the Township of North Frontenac in their efforts to request the Province to make changes to consumer's electrical bills to make it more affordable and more comparative to other provinces.

CARRIED.

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18. **Leek – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby supports the Township of North Frontenac in their efforts to request the Province to make changes to consumer's electrical bills to make it more affordable and more comparative to other provinces.

CARRIED.

19. **Shortreed – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve General Financial Statement to August 31, 2016, as submitted.

CARRIED.

20. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make application to the Government of Canada's Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for the following:

- Upgrade of Roy Street Lift Station
- Upgrade to Water Intake
- Secondary Raw Water Pump

And further, agree to hire S. Burnett & Associates to complete the funding application due October 31, 2016.

CARRIED.

21. **Loney – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge letter from Thomas Vosnos regarding damaged windshield from incident on Off Lake Road on September 29, 2016.

CARRIED.

22. **Shortreed – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 8:15 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.

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23. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:57 p.m.

CARRIED.

24. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from October 11, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.
Business arising from October 11, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.

Council discussed request from the Public Works Department to hire local contractors to haul approximately 1,500 cubic yards of gravel to repair sections of McDiarmid Road and Reid Road. Given the limited time to haul the large amount of gravel, it would be more efficient to hire out the gravel haul and have the Township of Emo spread the gravel on the road. Council expressed their concerns with the ditching on Reid Road and felt this should be completed prior to placing more gravel on this road. Another concern was placing a large amount of gravel at this time; however, having it being scraped off during snowplowing.

Geoff Gillon, from Rainy River Future Development Corporation, attended the meeting to discuss the Township of Emo's industrial lots and recommending we prepare these lots to be sold. The Township of Emo has two industrial lots, both approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre. It is important to prepare these lots for sale so when there is a need for an industrial lot they are ready and will prevent any delays. Geoff has agreed to obtain quotations to complete a survey and environmental assessment on these lots.

Grant Lougheed attended the meeting to discuss the lack of cell phone coverage and internet service south of Emo, along with his concerns for the rising assessment values.

A quotation was received from Bay City Contracting to asphalt both sides of the road in the area of the waterline placement on Strachan Drive, rather than just the side that was disturbed, for the placement of waterline. Council did not agree with proceeding with this due to the fact this area has not had time to settle and this is a low traffic volume road that possibly should have surface treatment rather than asphalt.

Council discussed request from the Emo Public Library to have the Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre share in the cost of the annual inspection fee to the chair lift. Council agreed this is an expense of the landlord and these expenses should be incorporated into the rent.

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Council discussed the letter received regarding a rock chip in a vehicle windshield that occurred while meeting Township of Emo equipment; however, did not approve to reimburse costs to repair the windshield. Council requested a letter be forwarded to the owner of the vehicle to notify them of this decision.

The meeting adjourned 9:10 p.m.

Attested by:

Jack Siemens,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer