

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
September 27, 2016

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, September 27, 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 - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, September 27, 2016.

CARRIED.

2. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the September 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Peter McQuaker, Public Works Superintendent, Ed Bullied, Deputy Public Works Superintendent and Bridget Foster, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer (from September 14, 2016 to September 27, 2016), as submitted.

CARRIED.

4. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to September 27, 2016.

CARRIED.

5. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to September 27, 2016:

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

CARRIED.

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6. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Bridget Foster, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to Municipal Elections Act workshop scheduled October 14, 2016 in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

7. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize Bell Canada to place new fiber optic cable from Bell Canada Office, south along Queen Street to the laneway north of Front Street.

CARRIED.

8. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit payment to S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$11,838.14, including HST, being payment for engineering services to August 4, 2016.

CARRIED.

9. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement with Thompson Accessibility Solutions Inc. and the Township of Emo for elevator maintenance at the Emo-LaVallee Community Centre for a period of three years.

CARRIED.

10. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2016-26**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with to enter into an agreement with Thompson Accessibility Solutions Inc. and the Township of Emo for elevator maintenance at the Emo-LaVallee Community Centre for a period of three years, be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

11. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Bridget Foster, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's 2016 Northern Municipal Treasurers' Forum scheduled November 9-10, 2016 in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

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12. **Loney –Leek :** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby support the City of Thunder Bay in their efforts to proceed with the proposed Thunder Bay Event and Convention Centre project.

CARRIED.

13. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and The Corporation of the Township of Emo, for funding through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Formula Component.

CARRIED.

14. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2016-27**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and The Corporation of the Township of Emo, for funding through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Formula Component, be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

15. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Request for Reconsideration application received from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, for write-off for the tax year 2016, as follows:

- Assessment Roll #11902, from \$216,000 (RT) to \$168,000 (RT), effective January 1, 2016.

CARRIED.

16. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Municipal Tax Equity Consultants Inc. in the amount of \$1,925.00 plus HST, being the Township of Emo's Northern Service Alliance 2016/2017 membership.

CARRIED.

17. **Shortreed – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Bay City Contractors in the amount of \$277,849.99, being Payment Certificate No. 1 for the Township of Emo East End Watermain Expansion Project, as per recommendation from S. Burnett & Associates Ltd.

CARRIED.

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18. **Leek – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept quotation from Jack Armstrong in the amount of \$4,000.00, for brushing and beaver dam removal on the Radbourne Drain, as per recommendation from Nico Veldhuisen, Drainage Superintendent.

CARRIED.

19. **Shortreed - Loney:** 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.

20. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:28 p.m.

CARRIED.

21. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from September 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.
Business arising from September 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.

Add-on:

- Municipal Elections Act workshop.

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Peter McQuaker, Public Works Superintendent, attended the meeting to discuss the following:

- The pile of plastic at the Emo Landfill Site has been removed; however, plastic is once again being placed there. Landfill site users need to be directed to dispose of unrecyclable plastic over the hill, being the area for refuse;
- The workbee at the Emo Cemetery was successful. This day entailed of leveling the ground and straightening headstones, with help from volunteers within Emo.

Council requested the status on relocating the sewage dumping station and Pete agreed to speak with the Water and Sewer Department to obtain an update.

The Emo Curling Club will be requested to attend the next regular Council meeting to present a plan for the 2016/2017 curling season.

Lori Ann Shortreed agreed to speak with Dr. Whatley regarding the x-ray machine at the Emo Health Centre.

Discussion on municipal cell phones have been tabled until further information can be gathered.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Attested by:

Jack Siemens,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer