

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**April 11, 2017**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Shortreed - Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

CARRIED.

2. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that the March 28, 2017 Regular Council Meeting minutes and April 4, 2017 Special 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 March 29, 2017 to April 11, 2017).

CARRIED.

4. **Shortreed - Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby declare May 6, 2017 as Community Garage Sale Day and May 13, 2017 as Give-Away Day.

CARRIED.

5. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the following 2017 first quarter School Board payments:

- Public School Board: \$55,434.30;
- Separate School Board: \$ 4,826.86.

CARRIED.

6. **Leek – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to April 11, 2017.

CARRIED.

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7. **Kinnear - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to April 11, 2017:

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

CARRIED.

8. **Leek - Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge letter from Gerald Wieringa regarding tax rates and assessments.

CARRIED.

9. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge letter from Adrian and Dianne Heerema regarding tax rates and budget.

CARRIED.

10. **Kinnear - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board's 2017 levy in the amount of \$292,776.20, to be paid monthly in the amount of \$24,398.02.

CARRIED.

11. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept credit in the amount of \$1,654.42, being 2016 local services realignment, for policing services.

CARRIED.

12. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to advertise in the Fort Frances Times' Discover Visitor Guide in the amount of \$330.00 plus HST, as per quotation.

CARRIED.

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13. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 8:16 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.

14. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 9:07 p.m.

CARRIED.

15. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from March 28, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and April 4, 2017 Special Council Meeting Minutes: None.

Business arising from March 28, 2017 Regular Council Meeting minutes and April 4, 2017 Special Council Meeting: None.

Add-on to agenda:

- Commencement date for garbage collection agreement.

Chad Buist, from Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board, attended the meeting to request the Township of Emo to support him in his initiative to obtain Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) training. This training can only be obtained if supported by a municipality, in order to receive training to become a CEMC for municipal government. Chad has agreed if the Township of Emo is willing to support him, he would be an alternate CEMC for Emo.

Inspector Steve Shouldice, Detachment Commander from the Ontario Provincial Police, attended the meeting to present the 2016 Police Activities Report.

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

- Adelaide Street is broken up due to heavy traffic. Public Works Department will inspect the road after the frost has left and determine what is required to fix it. This road may be able to be repaired with cold mix; otherwise, consideration should be given to have it converted to gravel;
- Ongoing grading;
- Recommending a gravel haul to take place this spring;
- Has spoken with CN regarding the removal of second set of tracks and ditching along tracks, starting a Florence Street and heading west.

Discussion was held on letter received from Gerald Wieringa regarding the minutes from March 13, 2017. The letter stated there was an error in the minutes, as they indicated he had requested to lower his taxes; however, the minutes indicated a request from Gerald Wieringa to lower the Township of Emo tax rates, in response to increase in assessments. A letter will be forwarded explaining this.

Council requested dates for events in the Visitor's Guide be reviewed, along with adding the Canada 150 celebrations.

The commencement date for the garbage collection agreement is to be March 16, 2017.

The meeting adjourned 9:10 p.m.