

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
December 13, 2016

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, December 13, 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 - Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

CARRIED.

2. **Loney - Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that the November 29, 2016 Regular Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Shortreed - Kinnear:** 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 November 16, 2016 to December 13, 2016), as submitted.

CARRIED.

4. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make application for Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Formula Component 2016 in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the following:

- Roy Street lift station pump;
- Replacement of Chlorine Analyzer;
- Purchase of culvert for Stewart Road.

CARRIED.

5. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to December 31, 2016.

CARRIED.

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6. **Kinnear - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to December 31, 2016:

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

CARRIED.

7. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to regulate open air burning within the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

8. **Shortreed - Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2016-29**, being a by-law to regulate open air burning within the Township of Emo, be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

9. **Shortreed - Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the 2016 Emo Recreation Council Budget, in the amount of \$212,750.00.

CARRIED.

10. **Shortreed - Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Council and CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA) Annual Meeting to be held on January 28, 2016 in Rainy River, Ontario. All related expenses to be paid for by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

11. **Kinnear – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board in the amount of \$23,971.19, being December, 2016 levy.

CARRIED.

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12. **Leek – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept letter from Matt & Kim Veldhuisen and Mike & Carley Veldhuisen; and further, these concerns will be addressed during the 2017 budget process.

CARRIED.

13. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept letter from James & Carmella Klug; and further, these concerns will be addressed during the 2017 budget process.

CARRIED.

14. **Kinnear - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept information from David Ogilvie regarding recycling plastic.

CARRIED.

15. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to advertise “Greetings of the Season” in the Fort Frances Times at a cost of \$147.20, plus HST.

CARRIED.

16. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve General Financial Statement to October 31, 2016, as submitted.

CARRIED.

17. **Shortreed – Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve Municipal Tax Equity (MTE) Consultants Inc. to complete Corporate Profile and Reassessment and Tax Policy Impact Study for the Township of Emo, for a fee of \$2,700.00, plus HST.

CARRIED.

18. **Leek – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adopt the Workplace Anti-violence, Harassment, and Sexual Harassment Policy for the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

19. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve payment from Emo Recreation Department to Emo-Lavallee Community Centre in the amount of \$1,295.00, being half of cost for slushy machine and popcorn maker purchased from Harlan Fairbanks.

CARRIED.

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20. **Kinnear – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to purchase culvert for Stewart Road as follows:

- From Harold McQuaker Ent. Ltd. in the amount of \$9,750.00 plus HST

CARRIED.

21. **Leek - Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 8:39 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.

22. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 9:12 p.m.

CARRIED.

23. **Shortreed – Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to hire John Cheetham for the full time Arena/Cemetery-Parks Labourer position at the approved salary range, with a six month probationary period.

CARRIED.

24. **Kinnear - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from November 29, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.
Business arising from November 29, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.

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Add-on to agenda:

1. Request from Emo & District Hospital Auxiliary to lead a meeting to discuss the lack of an x-ray machine at the Emo Health Centre.

Ed Bullied, Water & Sewer Operator/Chief Building Official, attended the meeting to provide an update, as follows:

- Streets were recently sanded with the municipal sander, along with scarifying on the rural roads;
- Chlorinator in the Water Treatment Plant was malfunctioning; however, has been repaired.

Steve Loshaw, Bill Darby and James Gibson, from the Rainy River District Regional Abattoir Inc., attended the meeting to discuss the following:

- The Abattoir would like to dispose of specified risk materials (SRM) (heads, backbones, etc.) at the Emo Landfill Site – *Council agreed to look into the feasibility of disposing of this at the landfill site, as there are guidelines that must be met to make this possible;*
- Facing financial difficulties and request Council consider reducing the industrial tax rate in 2017 – *this would require reducing the tax ratio for this class;*
- Dumping of sewage at the sewage manhole on Byng Street is causing an odour in the Abattoir – *Water and Sewer Department will be notified; however, it was recommended to provide a vent at the manhole that would prevent a vacuum from occurring that sucks sewage gas into the Abattoir.*

Josh Colling, Emo Fire Chief, attended the meeting to present the Annual Report. It was noted, numerous fire inspections were completed in 2016 of municipal building and in 2017 the focus will be on the O.P.P. Building.

The Rail Safety Improvement Program was discussed and Council agreed to postpone applying for this funding, as the Township of Emo's share is still substantial. It was agreed to allocate dollars in the 2017 budget for future replacement of railway crossings to crossings with arms.

Council discussed request for the Township of Emo to spearhead a meeting with surrounding municipalities and First Nations to discuss the need to have the x-ray machine at the Emo Health Centre replaced, as it has not be in operation since April, 2016. Council felt it may be more efficient to draft a resolution to be considered at the Annual General Meeting of the Rainy River District Municipal Association for approval. This would indicate the District's support of an x-ray machine at the Emo Health Centre.

The meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m.

Attested by:

Jack Siemens,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer