

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
March 13, 2017

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Councillor Scott Kinnear and Anthony Leek.

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 Monday, March 13, 2017.

CARRIED.

2. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the February 28, 2017 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 March 1, 2017 to March 13, 2017).

CARRIED.

4. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to March 13, 2017.

CARRIED.

5. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to March 13, 2017:

- 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 accept Fire Report Number FIRE2017-02, as submitted by Joshua Colling, Fire Chief.

CARRIED.

7. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to establish and regulate the Emo Fire & Emergency Service for the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

8. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2017-12**, being a by-law to establish and regulate the Emo Fire & Emergency Service for the Township of Emo, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

9. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Joshua Colling, Fire Chief to the Northwest Response Forum scheduled April 11-13, 2017 in Dryden, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

10. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Peter McQuaker & Jason Smith to Ground Force Training's Gravel Road School course scheduled April 26-27, 2017 in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

11. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an amending agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and The Corporation of the Township of Emo for funding from the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP).

CARRIED.

12. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2017-13**, being a pass a by-law to enter into an amending agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and The Corporation of the Township of Emo for funding from the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP), be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

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13. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board in the amount of \$23,319.19, being March, 2017 levy, less the 2016 Ambulance-supplemental in the amount of \$652.00.

CARRIED.

14. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 8:13 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. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:54 p.m.

CARRIED.

16. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from February 28, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.
Business arising from February 28, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.

Add-on:

- Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR): RE: Municipal Fire Agreement.

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Tabled:

- Senior of the Year Award.

Joshua Colling, Emo Fire Chief, attended the meeting to provide the following update:

- Has provided a list of training he is requesting for the year. The costs would be shared with Township of Chapple and Township of LaVallee;
- A 2012 tanker has become available to purchase, in our price range. If the Township of Emo is interested, we will need to proceed with the tendering process;
- The Emo Fire Department requires new SCBA. This remains a priority for the Fire Department, along with the purchase of a tanker. Joshua recommends purchasing SCBA with other municipalities in order to obtain a better price through large purchasing.

Gerald Wieringa attended the meeting to request the Township of Emo lower their tax rates for 2017, in response to the increases in residential assessments.

Council agreed to have the handi van available for Riverside Community Support Services, in order to provide transportation from the Emo Health Centre to LaVerendrye Hospital to attend appointments. Riverside Community Support Services has agreed to provide a driver and Emo will ensure the handi van is available. Council has recommended this be reviewed after six months, in order to determine the viability.

Council discussed request from Dennis Mann for an additional \$1,400.00 on his garbage contract, due to insurance costs. Council agreed they are very satisfied with the garbage collection services; however, did not agree to this request as this contract was provided a five per cent increase in 2017.

The MNR Municipal Fire Agreement was approved at the previous Council meeting; however, the term had not been discussed. Council agreed to a five year term.

The meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.