

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**September 12, 2017**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jack Siemens, Councillors Michael Loney, Lori Ann Shortreed and Vernon Thompson; 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, September 12, 2017.  
CARRIED.
2. **Thompson - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the August 8, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, August 30, 2017 Special Council Meeting and September 5, 2017 Special 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 and Bridget Foster, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer (from August 9, 2017 to September 12, 2017).  
CARRIED.
4. **Thompson - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept, with regret, letter of resignation from Scott Kinnear for his position as Emo Municipal Councillor; and further, to declare a vacant Councillor position and agree to advertise in the municipal newsletter, website and Facebook. Applications, in the form of a letter, must be received by November 3, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.  
CARRIED.
5. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby appoint Michael Loney to the Rainy River District Municipal Association Executive Committee.  
CARRIED.
6. **Thompson – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to establish a Concussion Policy.  
CARRIED.

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7. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize water shut-offs on accounts four months or more in arrears on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

8. **Loney - Thompson:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to September 12, 2017.

CARRIED.

9. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to September 12, 2017:

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

CARRIED.

10. **Loney - Thompson:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Ministry of the Environment & Climate Change's Solid Non-Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Inspection of the Emo Landfill Site; and further agree to comply with all required actions.

CARRIED.

11. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Ed Bullied and Jason Smith to the Northwestern Ontario Water & Wastewater Conference scheduled October 19-20, 2017 in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

12. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to S. Burnett & Associated Ltd. in the amount of \$7,329.05, being invoices for services to July 6, 2017.

CARRIED.

13. **Thompson - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement with Canadian National Railway Company and Township of Emo for the modification to existing crossing warning systems, to include addition of gates and constant warning time devices on King Street, Queen Street and Front Street.

CARRIED.

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14. **Shortreed- Thompson:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2017-28**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Canadian National Railway Company and Township of Emo for the modification to existing crossing warning systems, to include addition of gates and constant warning time devices on King Street, Queen Street and Front Street, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

15. **Shortreed - Thompson:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby amend Resolution No. 18 from March 28, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes, due to error, for application made under Sec 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001, received from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, for write-off, as follows:

- Assessment Roll #06300, from \$132,000(RT) to \$94,000 (RT), effective September 17, 2016, for the year 2016.

CARRIED.

16. **Thompson - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve Application made under Sec. 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and Minutes of Settlement Results of Request for Reconsideration and Amended Property Assessment Notices received from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, for write-off, as follows:

- Assessment Roll #41000, from \$51,000 (CT) to \$36,500 (RT), effective October 8, 2016;
- Assessment Roll #64400, from \$109,247 (RT), \$161,378 (RT) & \$270,125 (FT) to \$248,725 (RT) & \$75,500 (FT), effective January 1, 2017;
- Assessment Roll #57202, from \$307,750 (RT) to \$285,750 (RT), effective January 1, 2017;
- Assessment Roll #34600, from \$157,500 (CT) to \$156,000 (CT), effective January 1, 2017;
- Assessment Roll #13900, from \$328,500 (RT) to \$234,840 (RT), effective January 1, 2017;
- Assessment Roll #06300, from \$143,250 (RT) to \$98,750 (RT), effective January 1, 2017;
- Assessment Roll #55600, from \$40,000 (RT) to \$38,456 (FT), effective January 1, 2017;
- Assessment Roll #15300, from \$27,750 (CF) and \$1,800 (HF) to \$31,100 (CF) and \$1,525 (HF), effective January 1, 2017

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17. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Michael Loney, Bridget Foster and Jack Siemens to Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association's Regional Conference scheduled September 20-22, 2017 in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

18. **Thompson – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Bridget Foster to AMCTO's Zone 9 Fall Meeting, Election Workshop and Information Privacy Commissioner Information Session scheduled September 18-20, 2017 in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

19. **Shortreed - Thompson:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Council and CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to the Rainy River District Municipal Association's General Meeting scheduled September 28, 2017 at the Emo-LaVallee Community Centre.

CARRIED.

20. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to contribute to Riverside Foundation for Health Care's Making Magic for District Health Care fundraiser by being a bronze sponsor in the amount of \$600.00.

CARRIED.

21. **Thompson - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge letter from Wilma Wielinga pertaining to required maintenance/beautification.

CARRIED.

22. **Shortreed - Thompson:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby request Minister Naqvi, Attorney General, to reinstate the Rainy River District resident judge and expand the local Crown Attorney's office to an appropriate staff level.

CARRIED.

23. **Thompson - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement between CIMCO Refrigeration and The Township of Emo for maintenance at the Emo Curling Rink for a term of five years.

CARRIED.

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24. **Loney – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2017-29**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement between CIMCO Refrigeration and The Township of Emo for maintenance at the Emo Curling Rink for a term of five years, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

25. **Thompson – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby require Fire Inspection Report, completed on February 1, 2017, for the Emo Public Library building, be completed by the Emo Public Library Board by November 1, 2017.

CARRIED.

27. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 8:32 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.

28. **Thompson – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 9:03 p.m.

CARRIED.

29. **Thompson – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby appoint Jennifer Olson as firefighter on the Emo Fire & Emergency Service, as recommended by Fire Chief Joshua Colling.

CARRIED.

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30. **Shortreed – Thompson:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from August 8, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, August 30, 2017 Special Council Meeting and September 5, 2017 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

Business arising from August 8, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, August 30, 2017 Special Council Meeting and September 5, 2017 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

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

- Canning Lane Project is complete, with the exception of cleaning out the catch basins.

Diana McGhee, Partnership Specialist, Ministry of Natural Resources, attended the meeting to present Council with potential funding opportunities available to municipalities.

The meeting adjourned 9:06 p.m.