

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
April 7, 2015

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Scott Kinnear, Anthony Leek, Michael Loney and Michelle Marinaro; Interim CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Beck; Public Works Sup't. Peter McQuaker.

Absent: Mayor Jack Siemens.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED we hereby appoint Scott Kinnear as chairperson in the absence of Mayor Jack Siemens.

CARRIED.

2. **Marinaro – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, April 7, 2015, as amended.

CARRIED.

3. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that the March 10, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

4. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to April 7, 2015.

CARRIED.

5. **Leek - Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to April 7, 2015:

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

CARRIED.

6. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Peter McQuaker, Public Works Superintendent, Ed Bullied, Deputy Public Works Superintendent (from March 11, 2015 to April 7, 2015), as submitted.

CARRIED.

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7. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to reimburse the Emo Public Library their 2014 contribution to the Accessible Stair Lift Project in the amount of \$10,000.00, less maintenance costs and repairs to lift incurred in 2014. The project was fully funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

CARRIED.

8. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the following 1st quarter School Board payments:

- Northwest Catholic District School Board in the amount of \$ 4,936.66;
- Rainy River District School Board in the amount of \$ 53,143.11.

CARRIED.

9. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED we hereby authorize water shut-offs on all accounts four months or more in arrears on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

10. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that hereby agree to purchase memorial certificates in the amount of \$75.00 for the following:
- Ed Bullied in memory of his brother-in-law;
- Jordan Ogden in memory of his grandmother.

CARRIED.

11. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit payment to Kreger Sales & Service in the amount of \$2,586.97 including HST, being payment for vehicle repairs, due to damages caused during accident involving Public Works Department.

CARRIED.

12. **Leek - Marinaro:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the following Emo Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project change orders for extra work by Kingdom Construction Limited:

- Change Order No. 7 in the amount of \$6,420.01 plus HST.
- Change Order No. 8 in the amount of \$5,838.39 plus HST.

CARRIED.

13. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve "Summary of Engineering Budgets", as provided by S. Burnett & Associates Ltd.

CARRIED.

14. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit payment to Kingdom Construction Ltd. for the Township of Emo Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project, being construction payment certificate No.1, SBA File No. M13031, in the amount of \$394,601.96 including HST, less 10% holdback.

CARRIED.

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15. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit payment to S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$108,874.32 including HST, being payment for Engineering Services to March 19, 2015.
CARRIED.
16. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we agree to hire Sunset Protection Systems to perform yearly inspections on Emo Municipal Facility fire extinguishers, emergency lighting and other emergency inspections as required.
CARRIED.
17. **Leek – Marinaro:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept the Ontario Provincial Police 2015 Municipal Policing Annual Billing Statement in the amount of \$139,000.00; and further to remit monthly levy payments in the amount of \$11,583.00.
CARRIED.
18. **Leek - Marinaro:** BE IT RESOLVED that we agree to remit payment to Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board for April 2015 levy, along with Jan – Mar 2015 RRDSSAB Retro levy payment, in the amount of \$27,181.68.
CARRIED.
19. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Ontario Provincial Police 2014 Policing Cost Summary and 2015 Billing Statement Adjustment credit in the amount of \$3,782.00.
CARRIED.
20. **Marinaro – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Bridget Beck to Emergency Management Amethyst Sector Spring Meeting to be held on May 21, 2015 in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid for by the Township of Emo.
CARRIED.
21. **Marinaro – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve quotation from FoTenn Planning for assistance to process Consent to Sever application C-15-001, in the amount of \$1,200.00 plus HST.
CARRIED.
22. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Bridget Beck to LAS Energy Workshop to be held May 28, 2015 in Dryden, ON. All related expenses to be paid for by the Township of Emo.
CARRIED.
23. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve joint Waste Diversion Ontario recycling ads with the Town of Fort Frances, to be advertised in the Fort Frances Times, as submitted.
CARRIED.

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24. **Leek – Marinaro:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby declare the Emo Walleye Classic held June 4, 5 & 6, 2015 as a Community Event.

CARRIED.

25. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to donate two \$25.00 gift certificates from Township of Emo businesses to the 5th Annual Emo and District Lions Club Farmers Night to be held on April 11, 2015 at the Barwick Community Hall.

CARRIED.

26. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make donation in the amount of \$100.00 to Fort Frances High School's 2015 "Chem Free" graduation.

CARRIED.

27. **Marinaro – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to nominate Ted Corrigan as 2015 Senior of the Year Award.

CARRIED.

28. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby support the Town of Rainy River in their efforts to oppose the funding cuts instituted by the new integrated provincial program, Healthy Smiles Ontario 2 (HSO 2), these funding cuts will have a tremendous negative effect on the dental health of children in Northwestern Ontario.

CARRIED.

29. **Marinaro – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 9:58 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.

30. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 10:38 p.m.

CARRIED.

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31. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve permanent full-time employment for Travis McCormick effective April 6, 2015; and further, to be paid as per approved salary range.

CARRIED.

32. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from March 10, 2015 Regular Council minutes: None.

Business arising from March 10, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

Add-on to the agenda:

- Larry Lamb – road allowance;
- In-camera – proposal or pending acquisitions of real property.

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

- Would like to tender for crushing and load, haul and spread soon;
- Currently the Public Works Department is sweeping streets and replacing faded or damaged road signs.

Ed Bullied, Water & Sewer Operator attended the meeting to discuss the following:

- They have determined the filter system in the Water Treatment Plant doesn't work on automatic. Have determined a wire must have been unhooked; however, this will be repaired by the contractor when they return to Emo;
- The electrical issue that occurred on the weekend will also be repaired when the contractor returns. No damage occurred to equipment during this electrical failure.

Steve Burnett, from S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. attending the meeting to provide an update on ongoing projects, as follows:

- Change order request 7 of the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project allows the VFDs to ramp up and down from pump if the plant loses communication. This new system does not allow the pump to be operated manually, as the plant has been operating in the past; however, this change order will enable the plant to be run manually if needed;
- Change order request 8 of the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project changes from soft start to hard start for backwash pump;
- ***Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project*** is approximately 70%-80% complete. The contractor is currently away on a three week lease from project due to incorrect pump needing to be reordered. The project is currently about three weeks delayed – *Council requested credit amounts on project should be reflected on the change order request or project reports updated total cost;*
- ***Queen Street Watermain Project*** – maintenance period ends in July, 2015 and is currently under budget by \$75,000.00;
- ***Lagoon Expansion Project*** – maintenance period ends on October 7, 2015 and is currently under budget by \$98,000.00;

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- **Front Street Watermain Project** – this project still requires surface work. The contractor has recommended repaving Front Street completely, rather than fully paving the north side and only repaving a couple inches on the south side. The cost to pave both sides of Front Street is 90 mm is \$565,000.00. The minimum recommended amount of pavement is 90 mm;
- **Additional lagoon property** – expansion to the lagoon will not be required for approximately twenty years; however, options will be reviewed;
- **Engineering Summery** – presented engineering budget.

Ted Kaemingh & Geoff Gillon attended the meeting to discuss the proposed independent senior living complex. LHINs have indicated they are willing to establish assisted living in Emo, Fort Frances and Rainy River; however, they do not contribute toward capital. Ted is proposing a land swap of the Township of Emo's open space located on Meadow Street with a piece of property within the proposed subdivision. LHIN is supportive of the project and there is potential that once the building has been completed that there may be opportunity for the LHINs to assist with services within this building.

Larry Lamb attended the meeting to discuss his proposal to purchase the road allowance that runs through his property off of George Road. Council requested information be obtained on fees for this request.

Council discussed request for dumping large amounts of sewage into the sewage system and agreed a manhole will need to be setup with the required equipment to allow dumping. It is also necessary to have a screen in place while dumping in order to eliminate unwanted items from entering the sewer lines. Council requested prices be obtained from other municipalities, in order to determine an appropriate fee.

The Township of Emo's Landfill Site Closure and Post Closure Liability Assessment Report needs to be reviewed in order to determine the estimated life span.

Council requested the Ministry of Transportation be contacted to inquiry as why the entrance of King Street, adjacent to Highway 602, was not paved when they were paving Highway 602; and further, would they be willing to pave this section as it is a problem area for potholes. A quotation can be obtained for paving this section and could be completed while paving on Front Street is taking place.

Dates need to be reviewed to determine a date for the Strategic Planning Session.

Council requested the Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre share in the cost of the handicapped accessible annual maintenance and include this in their 2015 budget.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Attested by:

Scott Kinnear,
Deputy Mayor

Bridget Beck,
Interim CAO/Clerk-Treasurer