

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
January 13, 2015

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jack Siemens, Councillors Anthony Leek, Michael Loney and Michelle Marinaro; Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Bridget Beck; Public Works Sup't. Peter McQuaker.

Absent: Scott Kinnear.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

CARRIED.

2. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that the December 8, 2014 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and January 8, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to January 13, 2015.

CARRIED.

4. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to January 13, 2015:

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

CARRIED.

5. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Peter McQuaker, Public Works Superintendent and Ed Bullied, Deputy Public Works Superintendent (from December 8, 2014 to January 13, 2015), as reported.

CARRIED.

6. **Leek - Marinaro:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve Wastewater Licence application and Drinking Water Certificate application for Jason Smith in the amount of \$115.00 each.

CARRIED.

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7. **Loney - Marinaro:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement with CIBC and Township of Emo authorizing the borrowing of money by way of temporary advances to meet expenditures made in connection with the Township of Emo Water/Wastewater Project.

CARRIED.
8. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 2015-01, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with CIBC and Township of Emo authorizing the borrowing of money by way of temporary advances to meet expenditures made in connection with the Township of Emo Water/Wastewater Project, be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.
9. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree, in principal, to allow students to volunteer, with supervision, in the Township of Emo's various departments.

CARRIED.
10. **Leek - Marinaro:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby send Ed Bullied, Jason Smith and Neil MacDonald to Walkerton Clean Water Centre Diligence in Drinking Water Operations course, to be held on February 12, 2015 in Fort Frances, ON, in the amount of \$297.50 each. All related expenses to be paid for by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.
11. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to register Ed Bullied, as the Township of Emo's Chief Building Official, with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), being administrators of the Building Code qualification and registration program, with an annual fee of \$105.00.

CARRIED.
12. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to proceed with request of rezoning 6140 Highway 11/71 LASH RANGE RIV PT LOT 46 PLAN SM 96 PT LOT Q & RP 48R 1962 PART 1 PCL 7723 & PCL 23354, owned by Harold McQuaker Enterprises Ltd. from R1 to C2 upon receipt of fee in the amount of \$ 1,350.00 in order to accommodate a vehicle inspection station; and further, to recommend Keith Smith proceed with rezoning property at 6148 Highway 11/71 LASH PSM96 PT PART Q PCL Q-2 from R1 to C2, with a fee in the amount of \$ 1,350.00, as recommended by the Township of Emo's Planning Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

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13. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement with Northern Ontario Heritage Fund (NOHFC) and the Corporation of the Township of Emo, for Northern Ontario Internship Program funding.

CARRIED.

14. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 2015-02, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Northern Ontario Heritage Fund (NOHFC) and the Corporation of the Township of Emo, for Northern Ontario Internship Program funding be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

15. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept application from the Northwestern Health Unit regarding the 2014 property tax rebate, in accordance with Section 361 of the Municipal Act 2001, in the amount of \$861.37.

CARRIED.

16. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept letter from the Township of LaVallee; and further, request a more detailed explanation.

CARRIED.

17. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Township of Emo's 2015 property Assessment Levy, provided by Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), in the amount of \$21,765.16, to be made in quarterly installments of \$5,441.29.

CARRIED.

18. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit 2015 contribution for financial support to Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC) in the amount of \$8,302.00, being \$7.00 per capita contribution based on a population of 1,186.

CARRIED.

19. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to provide funding towards Safe Communities Rainy River District in the amount of \$593.00, being 2014/2015 \$.50 per capita contribution based on a population of 1,186.

CARRIED.

20. **Marinaro – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the following 2015 memberships:

- Municipal Waste Association - \$100.00, plus HST;
- Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario – \$250.00, plus HST;
- Canadian Water Wastewater Association - \$270.00, plus HST;
- Rainy River District Mutual Aid Association - \$413.00;
- Ontario Building Officials Association (Ed Bullied) – \$299.00, plus HST;
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario - \$827.11, plus HST;
- AMCTO (Bridget Beck) - \$345.00, plus HST;
- AMCTO (Brenda Cooke) - \$370.00, plus HST;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities - \$309.90;
- Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario - \$42.00, plus HST.

CARRIED.

21. **Leek - Marinaro:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby request Standard of Care Training, under Section 19 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, for Municipal Decision-Makers from the following agency: Amec Foster Wheller, hosted by the Town of Fort Frances.

CARRIED.

22. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby support the Northwestern Health Unit in their efforts to advocate to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to ensure they maintain the current eligibility criteria, and continue support levels of funding provided through general program and Health Smiles Ontario budgets at our local level; and further,
That the eligibility criteria for the proposed preventive and emergency programs that will replace Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) and CINOT Expansion and Preventive Dental Services programs consider dental needs and financial hardship, in order to maintain and ensure equitable access to oral health preventive and treatment services for all children.

CARRIED.

23. **Marinaro – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby support Union Gas in their efforts to petition TransCanada Corporation's application to the National Energy Board for the removal and conversion of parts of the mainline natural gas system between Western Canada and Ottawa in order to transport oil as part of its Energy East project; but rather to have TransCanada Pipeline build and pay for a new oil pipeline from North Bay to Cornwall, in support of Energy East.

CARRIED.

24. **Leek - Marinaro:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby support Rainy River Future Development Corporation in their efforts to apply for funding to improve or provide high speed internet to areas in the western portion of the Rainy River District.

CARRIED.

25. **Marinaro – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 8:53 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.

26. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED.

27. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer will be paid from accumulated sick leave, in accordance with the regular salary, until return to work on April 1, 2015.

CARRIED.

28. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to appoint Bridget Beck as Interim CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, with all duties and responsibilities, including signing authority.

CARRIED.

29. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the following increase to the Township of Emo's employee's wages effective January 1, 2015: 3%

- To be included in Wage Schedule "A" of the Township of Emo's Annual Appointment By-law.

CARRIED.

30. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from December 8, 2014 Regular Council minutes: None.
Business arising from December 8, 2014 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

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Add-on to regular agenda:

- Rainy River District Municipal Association Annual meeting – Township of Emo, as host of the annual meeting, is responsible for purchasing a door prize, with an approximate value of \$200.00 and for nominating a local charity;
- Drinking Water Certificate Application;
- Letter from Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 99 regarding nomination for Volunteer Service Award.

Tabled:

- 2015/16 Grant for the Cost of Employing a Drainage Superintendent – this is tabled until we receive a cost estimate from the Township of Emo's Drainage Superintendent.

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

- Roads in Town were sanded today; however, the Public Works Department will be scarifying the rural roads tomorrow;
- Power angle blade for the loader was delivered to the Municipal Garage today.

Nico Veldhuisen, Township of Emo Drainage Superintendent, attended the meeting to give Council a report on the proposed extension to the Fisher Drain, as follows:

- The proposed drain is being worked on without Council as a facilitator;
- K. Smart Associates Ltd. was our municipal engineer at the time this drain application was brought to the Township of Emo, which explains why they are working on the drain;
- Council should ensure all steps required to develop a petition drain are taken – *Council requests K. Smart Associates Ltd. is contacted and requested to provide information that supports required steps have been taken.*

Nico Veldhuisen informed Council drain maintenance needs to be completed to Kellar Drain for 2015, with an approximate value of \$5,000.00.

Council requested a letter be forwarded to K. Smart Associates, requesting supporting information indicating all steps, required to implement a petition drain, be submitted to Council, along with detail on outstanding invoice. Council would also like K. Smart Associates to attend a meeting to give a report on the proposed extension to Fisher Drain.

Council agreed to purchase western red cedar chairs from NDC for the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA) annual meeting door prize and has chosen the Emo & District Hospital Auxiliary as the charity for this meeting. RRDMA gives each guest speaker a donation on their behalf toward our chosen charity.

Council requested the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 99, be contacted, to inform them the legion is able to nominate volunteers for the Volunteer Service Award. If the legion requires help with this application, municipal staff can assist.

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Council requested Harold McQuaker be forwarded information on both Highway Commercial (C1) and General Commercial (C2), in order to assist them with their application to rezone. Also, Council requested additional information on determining major or minor zoning by-law amendment.

Planning Advisory Committee is requested to submit a written report to Council when giving recommendations.

Council reviewed requests submitted to fill vacant board/committee positions; however, would like to develop criteria to assist with appointments to these boards/committees, prior to appointing future members. The vacant positions will be advertised with posters in the community and applications will be reviewed at the next regular Council meeting.

Council requested the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) be contacted to request information on in-camera meetings, as concerns were addressed at the meeting from a person in the community.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Attested by:

Jack Siemens,
Mayor.

Bridget Beck,
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.