

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**January 27, 2015**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, January 27, 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 and Water and Sewer Operator Ed Bullied.

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 as amended for Tuesday, January 27, 2015.

CARRIED.

2. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that the January 13, 2015 Regular Council 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 27, 2015.

CARRIED.

4. **Leek - Marinaro:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to January 27, 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 January 13, 2015 to January 27, 2015), as reported.

CARRIED.

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6. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to amend Resolution 12, January 13, 2015 Council Meeting to read:  
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 \$ 675.00 to be shared 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 \$675.00 to be shared.

CARRIED.

7. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the following 4<sup>th</sup> quarter school board payments:
- Northwest Catholic District School Board in the amount of \$19,746.65
  - Rainy River District School Board in the amount of \$52,523.83

CARRIED.

8. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Township of Emo's Water Treatment and Distribution Quality Management Operational Plan, as submitted.

CARRIED.

9. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve release of funds held for the Emo & Area Assisted Living committee, in the amount of \$7,550.00.

CARRIED.

10. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Township of Emo for funding from the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP).

CARRIED.

11. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 2015-03, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Township of Emo for funding from the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP), be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

12. **Leek - Marinaro:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit payment to Makkinga Contracting and Equipment Rentals for the Township of Emo Front Street & Canning Lane Watermain Expansion Project, being construction payment certificate No.2, SBA File No. M14011, in the amount of \$418,286.51 including HST, less 10% holdback.

CARRIED.

13. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit payment to Makkinga Contracting and Equipment Rentals for the Township of Emo Front Street & Canning Lane Watermain Expansion Project, being construction payment certificate No.3, SBA File No. M14011, in the amount of \$417,103.92 including HST, less 10% holdback.

CARRIED.

14. **Leek - Marinaro:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby support the Canadian Union of Postal Workers;  
WHEREAS Canada Post and the Conservatives are taking an axe to long-treasured postal services – killing good jobs, eliminating door-to-door delivery, drastically increasing postage rates and closing, downsizing and reducing hours at post offices:  
WHEREAS Canada Post did not properly consult on these changes, effectively eliminating any opportunity for input from the people who will be most affected; and  
WHEREAS closing and downsizing post offices, reducing post office hours, and eliminating door-to-door delivery will reduce service and eliminate thousands of jobs in communities throughout our country.  
WHEREAS Canada Post offers a public service that needs to be protected;  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post that calls on the government to reverse the changes to services announced by Canada Post, and to look instead for ways to increase service and revenues in areas such as postal banking.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Township of Emo ask Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request that the federal government consult with the public about what kind of postal service they need before allowing Canada Post to make such major changes to public postal service.

CARRIED.

15. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Township of Emo – Emo Sewage Lagoon Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA), New ECA No. 9048-9QBQDK, as submitted by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

CARRIED.

16. **Leek - Marinaro:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit payment to Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board in the amount of \$20,535.13, being payment for the January, 2015 levy.

CARRIED.

17. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement with Hydro One and Township of Emo for Disconnect/Reconnect of 3 phase service at 33 Front Street, Emo water Treatment Plant.

CARRIED.

18. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 2015-04, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Hydro One and Township of Emo for Disconnect/Reconnect of 3 phase service at 33 Front Street, Emo water Treatment Plant, be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

19. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 8:50 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.

20. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 9:40 p.m.

CARRIED.

21. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from January 13, 2015 Regular Council minutes: None.

Business arising from January 13, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

Add-on to regular agenda:

- Hydro One agreement to connect 3 phase hydro to the Emo Water Treatment Plant.

Tabled:

- Transfer of four municipal properties sold in 2011.

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

- The burn pile at the Emo Landfill Site has been burning and has moved past the burn pile to the roles of paper disposed of by Canadian National Railway. In order to make sure the fire is put out, Pete would like to rent a backhoe this week to push snow into the hole the fire has created – *Council agreed with this request;*
- Reminded Council the Water/Sewer Department and the Parks Department are in need of new trucks before spring – *Council agreed this would be discussed at budget time.*

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

- Water and Sewer Department will be sending the Quality Management Operational Plan Report on January 30, 2014 and will need Council's signature;
- The Water and Sewer Department is cleaning the clear wells this week in the Water Treatment Plant.

Geoff Gillon, from Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC), attended the meeting to give an update on RRFDC activities and to offer Council assistance to update the Township of Emo's strategic plan. Geoff also reminded Council RRFDC has purchased an outdoor activity tent that is available to all RRFDC members, free of charge. The only requirement is to purchase insurance and to hire for the setup and take down of the tent.

Council discussed request from Emo-LaVallee Community Centre Board to tender out the insurance for 2015/2016. Council requested our insurance company be contacted to notify them Council is concerned with the rising cost of insurance and will be tendering out the insurance in 2016 if the rates continue to increase.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Attested by:

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Jack Siemens,  
Mayor.

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Bridget Beck,  
Interim CAO/Clerk-Treasurer.