

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
March 10, 2015

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: none.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda as amended for Tuesday, March 10, 2015.
CARRIED.
2. **Marinaro - Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that the February 24, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.
3. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to March 10, 2015.
CARRIED.
4. **Leek - Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to March 10, 2015:
 - Emo-LaVallee Community Centre
 - Emo Recreation Council
 - Emo Cemetery
 - Emo Parks
 - Emo Toy Library/Resource CentreCARRIED.
5. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Peter McQuaker, Public Works Superintendent, Ed Bullied, Deputy Public Works Superintendent (from February 25, 2015 to March 10, 2015) and Bridget Beck, Interim CAO/Clerk-Treasurer (February 24, 2015 and March 10, 2015), as submitted.
CARRIED.
6. **Marinaro - Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby support Emo Recreation Council's recommendation for a skateboard park in Emo.
CARRIED.

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7. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the following 4th quarter amended (Res. 7, Jan 27, 2015) School Board payments:
- Northwest Catholic District School Board in the amount of \$4,347.08;
 - Rainy River District School Board in the amount of \$52,523.83.

CARRIED.

8. **Kinnear - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that hereby agree to purchase 3 “Caution Dangerous Current” signs from Baker Graphics, in the amount of \$277.50, plus HST; and further to post the signs as follows:
- Emo Lions Park
 - Front Street Berm
 - West end park

CARRIED.

9. **Kinnear - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to purchase the following vehicle, in the amount of \$ 22,979.35 including taxes and vehicle licence, from Jim MacDonald Motors Ltd.:
- 2011 GMC Sierra VIN #1GTR2VE38BZ301387
- And further, to rescind resolution #9, February 24, 2015.

CARRIED.

10. **Marinaro - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve use of Alysworth Road and Fisher Road, as detour route during replacement of Locking Creek culvert, on Highway 602 for an approximate duration of two months, as per request from Hatch Mott MacDonald, on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation; and further, any repairs required to the municipal roads due to increased traffic during detour will be completed by the Ministry of Transportation.

CARRIED.

11. **Marinaro - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Emo Fire Department Administrative Report from Fire Chief Gerry Armstrong; and further accept letter of resignation from Gerry Armstrong, effective April 30, 2015.

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 Sewage Lagoon Expansion Project, being payment of 8% holdback, SBA File No. M14011, in the amount of \$109,971.51 including HST.

CARRIED.

13. **Marinaro – Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit payment to Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board for March 2015 Levy, in the amount of \$20,535.13.

CARRIED.

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14. **Marinaro – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to exempt from taxation, except for local improvements and school purposes, on an annual basis, the property known as The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #99, hereto attached as schedule “A”.

CARRIED.

15. **Leek – Marinaro:** BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 2015-06, being a by-law to exempt from taxation, except for local improvements and school purposes, on an annual basis, the property known as The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #99, hereto attached as schedule “A”, be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

16. **Leek – Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to apply for funding assistance from Ministry of Northern Development and Mines for Ontario Summer Job Service Student Wage Subsidy for two (2) students in the amount of \$2.00 each per hour for up to 16 weeks, 35 hours per week to a maximum of 560 weeks.

CARRIED.

17. **Marinaro – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we agree to advertise for Township of Emo Community Development/Recreation Director job position in the following:
- Fort Frances Times
 - Westend Weekly
 - Winnipeg Free Press
 - Thunder Bay Chronicle Journal
- And further, to have the application deadline be May 15, 2015.

CARRIED.

18. **Kinnear – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we agree to send Council and Bridget Beck to Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association Annual General Meeting to be held April 22-24, 2015 in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid for by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

19. **Marinaro – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Bridget Beck to AMCTO's 77th Annual General Meeting to be held on June 7-10, 2015 in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid for by the Township of Emo.

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20. **Marinaro – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 8:34 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.

21. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 9:22 p.m.

CARRIED.

22. **Leek - Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve salary range for Arena/Parks manager, effective immediately.

CARRIED.

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

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from February 24, 2015 Regular Council minutes: None.

Business arising from February 24, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

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

- Have commenced steaming of culverts;
- Very busy at the Water Treatment Plant with training on new turbidimeters and pumps.

Gerry Armstrong, Fire Chief, attended the meeting to discuss the following:

- Fire services has been relatively slow;
- Pattulo Tower is being demolished and a new, smaller tower is being constructed. Consideration is being given to possibly utilizing the Dance tower, as it is in a better location and is a higher tower;
- Fire Department needs a radio upgrade to digital; however, there will be costs associated with this;
- Mandatory increase in training – this is now a municipal responsibility;

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- Incident management is a new requirement, along with vulnerable occupancy. Fire officials need to be involved, along with complaints as they arise;
- New Gold has indicated they would like to partner with neighbouring municipalities for fire services, along with Ministry of Natural Resources;
- With the increase of people in the community, this will likely result in increase in fire services;
- Insurance ratings may increase due to Fire Departments needing fifteen trained firefighters – not many municipalities meet this requirement;
- Firefighters require Health & Safety Training;
- Highly recommend shared services with neighbouring municipalities. In order to do this a committee should be formed consisting of Council and Council of neighbouring municipalities;
- Gerry is resigning as of April 1, 2015; however, is willing to assist the Fire Department at a minimal cost;
- Fort Frances Fire Department has offered to provide training at a cost of \$300.00/person per weekend;
- Recommends new Fire Chief be a member of the Fire Association;
- Another option for replacement of Fire Chief is to appoint one of the Deputy Fire Chief and they would be responsible for the operations and the CAO would assume the Fire Chief role for administrative duties and liability;
- Is willing to help facilitate discussions to find an alternate Fire Chief

Inspector Steve Shouldice, Detachment Commander for the Ontario Provincial Police, attended the meeting to present the 2014 Police Activities Report.

Council requested invoices from S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. be tabled until a breakdown of costs on all ongoing projects are submitted to the Township of Emo.

Payment Certificate 1 from Kingdom Construction Limited is tabled until explanation on the three change orders are received from S. Burnett & Associates Ltd.

Anthony Leek informed Council Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board have completed their 2015 budget and there is an increase in the overall budget of 4.67 per cent.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Attested by:

Jack Siemens,
Mayor.

Bridget Beck,
Interim CAO/Clerk-Treasurer.