

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**February 11, 2020**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Harold McQuaker, Councillors Harrold Boven, Lincoln Dunn and Lori Ann Shortreed; CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Foster.

Electronic Participation: Warren Toles.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

CARRIED.

2. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that the January 28, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and February 5, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Shortreed - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Jason Smith, Public Works Superintendent, Bridget Foster, CAO (to February 11, 2020), and Richard Hallam, CBO, for January, 2020.

CARRIED.

4. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to change the name on the Dental Clinic Reserve fund account to Emo Library Reserve and transfer funds in the amount of \$19,772.52 to Capital Bldgs Reserve ; and further agree to change the name on the Medical Equipment Reserve fund to Capital Reserve and transfer funds in the amount of \$10,360.61 to Capital Bldgs Reserve.

CARRIED.

5. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make the following investments to ONE Fund in 2019:

- Fire Department Capital \$50,000.00

CARRIED.

6. **Shortreed - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the 2020 Emo Public Library levy payments as follows:

- January, 2020 – ½ levy
- May, 2020 – ½ levy

CARRIED.

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7. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED WHEREAS Ontario Provincial Highway 502 is a winding, desolate stretch of road over 120 kilometres long that travels through the Canadian Shield, connecting the Kenora and Rainy River Districts, which is frequented by many American tourists in the summer, and travelled by many more Ontarians in the winter for business, family, sports tournaments and more; and

WHEREAS along almost the entire length of this provincial highway, there is no cellular/wireless phone service available, so that individuals who are in or discover accidents cannot call for help via 911 or emergency service numbers; and

WHEREAS there are lives at stake every day driving Highway 502, and it is the direct responsibility of the Ministry of Transportation, the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines to ensure the safety of its citizens on this provincial highway; and

WHEREAS as part of *Up to Speed: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Action Plan*, the government of Ontario "recognizes the importance of having infrastructure in place to support public safety across the province, especially in rural, remote and northern areas," and commits to spend \$315 million over five years on expanded access for underserved communities; and

WHEREAS last year, the province of Ontario provided over \$70 million to the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's project to virtually eliminate coverage gaps in the region to, as Northumberland-Peterborough South MPP David Piccini said, "Improve connectivity so that people can feel confident and safe, at home and on the road;" and

WHEREAS fatalities on Highway 502, as recently as in the first weeks of 2020, have directly impacted the lives and families of the residents of the Township of Emo;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Emo call on the provincial government and the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, the Hon. Greg Rickford, Kenora-Rainy River MPP, to swiftly and aggressively work to close this gap in safety for residents of Northwestern Ontario, by working with area mobility providers and other key stakeholders to establish network infrastructure coverage over the entire length of Provincial Highway 502; and

FURTHER, that this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, Dan Topatigh, President and CEO of Tbaytel, Mirko Bibic, President and CEO of Bell Canada, and the municipalities of the Kenora-Rainy River riding.

CARRIED.

8. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept tender from Select Construction for Tender No. 2020-01, being tender for concrete pad for columbarium at the Emo Cemetery, in the amount of \$13,500.00, plus HST.

CARRIED.

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9. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to February 11, 2020.

CARRIED.

10. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to February 11, 2020:

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

CARRIED.

11. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$1,445.96, HST included, being invoices to January 16, 2020 for the following projects:

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| • Front St E Watermain Replacement | \$962.20 |
| • Emo Sewage Lift Station Upgrades | \$483.76 |

CARRIED.

12. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for the Province of Ontario for the provision and management of an Air Ambulance Service in Emo.

CARRIED.

13. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2020-05**, being a by-law to authorize the Corporation of the Township of Emo to enter into an agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for the Province of Ontario for the provision and management of an Air Ambulance Service in Emo, be deemed to be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

14. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby rescind By-law No. 2019-28, being a by-law to Deem Lot 39 and Lot 40 on Plan 48M380, Township of Emo, not to be on a Plan of Subdivision.

CARRIED.

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15. **Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to reduce fee for removal of water meter lock from \$500.00 to \$250.00 for SCAP School.

CARRIED.

16. **Dunn - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board in the amount of \$26,399.92, being February, 2020 levy, less the supplemental ambulance portion in the amount of \$745.70.

CARRIED.

17. **Shortreed – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Emo Public Library 2019 Annual Report.

CARRIED.

18. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from the Rainy River Federation of Agriculture regarding Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act;  
AND THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Emo strongly support the new proposed legislation, *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act*, to keep our farmers, property and food systems safe for all Ontarians.

CARRIED.

19. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 8:47 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:
- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees.

CARRIED.

20. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 9:59 p.m.

CARRIED.

21. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to Jason Smith as Public Works Superintendent, at the approved wage.

CARRIED.

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22. **Boven - Dunn**: BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby appoint the following applicants to the corresponding committees:

- Emo Recreation Committee: Maria Fuhrer
- Emo-LaVallee Community Centre: Tammy Strachan
- Planning Advisory Committee: Geoff Pearce

CARRIED.

23. **Shortreed - Dunn**: BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on February 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from January 28, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and February 5, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.  
Business arising from January 28, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and February 5, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

The meeting adjourned 10:10 p.m.