

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**January 30, 2018**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jack Siemens; Councillors Michael Loney and Lori Ann Shortreed; CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Foster.

Absent: Councillors Vernon Thompson and Warren Toles.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

CARRIED.

2. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that the December 11, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, December 20, 2017 Special Council Meeting and January 16, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated, as amended.

CARRIED.

3. **Loney – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Peter McQuaker, Public Works Superintendent and Bridget Foster, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer (from January 17, 2018 to January 30, 2018).

CARRIED.

4. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the purchase of bunker gear for one volunteer firefighter.

CARRIED.

5. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to January 30, 2018.

CARRIED.

6. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to January 30, 2018:

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

CARRIED.

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7. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept 2017 Structure Inspection Appraisal Report, submitted by K. Smart & Associates Ltd.

CARRIED.

8. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into a Municipal Forest Fire Management agreement with her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and The Corporation of the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

9. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2018-05**, being a by-law to enter into a Municipal Forest Fire Management agreement with her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and The Corporation of the Township of Emo, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

10. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board in the amount of \$24,398.03, being January, 2018 levy.

CARRIED.

11. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Ed Bullied, Jason Smith and Travis McCormick to Walkerton Clean Water Centre's Safe Drinking Water Operator Essentials course scheduled February 15, 2018 in Fort Frances. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

12. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve Drinking Water Quality Element 20 – Management Review Minutes of April 19, 2017, as submitted.

CARRIED.

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13. **Shortreed - Loney:** **Whereas** a coalition of the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) and the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario have successfully applied to have a review of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process conducted under Part IV (Section 61) of the *Environmental Bill of Rights Act, 1993* (EBR Act); **And whereas** impact studies and public meetings required by the MCEA process often take two years or more to complete before construction can commence; **And whereas** the MCEA requirements to evaluate alternatives are often not well aligned with prior or municipal land use planning decisions; **And whereas** analysis by the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) has demonstrated that the time to complete an EA rose from 19 months to 26.7 months and costs went from an average of \$113,300 to \$386,500; **And whereas** the Auditor General of Ontario has tabled recommendations for modernizing the MCEA process; **And whereas** in spite of written commitments made by the Ministry of the Environment between 2013-2015, no action has been taken; **And whereas** local projects that do not have the necessary approvals could lose out on the next intake of Build Canada funding; **Therefore be it resolved** that Township of Emo requests that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change take immediate steps to expedite the response process for Part II Orders or Bump-Up requests, as part of the s.61 review to improve MCEA process times and reduce study costs; **And further** that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change support changes to better integrate and harmonize the MCEA process with processes defined under the *Planning Act*; **And further** that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change amend the scope of MCEA reports and studies to reduce duplication with existing public processes and decisions made under municipal Official Plans and provincial legislation.

CARRIED.

14. **Shortreed – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to amend project deadlines for By-law No. 2017-22, being an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure and The Corporation of the Township of Emo for funding through the Clean Water & Wastewater Fund towards upgrade to Roy Street lift station and upgrade to existing Water Treatment Plant raw water lift pumps.

CARRIED.

15. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2018-06**, being a pass a by-law to amend project deadlines for By-law No. 2017-22, being an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure and The Corporation of the Township of Emo for funding through the Clean Water & Wastewater Fund towards upgrade to Roy Street lift station and upgrade to existing Water Treatment Plant raw water lift pumps, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

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16. **Loney – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 7:41 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.

17. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:39 p.m.

CARRIED.

18. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby appoint Kayla Pattison and Jessica Leepart to the Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

19. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from December 11, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, December 20, 2017 Special Council Meeting and January 16, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

Business arising from December 11, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, December 20, 2017 Special Council Meeting and January 16, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

Tabled Items:

- Rainy River District Women's Institute Museum: RE: Request for financial assistance.

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The meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Attested by:

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Jack Siemens,  
Mayor

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Bridget Foster,  
CAO Clerk/Treasurer