

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
JANAURY 12, 2022**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Harold McQuaker; Councillor Boven; and Doug Brown.

Virtually present via Zoom: Councillors Lincoln Dunn, and Warren Toles.

Regrets: Councilor Lori Ann Shortreed.

Publicly available virtually via Zoom.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

Three members of Council; Mayor Harold McQuaker, Councilor Harrold Boven & Councilor Warren Toles declare a conflict of interest on agenda section – Items of Discussion – item No. 1 – Proclamation request from the Alzheimer Society of Kenora/Rainy River Districts – January 2022 as Alzheimer Awareness Month. The reasons for the three members of Council to declare is a result of an on-going legal process at the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario file No. 2020-41858-1. All three members of council completed the necessary written declaration of interest form. As a result, 3 declaration of interests agenda section – Items of Discussion – item No. 1 – Proclamation request from the Alzheimer Society of Kenora/Rainy River Districts – January 2022 as Alzheimer Awareness Month has been tabled to next council meeting scheduled for January 26, 2022.

Moment of Reflection

Announcements- Mayor McQuaker announced that correspondence was received from the Ministry of Heritage, Sports, Tourism and Culture Industries and the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility in regards to Emo's Ontario Senior of the Year and that he requested input from Council on the process of informing the selected senior. Mayor McQuaker and Councilor Boven would meet with the selected senior and present the certificate. An official announcement will be scheduled at the next Council meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Dunn - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

CARRIED.

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2. **Boven– Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting minutes of December 15, 2021, and Special Council Meeting minutes of December 21, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Toles- Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept the following reports to Council:

- Chief Building Official- Rick Hallam (December 2021) – Building Statistics Report & 2021 Building Permit Annual Summary.
- Tyrell Griffith – Fire Chief – Fire & Rescue Service Report for the period from December 7, 2021, to January 7, 2022 (December 2021) plus the 2022 Recruitment Posting & Recruit Training Plan & 2022 ACEL Fire Team Training Schedule.

CARRIED.

4. **Boven – Toles** BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 7 passed on December 15, 2021, be replaced with the following:

WHEREAS the Emo Municipal Council agreed to submit a funding application to NOHFC under the Rural Enhancement Funding Stream prior to the end of the 1st quarter of 2022;

WHEREAS it has been agreed to apply for the maximum upset funding limit of \$200,000 and that the Capital Project will be named “Emo-LaVallee Community Center Facility Upgrades”;

WHEREAS the following capital items complete with associated estimated costs be submitted under the NOHFC – rural enhancement funding stream;

1 Contractor to supply and install new dehumidifier - \$60,000.00

2 Contractor to supply and install rink divider system and to modify existing arena boards where a new access gate will be installed to remove the divider system to /from the ice surface on a regular basis - \$15,000.00

3 Contractor to supply and install new skate resistance flooring in the lobby area and the 4 dressing rooms - \$117,000.00

4 Contractor to construct/modify to AODA standards a wheelchair accessibility ramp from the lobby area to the ice surface area - \$4,000.00

5 Contractor to supply and install exterior Parking lot lighting - \$15,000.00

6 Contractor to supply and install safety glass entrance/access man doors - \$9,000.00

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WHEREAS if funding is obtained from NOHFC, Emo's financial contribution will be funded out of the Reserve Fund named Arena Capital along with the Tompkins Hardware Ltd. donation of \$8,500.00.

WHEREAS if funding is obtained from NOHFC, the Township will be responsible for any cost over runs for this project.

CARRIED.

5. **Dunn- Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Clerk will be authorized to execute the RRDSSAB 2021 Service Provider Financial Contract on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

- 6 **Dunn- Toles** BE IT RESOLVED the Township of Emo hereby received resolution 21-042 dated December 13, 2021 from the Town of Rainy River requesting the Minister of Transportation to install public wayside rest area(s) in the west end of the Rainy River District.

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorses and supports the Town of Rainy River to call on the Minister of Transportation for the installation of public wayside rest area(s) in the west end of the Rainy River District.

CARRIED.

- 7 **Toles- Dunn** BE IT RESOLVED BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to January 11, 2022.

CARRIED.

- 8 **Boven- Toles** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to January 11, 2022:

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

CARRIED.

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- 9 **Toles- Dunn** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Livestock Valuer Report from Gary Silworsky; and further accept the application to Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program for the following:

- Ronetta & Jeff Argue - in the amount of \$957.60 for calf

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

The following ten (10) items were received;

1. 2022 Operating Budget Information – MPAC letter dated December 15, 2021- decrease in annual levy in 2022 – by 0.58% - total levy is \$23,197.50.
2. 2022 Operating Budget Information - Northwestern Health Unit letter dated December 6th, 2021– 2022 levy information - total levy is \$63,410.71.
3. Northwestern Health Unit – 2021 Budget Report.
4. December 8,2021 – Media Release Hydro One - investment in a more reliable and resilient electricity system in Northwest Ontario.
5. 2022 Capital Budget information – December 8, 2021 – Provincial Funding Announcement for Critical Infrastructure for Small, Rural & Northern Communities.
6. CN report – CN in Your Community 2021 report – hardcopy of report available at the Township office for review.
7. Northwest Health Unit – 2020 Public Health Report Card – hardcopy of report available at Township office for review.
8. New OPP Constable for Rainy River District – Notification – Daniel Bradford.
9. MTO Winter Maintenance & Safe Winter Driving Information forwarded to the Township from NOMA Board on December 13, 2021.
10. January 7th, 2022, Omicron Variant update letter from Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

- 10 **Toles- Dunn** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 6:25 p.m. to address the following matters pertaining to:

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality

1. *Pay Equity Commission – Notice of Investigation.*
2. *Ontario Drainage Referee – Frank Szeder Drain.*
3. *TJ Kaemingh & Sons Ltd.- Kaemingh Subdivision.*
4. *January 6th, 2022, Statement of Claim.*

CARRIED.

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In camera item No. 1 -Pay Equity Commission – Notice of Investigation.- (6:25 -7:00pm)
D Brown was present & Gail Lawrence connected virtually with Council for this discussion. A resolution will be considered by Council tonight after the in-camera session.

In camera item No. 2 - Ontario Drainage Referee – Frank Szeder Drain. (7:00- 8:10p m)
D Brown was present. Allan McKitrick & Candace Hilchuk connected virtually with Council for this discussion. A resolution will be considered by Council tonight after the in-camera session.

In camera item No. 3 - TJ Kaemingh & Sons Ltd.- Kaemingh Subdivision..- (8:10 - 8:35pm) D Brown was present. Allan McKitrick & Candace Hilchuk connected virtually with Council for this discussion. A resolution will be considered by Council tonight after the in-camera session.

In camera item No. 4 - January 6th, 2022, Statement of Claim- (8:35 - 8:50 pm). D Brown was present. Allan McKitrick & Candace Hilchuk connected virtually with Council for this discussion. A resolution will be considered by Council tonight after the in-camera session.

11 **Boven – Toles** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:50 p.m.

CARRIED.

12 **Dunn- Toles** BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive information on the Pay Equity Commission – Notice of Investigation

AND FURTHER THAT Administration is directed to proceed as per Council's instruction.

CARRIED.

13 **Boven- Toles** BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive an administration report on the Ontario Drainage Referee - Frank Szeder drain and legal advice from legal Counsel Allan McKitrick

AND FURTHER THAT Administration and Legal Counsel proceed as per Council's instruction.

CARRIED.

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14 **Toles-Dunn** BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive an administration report on the Kaemingh Subdivision and legal advice from legal Counsel Allan McKittrick

AND FURTHER THAT Administration and Legal Counsel proceed as per Council's instruction.

CARRIED.

15 **Boven-Dunn** BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive a Statement of Claim dated on January 6th, 2022, and legal advice from legal Counsel Allan McKittrick

AND FURTHER THAT Administration and Legal Counsel proceed as per Council's instruction.

CARRIED.

16 **Dunn- Boven** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Doug Brown
interim CAO/Clerk/Treasurer