

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
May 11, 2021

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Virtually present via Zoom: Mayor Harold McQuaker, Councillors Harrold Boven, Lincoln Dunn, Lori Ann Shortreed and Warren Toles; CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Foster and Jason Smith, Public Works Superintendent.

Publicly available virtually via Zoom.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

CARRIED.

2. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that the April 27, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Bridget Foster, CAO (to May 11, 2021).

CARRIED.

4. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept tender from Agombar Contracting for Tender No. 2021-04, being Tender for Grass Cutting and Trimming Municipal Property Located Within Emo, as follows:

- Section C \$86,130.00
- HST 11,196.90
- TOTAL 97,326.90

CARRIED.

5. **Toles - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept recommendation from Emo Recreation Committee to proceed with repairs to the Emo Sports Field soccer fields, pending submission of quotations for the required work;
And further, to approve quotation from Agombar Contracting in the amount of \$40,564.00, plus HST.

CARRIED.

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6. **Dunn - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept recommendation from Emo Recreation Committee to proceed with repairs to the Emo Sports Field baseball diamonds, pending submission of quotations for the required work;
And further, to approve quotation from Agombar Contracting in the amount of \$13,350.00, plus HST.

CARRIED.

7. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make the following recommendations to the Town of Fort Frances, in response to the Ministry of the Solicitor General request for proposal, as per the new Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019:

One Board per Detachment with a PSB structure composed as follows:

1 member Atikokan, 2 members Fort Frances, 1 member for municipalities to the West

CARRIED.

8. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to May 11, 2021.

CARRIED.

9. **Shortreed - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to May 11, 2021:

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

CARRIED.

10. **Toles - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept 2020 Annual Report for the Emo Wastewater Treatment System, as submitted by Ontario Clean Water Agency.

CARRIED.

11. **Boven – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Green Stream between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure and The Corporation of the Township of Emo for Upgrades to the Emo Water Treatment Plant.

CARRIED.

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12. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. **2021-09**, being a by-law to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Green Stream between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure and The Corporation of the Township of Emo for upgrades to the Emo Water Treatment Plant, be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Major and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

13. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept quotation from Dan Mack to reproduce drawings for the existing OPP Station Building for an estimate of \$2,000.00 - \$3,000.00 and to provide drawings for the renovations including Engineer and Architectural review as required, for an estimate of \$2,500.00 - \$3,000.00.

CARRIED.

14. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Council approves the form of draft by-law and franchise agreement attached hereto and authorizes the submission thereof to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the *Municipal Franchise Act*;
2. This Council requests that the Ontario Energy Board make an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the attached draft by-law and franchise agreement pertaining to the Corporation of the Township of Emo is not necessary pursuant to the provisions of Section 9(4) of the *Municipal Franchise Act*.

CARRIED.

15. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to authorize a Franchise Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Emo and Enbridge Gas Inc.

CARRIED.

16. **Toles – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. **2021-10**, being a by-law to enter into a franchise agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Emo and Enbridge Gas Inc., be read a first and second time.

CARRIED.

17. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make payment to Rainy River Vet Services Committee in the amount of 466.55, being the Township of Emo's 2021 Vet Assistant Trust Fund per capita levy.

CARRIED.

18. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept 2021 Quarter One Town of Fort Frances Provincial Offences Budget to Actual and the 2021 Partner Contributions, as submitted by the Town of Fort Frances on April 30 2021.

CARRIED.

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19. **Boven – Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept funding from Services Canada for the Canada Summer Jobs program; and further agree to hire two students.

CARRIED.

20. **Shortreed – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association regarding the decision to dissolve the partnership between the Northern School of Medicine (NOSM) and Lakehead and Laurentian Universities;
AND FURTHER THAT Council endorses and supports Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association's strong opposition on this decision which may result in negative impacts on Northwestern Ontario Communities and our already vulnerable health care system.

DEFEATED.

21. **Dunn – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby supports the Corporation of the Town of Perth in their efforts to request the Province of Ontario to be financially responsible for the replacement costs associated with all major capital equipment in hospitals, as municipalities across the province are facing major shortfalls in meeting their financial obligations.

CARRIED.

22. **Dunn – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to support the Region of Niagara in their efforts to support the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act's open-for-business approach; however, call upon the Government of Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks) to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, to eliminate the development approval requirement provision from adjacent municipalities and that the 'host' municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction.

DEFEATED.

23. **Toles – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to support the Region of Niagara in their efforts to the following:

- That Niagara Region Council officially acknowledge that a significant crisis exists in Niagara in regard to the prevalence of chronic homelessness and the lack of affordable housing that far surpasses the Region's ability to meet the vision dictated in its 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP);
- That the Regional Chair be directed to send advocacy letters directly to the appropriate Federal and Provincial ministries outlining Niagara's current situation and requesting additional funding be provided to ensure Niagara can meet the vision outlines in its housing action plan;
- That the Regional Chair be directed to advocate to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development for the required operational funding for the planned supportive and bridge housing initiatives;

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- That Regional staff be directed, in alignment with the planned review of Council's strategic priorities, to produce a report specifically highlighting the progress being made and critical gaps in regard to services related to mental health, addictions and wellbeing;
- That Regional staff be directed to continue providing Regional Council updates on the HHAP and Built for Zero initiatives;
- That Regional staff be directed to request an update from the Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara (OPENN) regarding the current status of the actions being taken to address addiction related issues in Niagara.

CARRIED.

24. **Boven – Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to support the City of Brantford in their efforts to recommend the Province of Ontario to withdraw its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities which can be enjoyed while maintaining property social distancing.

CARRIED.

25. **Shortreed – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 7:41 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees – *hiring of Fire Chief; resignation/hiring of Parks/Arena Labourer; Application to join Planning Advisory Committee;*
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matter before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board – *Legal Advice.*

CARRIED.

26. **Toles – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:25 p.m.

CARRIED.

27. **Boven – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to appoint the following to the Planning Advisory Committee:

Gerald Wieringa and Pramela Panthallor

CARRIED.

28. **Toles – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to accept, with regret, resignation from David Rudolph as Parks/Arena Labourer.

CARRIED.

29. **Boven – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to hire James Booth as Parks/Arena Labourer, at the approved wage.

CARRIED.

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30. **Toles – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve offer of employment for Joint Fire Chief as drafted on May 11, 2021, upon acceptance of candidate.

CARRIED.

31. **Toles – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from April 27, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

Business arising from April 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

Tom Jackson and Bill Moody, from the Emo Curling Club, attended the meeting to discuss options for the Emo Curling Rink. It was agreed to establish a viable floor plan to rebuild a curling rink, along with collaborating with Chief Building Official, in order to ensure all requirements of the *Ontario Building Code* are met.

Council agreed to have all proceeds from the recycling bins go towards the tennis/pickle ball court project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer