

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
May 25, 2021

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, May 25, 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. **Toles - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

CARRIED.

2. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that the May 11, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes and May 20, 2021 Special Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Shortreed - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Bridget Foster, CAO (to May 25, 2021) and Rick Hallam, Chief Building Official for the month of April, 2021.

CARRIED.

4. **Dunn - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that a window at the Emo Public Library was damaged within the period of Friday, May 14, 2021 to Monday, May 17, 2021;
And further that the Township of Emo acknowledges this may have resulted from grass being cut in the Emo Lions Park by municipal staff and agrees to replace the broken pane.

CARRIED.

5. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge the proposed entrance from Highway 11 will only provide access to commercial lots along Highway 11 and Sturgeon Creek Alternative Program School and not the subdivision;
And further, if the subdivision is to be considered in the future, it will require a Traffic Impact Study to be completed by the developer and may result in changes to the entrance;
And further, as easement must be created to allow access to existing commercial lot west of proposed lots, along with providing access to proposed lot 1, as these lots cannot access School Street without an easement and will not be permitted direct access to Highway 11.

CARRIED.

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6. **Dunn - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to purchase a 2021/2022 Cat 140 Lever from Toromont Cat in the amount of \$332,074.64, plus HST, to include the following: extended warranty for five years for power train and hydraulics, snow gate attachment, trade-in valued at \$50,000.00 and all requirements specified in tender package; And further, this price is provided with the understanding the Township of Emo intends to own the unit for a period of at least 9 years or 108 months.

CARRIED.

7. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to May 25, 2021.

CARRIED.

8. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to May 25, 2021:

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

CARRIED.

9. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve payment to Rainy River District Municipal Association in the amount of \$1,008.10, being the Township of Emo's 2021 levy.

CARRIED.

10. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve changes to the Joint Fire Chief Agreement as outlined in the draft agreement forwarded to the Township of Emo on May 19, 2021.

CARRIED.

11. **Dunn – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to support the Township of McKellar in their efforts to urge the Federal Government to address the serious issue of not withholding tax from Canada Emergency Response Benefits (CERB) payments and consider giving disadvantaged CERB recipients a tax break for 2020, or giving a tax credit for 2021.

CARRIED.

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12. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve financial statement to March 31, 2021, as submitted.

CARRIED.

13. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 6:52 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees – *wage for Acting Fire Chief; wage for Acting Clerk; comments from a taxpayer regarding staff; and concern from job applicant.*

CARRIED.

14. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 7:33 p.m.

CARRIED.

15. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from May 11, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.
Business arising from May 11, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

Council requested information on tiny houses, as currently they are not permitted within our Zoning By-law.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer