

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
June 8, 2021

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, June 8, 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 - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

CARRIED.

2. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the May 25, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Bridget Foster, CAO (to June 8, 2021).

CARRIED.

4. **Dunn - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve Consent to Sever Application, File No. C-21-002, submitted by T.J. Kaemingh & Sons Ltd., for severance of PT SW ¼ Sec 32, Parcel 1650, Lash Township, for the creation of one new lot, to be fulfilled within one (1) year from the date of Decision, in compliance with Section 53(41) of the Planning Act, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The original executed Transfer/Deed of Land form, a duplicate original and one photocopy for our records be provided.
- b. A Schedule to the Transfer/Deed of Land form on which is set out the entire legal description of the parcel(s) in question and containing the names of the parties indicated on page 1 of the Transfer/Deed of Land form be provided.
- c. Three original copies (not photocopies) of the reference plan of survey, bearing the Land Registry Office registration number and signatures as evidence of deposit therein, and illustrating the parcel(s) to which the consent approval relates and which must show in general the same area and dimensions as the sketch forming part of the application be provided.

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If the conditions to consent approval are not fulfilled within one year of the date of this decision and the applicant is still interested in pursuing the proposal, a new application will be required.

CARRIED.

5. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Health Unit has advised Canada Day celebrations/fireworks will not be permitted, due to Covid-19 restrictions; And further, the Township of Emo agrees to cancel the celebrations and return the funding received by the Department of Canadian Heritage in the amount of \$4,000.00.

CARRIED.

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

CARRIED.

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

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

CARRIED.

8. **Toles-Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into a Joint Fire Chief Committee Partnership Agreement between The Corporation of the Township of Alberton/The Corporation of the Township of Chapple/The Corporation of the Township of Emo/The Corporation of the Township of LaVallee.

CARRIED.

9. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2021-11**, being a by-law to enter into a Joint Fire Chief Committee Partnership Agreement between The Corporation of the Township of Alberton/The Corporation of the Township of Chapple/The Corporation of the Township of Emo/The Corporation of the Township of LaVallee, be deemed to be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

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10. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept report submitted by Chief Building Official Rick Hallam regarding the construction of a new Curling Rink building; And further, agree to forward draft plans to Emo Curling Club, along with referring possibility of utilizing ice surface for curling at Arena to the Emo-LaVallee Community Centre Board.

CARRIED.

11. **Boven – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Northwestern Health Unit's 2020 Audited Financial Statements, as submitted.

CARRIED.

12. **Toles - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$303.53, HST included, being invoices to April 8, 2021 for the following projects:

- Kaemingh 22 Lot Subdivision Review \$ 303.53

CARRIED.

13. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept the Township of Emo's 2021 Annual Repayment Limit of \$722,455, as submitted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

CARRIED.

14. **Dunn - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept General Financial Statement to April 30, 2021, as submitted.

CARRIED.

15. **Toles - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to support the Town of Fort Erie in their initiative to request the Federal Government to cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences.

CARRIED.

16. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to support the Township of West Lincoln in their efforts to request the Federal Government to enact legislation to better support local governments with land use management and enforcement issues as they relate to Cannabis Production and Processing.

DEFEATED.

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17. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 6:54 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees –*wage for Acting Clerk and comments from a taxpayer regarding staff;*
- Advice subject to a solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – *Notice of Application in the Court of the Drainage Referee.*

CARRIED.

18. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 7:17 p.m.

CARRIED.

19. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from May 25, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.
Business arising from May 25, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

Tabled:

- Letter of CN requesting support of their purchase of Kansas City Southern Railway.

Council requested Mayor Harold McQuaker contact CN, along with a letter from the Township of Emo, to inquire into whether the purchase of the Kansas City Southern Railway will increase the rail traffic in Emo. If there is an anticipated increase in rail traffic, the Township of Emo would like to know how they will deal with this increase and the impact to Emo.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer