

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
JANAURY 26, 2022**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Wednesday, January 26, 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. Also connected virtually was Christina Zardo- Manager of Municipal Solutions at Food Cycle Science

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. 3 – 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 members of Council declaring completed the virtual/written declaration of interest form.

Moment of Reflection

Notice of Motions /Announcements-

Mayor McQuaker announced GAYLE HYATT as the 2021 Emo’s Ontario Senior of the Year as awarded by the Ministry of Heritage, Sports, Tourism and Culture Industries and the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility.

Councillor Dunn – requested that an agenda item in regards to a status update on the renaming of Colonization Road be included on the February 9th, 2022 council meeting agenda under-items of discussion section.

Councillor Boven requested that an agenda item in regards to Doctor recruitment efforts for the Township of Emo be included on the February 9th, 2002 council meeting agenda as Doctor crisis in Emo is looming as one of the two Emo doctors is leaving in the near future. Councilor Dunn is Emo’s representative on the Riverside Health Care Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee will be providing a status update on recruitment efforts for Emo at the February 9th, 2022 Council meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1 **Boven- Toles** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

CARRIED.

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- 2 **Toles – Dunn** BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting minutes of January 12, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

- 3 **Shortreed – Dunn** BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby announce and officially recognize GAYLE HYATT as the 2021 Emo's Ontario Senior of the Year as awarded by the Ministry of Heritage, Sports, Tourism and Culture Industries and the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility.

CARRIED.

- 4 **Toles – Shortreed** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept the following report to Council:

- Jason Smith – Public Works Superintendent – Public Works Operational Report for the period ending January 10, 2022

CARRIED.

- 5 **Toles – Dunn** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept the power point presentation from Christina Zorba – Manager of Municipal Solution at Food Cycle Science- in regards to FoodCycler Municipal Solutions: Residential In-home Food Waste Diversion Pilot Project as information only.

CARRIED.

- 6 **Boven – Toles** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby receive the letter dated January 7, 2022, from Rainy River Future Development Corporation requesting payment of the 2022 municipal \$ 7.00 per capita;
AND FURTHER THAT administration process the one-time payment in the amount \$9,331 based on Emo population of 1333 and that this amount be included in the 2022 operating budget.

CARRIED.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

Councilor Dunn - declared a conflict of interest on agenda section – Items of Discussion – item No. 2- Request for a \$ 5000 donation from the Emo Knox United Church – part of 2022 operating budget process as a family member is part of the Emo Knox United Church organization requesting the \$ 5000 cash donation. Council Dunn completed the virtual declaration of interest form.

- 7 **Shortreed – Boven** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby receive the letter dated January 11, 2022, from the Emo Knox United Church requesting a cash donation of \$ 5000.00 for the proposed re-purposing project to their facility;
AND FURTHER THAT this donation request be referred to the 2022 budget process for deliberations.

CARRIED.

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- 8 **Dunn- Shortreed** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby proclaim January 2022 as “Alzheimer Awareness Month” and that an Alzheimer Society flag be placed on the Township flagpole during the month of January 2022.
CARRIED.
- 9 **Dunn – Toles** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby refer the June 30, 2021 Engineering report for the Frank Szeder Drain back to John Kuntze, P Eng. of K Smart Associates for reconsideration.
CARRIED.
- 10 **Shortreed- Boven** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby received the written administration report from Crystal Gray, Deputy Treasurer in regard to the 2022 Interim Tax Levy By-law;
AND FURTHER THAT By-law No. 2022-01 be presented to Council for consideration later in this meeting.
CARRIED.
- 11 **Toles – Boven** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to January 26, 2022.
CARRIED.
- 12 **Boven- Toles** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to January 26, 2022:
- Emo-LaVallee Community Centre
 - Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre
- CARRIED.

BY-LAW:

- 13 **Toles – Boven** BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 2022-01 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy in the year 2022 and to provide for penalty and interest to be charged on the unpaid balance for late payment of said interim taxes, all as provided for in the Municipal Act, 2001, (the “Act”), S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Sections 307, 317, and 345 be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith
CARRIED.
- 14 **Toles – Dunn** BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 2022-02, being a by-law for the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Township of Emo in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the year 2022, 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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CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

The following three (3) items were received;

1. 2022 Operating Budget Information – Ministry of Finance letter dated January 18, 2022, outlining 2022 education tax rates.
2. 2022 Operating Budget Information - Ministry of Finance letter dated January 17, 2022, outlining 2022 allocation of Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund.
3. Information from NOMA – email from Andrea Strawson, January 21, 2022 – new Northern Transportation Taskforce

15 **Boven- Dunn** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Doug Brown
Interim CAO/Clerk/Treasurer