

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**July 14, 2021**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Wednesday, July 14, 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.

Publicly available virtually via Zoom.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

*Councillor Lincoln Dunn declared a conflict of interest pertaining to Item 12 on the agenda regarding advertising in the Fort Frances Times Ltd. grad edition.*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Wednesday, July 14, 2021.

CARRIED.

2. **Shortreed - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that the June 21, 2021 and July 6, 2021 Special Council Meeting minutes and June 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Bridget Foster, CAO (to July 14, 2021), Jason Smith, Public Works Superintendent (to July 14, 2021) and Tyrell Griffith, Fire Chief.

CARRIED.

4. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve funding application to NOHFC's Community Enhancement Program – Rural Enhancement Funding in the amount of \$134,100; And further the Township of Emo's share will be \$14,900, with a total project cost of \$149,000; And further the Township of Emo will cover any expenditures over the projected estimate of \$149,000.00.

CARRIED.

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5. **Toles - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make the following investments into ONE Fund Account EMO11 Cemetery Care and Maintenance – 5700203-20:

- \$3,200 (\$650.00 for 2019 and \$2,550.00 for 2020).

CARRIED.

6. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the following 2021 third quarter School Board payments:

- Public School Board: \$57,791.87;
- Separate School Board: \$ 4,855.70.

CARRIED.

7. **Shorteed - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to allocate the \$57,542.81 of Covid dollars towards the Emo-LaVallee Community Centre, being Covid-19 expenses and revenue loss for the years 2020 and 2021 as follows:

2020	\$13,900.15;
2021	\$43,642.66.

CARRIED.

8. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the purchase of the following items with Covid funding provided by the Province of Ontario:

- 2 laptops in the amount of \$2,119.25 each, plus HST;
- Photocopier.

CARRIED.

9. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to write-off penalty on the following tax account, due to not receiving bank notification:

Assessment Roll #45800 in the amount of \$6.25

CARRIED.

10. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to deem Lot 22 on Plan M48-383, in the Township of Emo, not to be on a Plan of Subdivision.

CARRIED.

11. **Toles – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2021-14**, being a by-law to deem Lot 22 on Plan M48-383, in the Township of Emo, not to be on a Plan of Subdivision, 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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12. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to hire TBT Engineering Consulting Group to provide engineered drawings for the Front Street Sidewalk Reconstruction Project, to include a topographic survey. civil design and contract documents to tender, electrical design and contract documents, tendering of the sidewalk project, contract administration and construction inspections, in the amount of \$44,244.00, plus HST; And further, any additional services required for this project will require written authorization from the Township of Emo prior to commencement.

CARRIED.

13. **Toles - Shortreed:** WHEREAS conditions currently in the Rainy River District include drought, late hard frosts, unusually increased amounts of grasshoppers and grass eating insects;  
WHEREAS, with the current conditions, animal fodder is drying up or being eaten with quantities being down to 25% of a normal year;  
WHEREAS, farmers are faced with having to sell 50 per cent or more of their breeding livestock;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Township of Emo is requesting the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to provide a disaster relief plan to the farmers that are experiencing these hardships;  
THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario Honourable Doug Ford; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Honourable Ernie Hardeman; MPP Greg Rickford; MP Marcus Powlowski and municipalities within the Rainy River District.

CARRIED.

14. **Dunn - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to July 14, 2021.

CARRIED.

15. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to July 14, 2021:

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

CARRIED.

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16. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to purchase a gas monitor kit, to include cal gas bottle, regulator, case, and four-year warranty from ABC Fire & Safety Equipment Ltd. in the amount of \$1,274.90, plus HST.

CARRIED.

17. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board's request for extension to complete Community Safety and Well-Being Plan from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, pending approval from the Ministry of Solicitor General.

CARRIED.

18. **Toles - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept 2020 Operating Fund Adjustment from Ontario Clean Water Agency, being a credit in the amount of \$18,817.88.

CARRIED.

19. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to support Canadian National Railway Company in their initiative to acquire Kansas City Southern Railway Company; And further, to write a letter of support stating the Township of Emo's support of this acquisition.

CARRIED.

20. **Dunn - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby support the Town of Fort Frances in their efforts to request the Federal and Provincial governments to do the following:
- To immediately intervene in the sale of the International Bridge and make all necessary efforts to acquire the International Bridge with their American counterparts, operate it as a public asset and remove tolls; and
  - To meet with Council and administration of the municipality to brief it on their efforts and plans to protect this vital economic and community link.

CARRIED.

21. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to support the Township of Scugog in their efforts to request the Province of Ontario to consider the previous motion of Council and request that the policies to allow 3-point turns or backing up where necessary, to provide safer service to dead-end and private road children and prevent the need for additional turnarounds to be constructed on municipal roads.

CARRIED.

22. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to support the City of Vaughn in their efforts to recommend to the Province of Ontario to consider raising the current minimum driving age for licenced G1 operators of motor vehicles in Ontario from 16 to 18 years old.

DEFEATED.

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23. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to support the City of Mississauga in their initiative to call upon the Government of Canada to terminate its appeal of the 2019 Human Rights Tribunal Ruling, ordering Ottawa to pay compensation to First Nations Children and their families, separated in a chronically underfunded child welfare system that sees Indigenous children making up more than half the children in foster care even though they comprise only 7% of all the children under the age of 15 in Canada.

CARRIED.

24. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to support the City of Kitchener in their efforts to endorse MP Peter Julian's private member's motion, Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents and his private member's bill Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act.

CARRIED.

25. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to support the City of Kitchener in their efforts to advocate to the Federal and Provincial Governments to review actions that could be taken to help mitigate or offset the impacts related to the rising costs of building materials.

DEFEATED.

26. **Shortreed - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to place a congratulatory advertisement in the Fort Frances Times Ltd.'s Grad Edition for a fee of \$90.00, plus HST.

DEFEATED.

27. **Boven – Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 6:44 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees –*hiring of Casual Administrative Assistant and Fire Chief.*

CARRIED.

28. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 7:08 p.m.

CARRIED.

29. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

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Errors or Omissions from June 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes and the June 21, 2021 and July 6, 2021 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

Business arising from June 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes and the June 21, 2021 and July 6, 2021 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

Tabled Items:

1. Water and Wastewater Rate Study completed by Ontario Clean Water Agency.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Attested by:

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Harold McQuaker,  
Mayor

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Bridget Foster,  
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer