

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
September 14, 2021

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Harold McQuaker; Councillor Lori Ann Shortreed; CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Foster; Public Works Superintendent Jason Smith.

Virtually present via Zoom: Councillors Lincoln Dunn, and Warren Toles.

Absent: Councillor Harrold Boven.

Publicly available virtually via Zoom.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

Mayor Harold McQuaker declared a conflict of interest for Item 1 on the agenda, being Municipal Property Assessment Corporation Minutes of Settlement for the 2021 Taxation Year.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

CARRIED.

2. **Shortreed – Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that the August 17, 2021 Regular 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 September 14, 2021); Chief Building Official Rick Hallam (for the month of August, 2021); and Public Works Superintendent Jason Smith (for July/August, 2021).

CARRIED.

4. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to hire K. Smart Associates Ltd. to complete the bi-annual bridge inspection in the amount of \$5,600.00, plus HST.

CARRIED.

5. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept General Financial Statement to July 31, 2021, as submitted.

CARRIED.

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

CARRIED.

7. **Shortreed - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to September 14, 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 the following Minutes of Settlement 2021 Tax Year Results of a Request for Reconsideration Property Assessment Notice, submitted by Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, for the 2021 property taxation year:

- Assessment Roll 53400 from \$297,000 (CT) to \$280,000 (CT).

CARRIED.

9. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept 2021 2nd quarter report from Ontario Clean Water Agency, indicating a negative variance in the amount of \$8,842.00 for services rendered.

CARRIED.

10. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Livestock Valuer Report from Gary Sliworsky; and further accept the application to Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program for the following:

- Joel Nussbaumer in the amount of \$ 747.30 for a calf

CARRIED.

11. **Dunn - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Livestock Valuer Report from Gary Sliworsky; and further accept the application to Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program for the following:

- John Ross Anderson in the amount of \$ 851.45 for a calf

CARRIED.

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12. **Dunn - Shortreed:** WHEREAS Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 20 – 26, 2021;

WHEREAS it is in the public's interest to raise citizen's awareness of the dangers of ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property to reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens;

WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

WHEREAS CN has requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby support national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 20th – 26th, 2021

CARRIED.

13. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby request the Province of Ontario to reconsider its approach to the funding of public health by submitting a letter to the Minister of Health, Honourable Christine Elliot, voicing our concerns on the future of public health.

CARRIED.

14. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Emo support and endorse the resolution circulated by the City of Hamilton requesting the Provincial Government to promptly expediate the expiry of O.Reg 131/20, the COVID exemption for after-hour noise from construction site, along with not making the temporary regulations of O.Reg 131/20, or any similar restrictions, permanent through an amendment to the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

CARRIED.

15. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 6:34 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:
- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees –*hiring of Parks/Arena Labourer and Parks/Arena Manager.*

CARRIED.

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16. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 6:52 p.m.

CARRIED.

17. **Shortreed - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from August 17, 2021, Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

Business arising from August 17, 2021, Regular Council Meeting: None.

Tabled:

- Resolution regarding conversion therapy – this will be discussed once elections have been completed and the new government has proposed a new bill before parliament.

Council reviewed the tender submissions for Tender No. 2021-06 for the tennis courts. It was determined the amount was overbudget; therefore, we would postpone the completion of the tennis courts and review in the early spring.

It was requested a policy be developed to utilize the Emo Public Library funds that have been invested. The policy should indicate that funds must be utilized for capital projects, with a limit of 50% of dollars from the capital fund being utilized for each project.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer