

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2022

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Harold McQuaker; Councillor Boven; and Doug Brown.

Virtually present via Zoom: Councillor Dunn, Shortreed and Toles. Also connected virtually was Geoff Gillon (RRFDC), Todd Hamilton (Physician Recruitment).

Publicly available virtually via Zoom.

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. **Boven- Toles** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

CARRIED

2.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

3.0 MOMENT OF REFLECTION

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINTUES/ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

2. **Toles-Dunn** BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting minutes of January 26, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5.0 NOTICE OF MOTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. **Dunn-Boven** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept the following report to Council:

- Tyrell Griffith – AECL Fire Chief - Fire & Rescue Report for the period January 7, 2022 to February 3rd, 2022 (January 2022) plus information on the 2022 capital item for communication system upgrades for the Rainy River District

Fire Departments – Mutual Aid Association – Emo’s share is estimated at \$ 18,831.70 for the period ending January 10, 2022.

CARRIED

- 4. Toles – Dunn** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approved in principle the 2022 capital upgrade for the communication system utilized by the Rainy River District Fire Departments – Mutual Aid Association where Emo’s share is estimated at \$ 18,831.70

And Further if all the Rainy River District Fire Departments west of Lavallee approved their respective funding allocation for the communication system upgrades for the Petulla Tower that Emo ‘s 2022 capital funding allocation will be taken the reserve fund named “Protection Fire Dept”.

CARRIED

6.0 DELEGATIONS

- 5. Toles – Boven** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept the power point presentation from Geoff Gillon- Executive Director of Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC) in regards to Economic Development Service report for the Township of Emo as information only.

CARRIED

- 6. Toles-Boven** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approved the verbal presentation from Todd Hamilton – Physician Recruiter for the Fort Frances & District Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee (Riverside Health Care) – Status update as information only.

CARRIED

7.0 ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

- 7. Boven-Toles** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approved the 357/358 tax refund application for taxation year 2021 for the property address – 8840 Highway 602 and Roll# 59-19-000-000-17000-0000 in the total amount of \$ 989.83 of which \$ 970.49 is municipal and \$ 19.35 is education.

CARRIED

- 8. Boven-Dunn** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby deny the 357/358 tax refund application for taxation year 2020 for the property address – 8840 Highway 602 and - Roll# 59-19-000-000-17000-0000.

CARRIED

9. Dunn –Boven BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby deny the 357/358 tax refund application for taxation year 2019 for tax refund for the property address – 8840 Highway 602 and - Roll# 59-19-000-000-17000-0000.

CARRIED

10. Boven-Dunn BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accepted the interim CAO status report on the renaming process for Colonization Road within Township limits AND FURTHER THAT a virtual meeting be scheduled between the Township of Emo and the Rainy Lake Tribal Area Chiefs to develop a streamline process to renaming Colonization Road in Emo going forward.

CARRIED

11. Toles – Dunn BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize Doug Brown – Interim CAO/Clerk/Treasurer and Crystal Gray – Deputy Treasurer to give investment, withdrawal and transfer instructions in connection with various investment pools offered through ONE investment portfolio.

CARRIED

12. Dunn- Boven BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accepted the interim CAO status report on placing a question(s) to the electors on the ballot of the upcoming 2022 election.

AND FURTHER THAT Council has decided not to include a question to the elector on the 2022 Municipal ballot.

CARRIED

13. Toles – Dunn BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to February 9, 2022.

CARRIED

14. Dunn-Boven BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to February 9, 2022:

- Emo-LaVallee Community Centre
- Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre
- Parks (Spray Park)

- Recreational (Curling Club Facility)

CARRIED

8.0 RESOLUTIONS/BYLAW: None

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

The following items were received;

1. Information from NOMA – email from Andrea Strawson, January 25, 2022, in regards to New Intake to support Economic Opportunities for Rural Ontario (RED)
2. 2022 NOMA Delegation Information for ROMA conference in regards to Delegation package (Covid 19 Economic Recovery Plan, Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program, OMPF, Sale of Crown Land, Payment in Lieu of Taxes, Railway Taxation & Municipal Insurance) Insurance NPI research paper NPI & Solving the homelessness, Addiction and Mental Health Crisis in the North
3. NWPHU- Meeting Minutes – January 31, 2022 – Municipal Group
4. NWPHU- email dated January 28, 2022 - Summary of Changes to Public Health Measures at meeting & event spaces effective January 31, 2022
5. Township of Emo – January 31, 2022- Clerk – Delegation of duty – Commissioner for taking Oaths to Deputy Treasurer

10.0 REPORTS - None

11.0 MINUTES

12. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

Gail Lawrence of Equity & More was connected virtually from 7:53 to 8:09 pm and to participate in discussions regarding Pay Equity Commission – Notice of Investigation

15. Boven-Toles BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 7:53 p.m. to address the following matters pertaining to:

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality
 - *Pay Equity Commission – Notice of Investigation.*

CARRIED

16. Toles – Dunn BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED

17. Dunn- Boven BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive information on the Pay Equity Commission – Notice of Investigation;
AND FURTHER THAT Administration is directed to proceed as per Council's instruction

CARRIED

Council Dunn apologized to Council late inclusion for the Notice of Motions and Announcement section of the agenda. He advised he had recently participated in a library board meeting where two resolutions will be submitted for consideration by Council at a future meeting. One is regarding capital upgrades to the Library building and the other regarding recent a change in residence of a member of the library board.

18. Boven-Toles BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Doug Brown
Interim CAO/Clerk/Treasurer