

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
September 13, 2022

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Harold McQuaker; Councillors Lincoln Dunn, Lori Ann Shortreed, Warren Toles, Harrold Boven; and Doug Brown; Crystal Gray, Interim CAO/Clerk Treasurer.

Publicly available in person or virtually via Zoom.

1.0 MOMENT OF REFLECTION

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. TOLES – DUNN BE IT RESOLVED that we approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of September 13, 2022.

CARRIED

3.0 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST -2 (Two)

1. Harrold Boven – Item 7.19, Administration – Declaration of Equality
2. Warren Toles – Item 7.19, Administration – Declaration of Equality

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINTUES/ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

2. SHORTREED – BOVEN BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2022; Special Council Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.; Special Council Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2022; Special Council Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2022; Special Council Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2022, be adopted and approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5.0 DEPUTATIONS - None

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following correspondence:

- 6.1 AMCTO Advocacy Update – Response to Bill 3: *Strong Mayors Building Homes Act*
- 6.2 MMAH – Ontario Empowering Mayors to Build Housing Faster – News Release
- 6.3 NOMA – Northern Policy Institute publication – *More than Just a Number: Addressing the Homelessness, Addition, and Mental Health Crisis in the North*
- 6.4 NOMA – 2022 AMO Conference: NOMA to Discuss Issues Facing Northwestern Ontario
- 6.5 NOMA – Northern Policy Institute publication – *Temporary Residents, Permanent Benefits: How temporary residents fill vacancies, pay taxes, and keep the local economy rolling*

- 6.6 NOMA – NOMA Board Meeting Summary Report for August 14, 2022
- 6.7 AMO Policy Update – August 19, 2022 – Provincial Health News from Municipal Lens, Canada Child Care Plan Update, Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program

7.0 MOTIONS/STAFF REPORTS

3. DUNN – TOLES BE IT RESOLVED that the reports for August 10, 2022, be hereby approved and accepted.

- 1. Rick Hallam – August 2022 Building Statistics Report
- 2. April Simmons – August 2022 Monthly Report & September 2022 Newsletter for Emo EarlyON Centre
- 3. Jamie Booth – August 2022 Arena/Parks Report
- 4. Jason Smith – September 2, 2022, Public Works Report
- 5. OCWA – Emo Water & Waste Water Treatment System Monthly Report – July 2022
- 6. Crystal Gray – Interim CAO Report 2022-21

CARRIED

4. TOLES – SHORTREED BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby accepts the Financial Statements and approves payments on the following accounts:

GENERAL

Pre-Auth	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$ 395.56
Pre-Auth	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$ 1,461.60
Pre-Auth	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$ 1,115.07
Pre-Auth	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$ 36,427.80
GENERAL	(27,953)	\$ 300.00
GENERAL	(27,954-27,992)	\$ 92,841.88
GENERAL	(27,993-28,029)	<u>\$ 199,472.59</u>
Total General Payments		<u>\$ 332,014.50</u>

ARENA

Pre-Auth	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$ 68.93
Pre-Auth	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$ 1,248.40
ARENA	(13,407-13,413)	\$ 9,359.94
ARENA	(13,414-13,420)	\$ 3,368.92
ARENA	(13,414 VOID)	<u>\$ (82.37)</u>
Total Arena Payments		<u>\$ 13,963.82</u>

EMO EARLYON CENTRE/ETL

Pre-Auth	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$	83.06
ETL	(5,959-5,961)	\$	588.40
ETL	(5,962-8,966)	\$	<u>3,595.64</u>
Total ETL Payments		\$	<u>4,267.10</u>

RECREATION

Pre-Auth	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$	200.30
Pre-Auth	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$	294.39
Pre-Auth	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$	191.96
RECREATION	(4,900)	\$	<u>50.00</u>
Total Recreation Payments		\$	<u>736.65</u>

PARKS

Pre-Auth	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$	57.01
Pre-Auth	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$	101.18
Pre-Auth	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$	80.93
PARKS	(4,895)	\$	354.26
PARKS	(4,898-4,899)	\$	<u>62.90</u>
Total Parks Payments		\$	<u>656.28</u>

CEMETERY

CEMETERY	(4,896)	\$	<u>300.00</u>
Total Cemetery Payments		\$	<u>300.00</u>

CARRIED

5. BOVEN – TOLES BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves to support Emo Medical Associates in their assistance to the Recruitment Committee to attract prospective doctors to Emo, ON.

CARRIED

6. DUNN – BOVEN BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Crystal Gray, Interim CAO/Clerk Treasurer, to attend AMCTO Zone 9 Fall Meeting & Conference on September 27-28, 2022 via:

- In-person attendance in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the township.

CARRIED

7. TOLES – SHORTREED BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Crystal Gray, Interim CAO/Clerk Treasurer, to attend the Amethyst Fall Sector Meeting September 29, 2022, via virtual attendance.

CARRIED

8. BOVEN – DUNN BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves to support the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls Resolution regarding Federal Electoral Boundary changes

Whereas the Constitution of Canada requires that federal electoral districts be reviewed every ten years; and,

Whereas the 2022 Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Ontario was established as an independent commission to reconfigure the boundaries of Ontario's electoral districts; and,

Whereas the Commission has proposed a new electoral map for consideration at public hearings commencing in September 2022; and,

Whereas the proposal of the Commission would reduce the number of federal electoral districts in Northern Ontario from ten to nine; and,

Whereas the proposal would see the two largest ridings in the far north, Kenora and Timmins-James Bay, amended and combined into one massive riding called Kiiwetinoong-Mushkegowuk, spanning from the Manitoba border to Quebec, and Kenora's current riding boundary readjusted dramatically and combined with Thunder Bay-Rainy River, with further significant changes to the Thunder Bay-Superior North and Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing boundaries; and,

Whereas the legislation would in fact support, according to the population quota to be applied by the Commission, a reduction of two, but the commission has recommended one; and, Whereas the Commission itself concluded any "further reduction in the number of districts in the north would imperil the principle of effective representation in this part of the province, considering its widely dispersed population and communities of interest"; and, Whereas the Kenora district was deemed an "extraordinary circumstance" in 2012 during the last boundary review, and because of which it was not revised at that time; and, Whereas the boundary proposal, if approved, would reduce the overall number of Northern Federal representatives in the House of Commons, further diluting the voice of Northern Ontario residents on federal matters, and in the Commission's own words, would "imperil the principle of effective representation"; and,

Whereas the voice of the North in the House of Commons is already imperiled and underrepresented by so few seats;

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls strongly opposes the proposed reduction of Northern ridings and representatives.

Further that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Eric Melillo, MP Kenora Riding, the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario, the Kenora District Municipal Association, the Rainy-River District Municipal Association and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association.

CARRIED

9. BOVEN – DUNN BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the name change of Colonization Road to *Neechee Miikanaa* meaning Friendship Road.

CARRIED

10. DUNN – SHORTREED BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the Declaration of Equality.

Councillor Harrold Boven has declared an interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act for Item 7.19, Administration – Declaration of Equality. Re: The HRTO case. Pending on discussion and or vote I may declare a conflict. Councillor Boven left the Council Chambers during the vote.

Councillor Warren Toles has declared an interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act for Item 7.19, Declaration of Equality. Re: Regarding HRTO. Councillor Toles left the Council Chambers during the vote.

- Council has requested Administration to contact OPP regarding surveillance at Queen Street-Hwy 11/71 Crosswalk Crossing again. Previous reports of traffic not stopping for Crosswalk Attendants or pedestrians.
- Council has requested Administration to invite OCWA to attend a meeting to provide an update regarding the status of both grant projects that are currently in process :
 1. Emo Water Treatment Plant Upgrades & Optimization for THM & HAA; and
 2. Rehabilitation of King Street and Florence Street Watermains.
- Councillor Lincoln Dunn updated Council regarding the local Doctor Recruitment Meeting.

8.0 COMMITTEE UPDATES

Council reviewed the following Committee Updates:

8.1 Joint Health & Safety Committee

- a) May 17, 2022 JHSC Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) August 18, 2022 JHSC Regular Meeting Minutes

- 8.2 Emo Public Library
 - a) Township of Chapple correspondence – Emo Library Pay Equity
- 8.3 Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board
 - a) 2022 Early ON CFC Funding Request – 2022 Pay Equity

- Councillor Lori Ann Shortreed updated Council that there will be a dedication day for Tony Bliss at the Emo LaVallee Community Centre on Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. There will be a free Family Skate, coffee and cake.

9.0 RESOLUTIONS/BY-LAWS

11. BOVEN – TOLES BE IT RESOLVED that **By-Law 2022-21** being a by-law to establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee and approve the Terms of Reference for the Joint Compliance Audit Committee of the Township of Emo for the 2022 Election Period be read a first, second, and a third time and finally be passed on the 13th day of September, 2022.

CARRIED

12. TOLES – SHORTREED BE IT RESOLVED that **By-Law 2022-22** being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Emo to authorize the Mayor and Interim CAO/Clerk Treasurer to enter into an agreement with Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board for the 2022 Service Provider Financial Contract for the Emo EarlyON Centre be read a first, second, and a third time and finally passed this 13th of September, 2022.

CARRIED

10.0 NEW and UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

11.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – None

12.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

13. TOLES – BOVEN BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Township of Emo hereby agree to go in-camera at **7:10 p.m.** as authorized under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 c.25 for the following purpose:

Security of property of the municipality;

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees;

12.1 a) Employee Leaves

b) Bereavement Leave

c) Over-Time Policy

d) Civic Holiday

- A proposed or pending acquisitions or disposition of land by the municipality;
- ✓ Labour relations or employee negotiations;
- ✓ **Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality;**

12.2 a) Integrity Commissioner Investigation

- Advice subject to a solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- A matter in respect of which a council, local board or committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act;
- information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them;
- ✓ **a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;**

12.3 a) IPG Claims – File 53640-169676

- a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality and has monetary value or potential monetary value;
- a position, plan, procedure, or criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. 2001, c.25, c. 239 (2); 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 26.
- a request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, if the council, board, commission or other body is the head of an institution for the purposes of that Act; or
- an ongoing investigation respecting the municipality, a local board or a municipally-controlled corporation by the Ombudsman appointed under the *Ombudsman Act*, an Ombudsman referred to in subsection 223.13 (1) of this Act, or the investigator referred to in subsection 239.2 (1). 2014, c. 13, Sched. 9, s. 22.

CARRIED

14. DUNN – TOLES BE IT RESOLVED that we agree to return to open session at 7:50 p.m.

CARRIED

15. TOLES – SHORTREED BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to proceed as per Council instructions in-camera.

- 12.1** *a) Employee Leaves*
 b) Bereavement Leave
 c) Over-Time Policy
 d) Civic Holiday

CARRIED

16. TOLES – SHORTREED BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet at 6:00 p.m. for the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Crystal Gray,
Interim CAO/Clerk Treasurer