

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
November 9, 2021

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Publicly available virtually via Zoom.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

CARRIED.

2. **Shortreed – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the October 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes and November 8, 2021 Special Council meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept the following reports to Council:
 - Public Works Superintendent Jason Smith report (to October, 2021);
 - Chief Building Official Rick Hallam (September/October, 2021);
 - Fire Chief Tyrell Griffith report (to November 3, 2021).

CARRIED.

4. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to request K. Smart Associates Ltd. to address the following concerns within the Frank Szeder Engineer's Report:
 - Address 5.6 of the Township of Emo's Official Plan;
 - The impact of peatmoss operation to the drain and environment.

CARRIED.

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5. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law adopt the Engineering Standards, as prepared by S. Burnett & Associates Ltd.

CARRIED.

6. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2021-20**, being a by-law for the purpose of adopting the Engineering Standards, as prepared by S. Burnett & Associates Ltd., 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.

7. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to withdraw \$350,000.00 from the ONE FUND account EMO5 Equipment – 5700145-50, for the purchase of the grader.

CARRIED.

8. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to reimburse Alaina Buchanan, Assessment Roll #22400, in the amount \$1,634.24, being overpayment of taxes.

CARRIED.

9. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to November 9, 2021.

CARRIED.

10. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to November 9, 2021:

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

CARRIED.

11. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to develop a Workplace Vaccination Policy to protect Township of Emo employees and the public from Covid-19, as recommended by the Northwestern Health Unit.

CARRIED.

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12. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to express an interest in hiring a district-wide Joint By-law Enforcement Officer to deal with contraventions of municipal by-law.

DEFEATED.

13. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to withdraw \$500.00 from ONE Fund account 5700237-00 EMO14 Public Library, being 50% of the capital cost to replace the hot water tank at the Emo Public Library.

CARRIED.

14. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement with Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board and The Corporation of the Township of Emo in order to provide Child Care Services.

CARRIED.

15. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 2021-21, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board and The Corporation of the Township of Emo, 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.

16. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 2021-10, being a by-law to enter into a franchise agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Emo and Enbridge Gas Inc., be read a third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

17. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send the following to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association's virtual 2022 Annual Conference scheduled on January 24-25, 2022:

- Harold Boven

CARRIED.

18. **Shortreed - Boven:** 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 58610 from \$156,000 (RT) to \$137,100 (RT).

CARRIED.

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19. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept 2021 Third Quarter Town of Fort Frances Provincial Offences Budget to Actuals and the 2021 Partners Contributions.

CARRIED.

20. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Emo support and endorse the resolution circulated by the City of Vaughan in their efforts to request for the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario to undertake a review of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8 with respect to measures impacting newly licenced drivers, such as implementing additional training and penalty provisions, to achieve greater education, and awareness of road safety and increase accountability and responsibility of new and young drivers through the legislation framework.

CARRIED.

21. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Emo support and endorse the resolution circulated by the Township of Enniskillen in their efforts to request the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs re-evaluate their position that cannabis is not an agricultural product such as food, fur and fiber but is in-fact Industrial/Commercial in nature;
AND FURTHER that the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs support all Ontario municipalities to be able to determine appropriate setbacks in Zoning By-laws as appropriate for their municipality for the placement of cannabis facilities within their Official Plan knowing full well that one size does not fit all.

DEFEATED.

22. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Emo support and endorse the resolution circulated by the Township of Enniskillen in their efforts to request Health Canada research more fully when and before an applicant is issued a licence for either medicinal or recreational cannabis;
AND FURTHER notification and/or communication be given to the appropriate municipality;
AND FURTHER that regular inspections of these facilities should be mandatory to verify compliance by licence holders;
AND FURTHER upon complaints received by Health Canada online reporting should trigger an unannounced inspection;
AND FINALLY a comprehensive study of the Cannabis Act be undertaken, as many Ontario municipalities have encountered problems.

CARRIED.

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23. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Emo support and endorse the resolution circulated by the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe in their efforts to request the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada be encouraged to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacements.

CARRIED.

24. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 7:51 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:
- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees – *Conduct concern towards municipality/employees; Review of Deputy Public Works Superintendent applications; Resignation of Deputy Treasurer.*

CARRIED.

25. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:22 p.m.

CARRIED.

26. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from October 12, 2021 Regular Council and November 8, 2021 Special Council minutes: None.

Business arising from October 12, 2021 Regular Council and November 8, 2021 Special Council Meeting: None.

Dale Symk, from DCML Environmental, Health & Safety Services Inc., attended the meeting to present the draft Fire Smart Plan for the Township of Emo.

Brendon Loney, from Emo Borderland Snowmobile Club, attended the meeting to discuss the rerouting of the snowmobile trail around the Emo Landfill Site.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer