

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**April 27, 2021**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, April 27, 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:

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

CARRIED.

2. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that the April 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, April 16, 2021 Special Council Meeting and April 21, 2021 Special Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Bridget Foster, CAO and Jason Smith, Public Works Superintendent (to April 27, 2021), and Richard Hallam, CBO, for March, 2021.

CARRIED.

4. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept 2020/2021 Emo Water Treatment Plant Inspection Report, as submitted by Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

CARRIED.

5. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to amend the operations of the Emo Landfill Site for an additional two hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with Tuesdays summer hours remaining the same in the summer months, to allow for required maintenance and clean-up of the landfill site;  
And further, the Emo Landfill Site hours will remain constant, being 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with hours extended in the summer months to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

CARRIED.

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6. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize reimbursement of damage deposit for the Emo-LaVallee Community Centre rental to Dayle Allan in the amount of \$150.00, due to cancellation resulting from covid restrictions.

CARRIED.

7. **Shortreed - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept letter dated March 18, 2021 from Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General regarding Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment boards under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) be accepted; And further that we appoint a representative from the Emo Municipal Council to work with neighbouring communities in the Rainy River District to prepare a suitable proposal to submit to the Ministry by the deadline of June 7, 2021.; And further we appoint Lincoln Dunn to represent the Township of Emo to work with municipalities in the Rainy River District to prepare a proposal to submit to the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

CARRIED.

8. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to April 27, 2021.

CARRIED.

9. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to April 27, 2021:

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

CARRIED.

10. **Dunn - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept proposal from Ontario Clean Water Agency for the development of an Asset Management Plan for water and wastewater assets, with a proposed budget of \$3,500.00 plus HST.

CARRIED.

11. **Toles – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept letter from Wayne and Marilyn Flatt regarding utility charges; and further agree to write off \$137.12 from Utility Account No.00002149000, due residence being unoccupied and not utilizing water.

CARRIED.

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12. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board in the amount of \$26,905.22 being March, 2021 levy, less the supplemental ambulance portion in the amount of \$778.03.

CARRIED.

13. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from the Town of Fort Frances regarding the sale of the International Bridge between Fort Frances, Ontario and International Falls, Minnesota;  
AND FURTHER THAT Council endorses and supports the Town of Fort Frances in their efforts to request the Government of Canada to work with Minnesota State Government to create an International Bridge Authority, as it has done with nearly every other transportation connection between our two countries.

CARRIED.

14. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from the City of Cambridge regarding Paid Sick Leave;  
AND FURTHER THAT Council endorses and supports the City of Cambridge as they urge the Province to require Ontario employers to provide no less than five paid sick days annually to workers, after three months of employment, by amending the Employment Standards Act, 2000, or through a different mechanism and to provide necessary funding, fiscal relief and/or support to employers so that all workers in Ontario have access to no less than ten paid sick days annually in the event of a declared infectious disease emergency, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure all Ontario workers have access to protected and paid emergency leave so care can be provided to all children parents, and/or other family members who may become ill and all workers may receive paid time off to enable them to received the COVID-19 Vaccine.

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15. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo received correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding Support for 988, a 3-digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline;  
AND FURTHER THAT Council endorses and supports the Town of Plympton-Wyoming and Town of Caledon in regards to the 988 Crisis Line Initiative.

CARRIED.

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16. **Toles – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 7:07 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees – *Review of Parks/Arena Labourer applications.*
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matter before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board – *Legal advice.*

CARRIED.

17. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 7:59 p.m.

CARRIED.

18. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from April 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, April 16, 2021 Special Council Meeting and April 21, 2021 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.  
Business arising from April 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, April 16, 2021 Special Council Meeting and April 21, 2021 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

Tabled Items:

- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association: RE: Partnership between Northern Ontario School of Medicine & Lakehead & Laurentian Universities.

Jeff Port, Municipal Planner, attended the meeting to discuss the proposed entrance from Highway 11, east of town.

Jeff St. Pierre, from Ontario Clean Water Agency, attended the meeting to discuss 2019/2020 Water Treatment Plant Inspection Report from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Attested by:

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Harold McQuaker,  
Mayor

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Bridget Foster,  
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer