

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
March 10, 2020

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Harold McQuaker, Councillors Harrold Boven, Lincoln Dunn and Lori Ann Shortreed; CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Foster.

Electronic Participation: Warren Toles.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Dunn – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

CARRIED.

2. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the February 11, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and February 25, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Jason Smith, Public Works Superintendent, Bridget Foster, CAO (to March 10, 2020), and Richard Hallam, CBO, for February, 2020.

CARRIED.

4. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make a joint purchase of a fire truck with the Townships of Alberton, Chapple and LaVallee for joint Fire Chief at an approximate cost of \$15,000.00.

CARRIED.

5. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to March 10, 2020.

CARRIED.

6. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to March 10, 2020:

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

CARRIED.

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7. **Shortreed - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept 2020 Municipal Drain Maintenance scheduled as submitted by Nico Veldhuisen, Drainage Superintendent, as follows:

- South Meyers Branch in the estimated amount of \$2,500.00;
- Kellar Drain in the estimated amount of \$40,000.00.

CARRIED.

8. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept 2019 Section 11 Annual Report – Emo Drinking Water System, as submitted by Ontario Clean Water Agency.

CARRIED.

9. **Dunn - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Pinchin's Mould Remediation, Basement Exterior Walls of Provincial Building 5907 Highway 11 Report, as submitted.

CARRIED.

10. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit 2019 property tax rebate to the Northwestern Health Unit, in the amount of \$611.80, in accordance with Section 361 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

CARRIED.

11. **Shortreed - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Harrold Boven and Lori Ann Shortreed to the Rainy River District W. I. Museum Open Public Meeting scheduled March 23, 2020 at the museum.

CARRIED.

12. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby declare the Emo Walleye Classic scheduled May 28-30, 2020, a Community Event with Municipal Significance.

CARRIED.

13. **Shortreed – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept funding from Canadian Heritage in the amount of \$4,000.00 toward the Township of Emo 2020 Canada Day celebrations.

CARRIED.

14. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board in the amount of \$26,399.92, being March, 2020 levy, less the supplemental ambulance portion in the amount of \$745.70.

CARRIED.

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15. **Shortreed – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby appoint Jason Smith, Public Works Superintendent, as Weed Inspector.

CARRIED.

16. **Shortreed – Boven:** WHEREAS public health care consistently ranks as the top priority in public opinion polls, and;
WHEREAS Public Health provides vital health promotion and prevention services based on the unique demographic and economic, social, and cultural needs of our communities, and;
WHEREAS the evidence from hospital amalgamation in Ontario and across Canada is that they have cost billions of dollars and have not yielded the promised administrative savings but have taken money away from frontline care, and;
WHEREAS there is no evidence to support the proposed closure of 25 out of 35 local Public Health Units, the closure of 12 of 22 local ambulance dispatch centres, and the closure of 49 out of 59 local ambulance services, and;
WHEREAS there is a deep consensus among virtually all stakeholders that increasing acuity in our long-term care homes requires additional staff and resources, not cancellation of the two special funds and real dollar cuts to per diem funding of our long-term care homes, and;
WHEREAS our local hospitals have been downsized for an entire generation and cannot meet population needs while sustaining real dollar cuts to hospital global budgets.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Emo calls upon the Ontario government to halt the closures of, mergers of, and cuts to our local health care services including Public Health Units, land ambulance services, hospitals and long-term care homes.

CARRIED.

17. **Shortreed – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from Haliburton County regarding tourism oriented destination signage fees;
AND THAT Council endorses and supports the Haliburton County Council in their efforts to request the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and the Minister of Transportation reconsider or phase in this fee increase, allowing an appropriate amount of time for businesses to adjust.

CARRIED.

18. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 8:20p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:
- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees.

CARRIED.

19. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 9:22 p.m.

CARRIED.

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20. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby appoint Krista Anderson to the Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

21. **Shortreed – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on March 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from February 11, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and February 25, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

Business arising from February 11, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and February 25, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

The meeting adjourned 9:35 p.m.