

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
May 12, 2020

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 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.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

CARRIED.

2. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the April 28, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and May 6, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Toles - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Jason Smith, Public Works Superintendent, Bridget Foster, CAO (to May 12, 2020), and Richard Hallam, CBO, for April, 2020.

CARRIED.

4. **Boven – Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to rent industrial lot to Makkinga for \$500.00, plus HST and \$85.00 per lot for water, sewer and garbage.

CARRIED.

5. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to May 12, 2020.

CARRIED.

6. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to May 12, 2020:
 - Emo-LaVallee Community Centre
 - Emo Recreation Council
 - Emo Cemetery
 - Emo Parks
 - Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre

CARRIED.

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7. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to tender out crushing of 5,000 cubic yards of 5/8" A gravel; and further to tender out hauling of 3,500 cubic yards of gravel to various roads within the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

8. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize purchase of the following for the Emo Fire and Emergency Service, as per recommendation from Fire Chief Joshua Colling:

- APR Filter Adaptor for GI face piece: \$2,190.00 plus HST;
- PAPR (Powered Air Purifying Respirators): \$5,329.00 plus HST.

CARRIED.

9. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement with Ontario Clean Water Agency for a period of 10 years, commencing September 1, 2020, to provide management, operations and maintenance services to the Township of Emo's water and wastewater facilities.

CARRIED.

10. **Toles - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2020-11**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Ontario Clean Water Agency for a period of 10 years, commencing September 1, 2020, to provide management, operations and maintenance services to the Township of Emo's water and wastewater facilities, 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.

11. **Toles – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to amend By-law No. 2020-04, being a by-law to appoint a Chief Building Official.

CARRIED.

12. **Dunn - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2020-12**, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2020-04, being a by-law to appoint a Chief Building Official, 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.

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13. **Dunn – Shortreed:**

WHEREAS:

Borderland Pride is the LGBTQ2 (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer/questioning, and two-spirit) Pride organization for the Borderland region, which is comprised of the Rainy River District, Koochiching County, and the southern part of Treaty #3 territory;

Pride events across Canada and the United States and around the world promote diversity and inclusion and take a positive stance against discrimination, hatred, and violence towards LGBTQ2 people;

Pride is necessary to show community support and belonging for LGBTQ2 individuals and families, and LGBTQ2-identifying youth in particular;

Acknowledging and participating in Pride underscores and affirms our respect for the dignity, equality, and visibility of LGBTQ2 people and families;

The diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression represents a positive contribution to society and is a matter for our community to take pride, show its support, and celebrate;

The global pandemic has increased the isolation, anxiety, and insecurity of some of society's most vulnerable citizens, including LGBTQ2 people and youth;

Pride has been observed and celebrated in the Borderland region, and has become a highlight on the summer calendar;

The values of diversity and inclusion should be shared in common by all people, and know no border;

The month of June is internationally recognized as Pride Month;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Emo hereby proclaims the month of June, 2020 to be Pride Month in the Township of Emo.

The Township of Emo will publicly display a Pride flag in a prominent location for the week of _____ in celebration of Pride; and

All citizens are encouraged to reflect and work together on equality, acceptance, and inclusion for all people throughout the year.

DEFEATED.

Councillor Lincoln Dunn requested a recorded vote on resolution 13 with the following results:

Boven	NAY	Dunn	YEA
Shortreed	YEA	Toles	NAY
		McQuaker	NAY

14. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from the Town of Grimsby regarding the Federal Government's Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program;
AND THAT Council endorses and supports the Town of Grimsby in their efforts to request the Federal Government to work with its Provincial and Territorial Partners to expedite this program and offer this program as soon as possible, to look into the possibility of extending this program if the impacts of COVID-19 continue past the month of June, and make this program 100 percent forgiving to the small business effected.

CARRIED.

15. **Toles – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from the Township of Mapleton regarding the farm property class tax rate program in light of economic competitiveness concerns between rural and urban municipalities;
AND THAT Council endorses and supports the Township of Mapleton in their efforts to request the Province of Ontario to undertake a review of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program to determine:
- a. The appropriateness of the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program falling disproportionately amongst rural residential and business property owners when the benefit of an economically competitive agricultural industry and affordable food and agricultural products is a provincial objective that should be shared amongst all taxpayers in Ontario;
 - b. The adequacy of funding being provided to rural municipalities to offset the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program;
 - c. The differences between the amount of property taxes paid in rural and urban municipalities and the root causes of those differences;
 - d. Economic competitiveness concerns with disproportionately higher average property taxes being paid in rural municipalities;
 - e. Other methods of delivering the farm tax rebate program to farmland owners where the cost can be shared province-wide.

CARRIED.

16. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 7:34 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:
- Labour relations and employee negotiations.

CARRIED.

17. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 7:49 p.m.

CARRIED.

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18. **Boven - Toles**: BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to hire Thatcher Hyatt as part-time/student Parks/Cemetery Labourer, at the approved wage, for the following period:

- May 19, 2020 – August 14, 2020 (tentative).

CARRIED.

19. **Shortreed – Toles**: BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on May 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from April 28, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and May 6, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

Business arising from April 28, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and May 6, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

The meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.