

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
November 24, 2020

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Harold McQuaker, Councillors Harrold Boven, Lincoln Dunn and Lori Ann Shortreed; CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Foster.
Virtually present via Zoom: Warren Toles.
Publicly available virtually via Zoom.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

James Gibson and Todd McLean from the Rainy River Regional Abattoir attended the meeting as a follow up to the previous presentation to Council on their operations.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Shortreed - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

CARRIED.
2. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the November 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and November 19, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.
3. **Shortreed - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Richard Hallam, CBO, for October, 2020.

CARRIED.
4. **Boven – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to November 24, 2020.

CARRIED.
5. **Dunn - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to November 24, 2020:
 - Emo-LaVallee Community Centre
 - Emo Recreation Council
 - Emo Cemetery
 - Emo Parks
 - Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre

CARRIED.

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6. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Water and Wastewater System Rate Study and Water Financial Plan proposal from Ontario Clean Water Agency in the amount of \$14,800.00, plus HST, as submitted.

CARRIED.

7. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$1,915.92, HST included, being invoices to October 22, 2020 for the following projects:

- Kaemingh 22 Lot Subdivision Review \$ 1,915.92.

CARRIED.

8. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize application to Ministry of the Solicitor General to establish Community Safety Zone through the Township of Emo, on Highway 11 from Tyrell Street/Emo Road to Off Lake Road/Front Street.

CARRIED.

9. **Shortreed - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board, in support of Niagara Region Child Care Motion, regarding children and childcare as part of the overall post-pandemic recovery plan;

AND THAT Council endorses and supports the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board and the Niagara Region in their efforts for the Niagara Region to request that:

- a. The Government of Ontario prioritize children and child care as part of our overall post-pandemic recovery plan;
- b. The Government of Ontario develop, adequately fund and release publicly a comprehensive plan that can support families through the provision of licensed child care and early learning education; and
- c. The Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada work collaboratively to develop a National Child Care Strategy to make child care an essential part of our public infrastructure that can support and expedite economic recovery.

DEFEATED.

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10. **Shortreed – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from City of Belleville regarding Bill 218, Proposing Changes to the Municipal Elections Act -Extension of Nomination Period;
AND THAT Council endorses and supports the City of Belleville as they request the Premier, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister of Attorney General to urge the Government of Ontario to respect Ontario municipalities' ability to apply sound representative principles in their execution of elections; and further, recommends that the Government of Ontario supports the freedom of municipalities to run democratic elections within the existing framework the Act currently offers without amendment.

CARRIED.

11. **Dunn – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 7:00 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees – *employee probationary period; Notice from Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) – personnel follow up.*
- Advice subject to a solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – *proposed Proclamation and Flag Policy/Human Rights complaint.*

CARRIED.

12. **Shortreed – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:05 p.m.

CARRIED.

13. **Dunn - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from November 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and November 19, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

Business arising from November 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

James Gibson and Todd McLean from the Rainy River Regional Abattoir attended the meeting, as requested by Council, to update them on their operations. They requested Council to write-off one year of taxes.

The meeting adjourned 8:09 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer