

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
October 27, 2020

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: 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:

Jeff St. Pierre and Johanna Kirkbride from Ontario Clean Water Agency attended the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Shortreed – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, October 27, 2020.

CARRIED.

2. **Dunn - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that the October 8, 2020 Special Council Meeting and October 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Toles – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Jason Smith, Public Works Superintendent, Bridget Foster, CAO (to October 13, 2020) and Richard Hallam, CBO, for September, 2020.

CARRIED.

4. **Shortreed – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to proceed with a trial residential filter system for Donald Young School and two residences, with an approximate cost of \$577.77/residence, as proposed by Ontario Clean Water Agency, for a three week trial period.

CARRIED.

5. **Toles – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the following 2020 third quarter School Board payments:

- Public School Board: \$57,017.65
- Separate School Board: \$ 4,700.80

CARRIED.

6. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to October 27, 2020.

CARRIED.

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7. **Dunn – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to October 27, 2020:

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

CARRIED.

8. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to proceed with the replacement of the boiler in the Zamboni room with an on-demand system from JD Plumbing Solutions for an approximate cost of \$14,000-\$15,000, up to \$20,000, plus HST.

CARRIED.

9. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to obtain a quotation for a monitor and audio for Council Chambers.

CARRIED.

10. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize Ontario Clean Water Agency to proceed with the proposed Chlorine Gas System Upgrade in the amount of \$34,062.51, as submitted;
And further, the cost of this project would be with Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) dollars.

CARRIED.

11. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Makkinga Contracting & Equipment Rentals in the amount of \$5,151.22, being Payment Certificate No. 8 (release of remaining 2% holdback), for the Township of Emo Front Street East Watermain Replacement Project, as per recommendation from S. Burnett & Associates Ltd.

CARRIED.

12. **Toles – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Fire Report-October, 2020, as submitted by Darren Hughes, Fire Chief; and further to provide a letter of support for Darren Hughes for the role of Mutual Aid Coordinator in the Rainy River District.

CARRIED.

13. **Shortreed – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to register Lincoln Dunn for the 2021 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Virtual Conference scheduled January 25-26, 2021.

CARRIED.

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14. **Shortreed – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from Municipality of Tweed regarding the Cannabis Production Facilities, the Cannabis Act and Health Canada Guidelines;
AND THAT Council endorses and supports the Municipality of Tweed in their efforts to request immediate action be taken by all levels of government for medical cannabis licensing to follow similar regulations and guidelines as all other pharmaceutical industries.

CARRIED.

15. **Shortreed – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve General Financial Statement to August 31, 2020, as submitted.

CARRIED.

16. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 7:22 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees- *Application to Emo Public Library Board; Approval of Part-time Arena Labourer; Emo-LaVallee Community Centre Board Representatives.*

CARRIED.

17. **Dunn – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

18. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby appoint Tammy McNally to the Emo Public Library Board.

CARRIED.

19. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to hire Caitlyn Anderson as Part-time Arena Labourer, at the approved wage.

CARRIED.

20. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from October 8, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes and October 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

Business arising from October 8, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes and October 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

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The following items were requested to be placed on the next agenda:

- Fire Department staffing;
- Rainy River District Regional Abattoir;
- Governance.

Jeff St. Pierre and Johanna Kirkbride from Ontario Clean Water Agency attended the meeting to present the proposal for the installation of three water filter systems, on a trial basis, to determine the effectiveness with the discoloured water some homes have been experiencing. If the trial basis is proven to be effective, these systems will be installed in all homes that meet qualifications determined by the Township of Emo. These filter systems are a temporary solution until the watermain lines are replaced with watermain constructed of PVC.

Council requested the CAO contact Celerity Telecom to request a walkthrough with Public Works Superintendent Jason Smith to determine where they propose to place the fiber optic cable. This would be the first step to determine the scope of the work and if it is feasible. It was noted it is essential to not have any asphalt, placed within the past ten years, be disturbed. Other items addressed are the importance of having the subject lands surveyed, along with having a legal document approved by the Township of Emo.

The meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer