

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
July 29, 2020

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Wednesday, July 29, 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:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Toles - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Wednesday, July 29, 2020.

CARRIED.

2. **Shortreed – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that the July 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and July 21, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Boven – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Bridget Foster, CAO (to July 29, 2020) and Richard Hallam, CBO, for June, 2020.

CARRIED.

4. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make the following investment to ONE Fund Account GASTAX19 570049890:

- \$80,900.00

CARRIED.

5. **Dunn - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to July 29, 2020.

CARRIED.

6. **Shortreed - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to July 29, 2020:

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

CARRIED.

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7. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby rescind By-law No. 2020-14, being a by-law to provide for the stopping up and closing of certain highways, portions of highways, road allowances or part of road allowances and to authorize the sale or other disposition thereof.

CARRIED.

8. **Boven – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to permanently close, declare surplus and authorize the sale of a highway of the municipality.

CARRIED.

9. **Dunn – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2020-22**, being a by-law to permanently close, declare surplus and authorize the sale of a highway of the municipality, 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.

10. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept request from Ike Friesen, Aspen Ridge Timber Contracting, to take over the ownership of the existing Emo sign on his property west of Emo, on the condition that the Emo name is removed from the sign and to waive the Township of Emo from all liability.

CARRIED.

11. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Livestock Valuer Report from Gary Sliworsky; and further accept the application to Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program for the following:

- Harold & Chantel Kelly in the amount of \$659.85 for calves

CARRIED.

12. **Shortreed - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Mould Air Sampling Report following re-cleaning at OPP Station building, as completed by Pinchin Ltd.

CARRIED.

13. **Dunn - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve General Financial Statement to June 30, 2020, as submitted.

CARRIED.

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14. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from the Township of South Glengarry regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and long-term care homes;
AND THAT Council endorses and supports the Township of South Glengarry in their efforts to request the Ontario government to provide funding to increase full-time positions in place of casual and part-time labour in long term care homes and requests that the Ministry of Long-term Care acts to regularly inspect all long-term care homes.

CARRIED.

15. **Dunn - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from July 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and July 21, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

Business arising from July 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and July 21, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

Council reviewed the recent changes to the Municipal Act, 2001 that provides municipalities with new permission authority in regards to electronic participation in open and closed meetings beyond times when an emergency declaration is in place. Council discussed amending the procedural by-law to permit members of Council to participate in closed meetings virtually at all meeting, not just during an emergency declaration. New provisions from the Province of Ontario has made this possible if Council amends their procedural by-law to include this provision. In order to amend the procedural by-law that was approved on February 5th, 2019 and then amended on April 8th, 2020, a motion to reconsider is required, as per section 18.0 of By-law 2019-04. This section states, "a motion to reconsider a resolution entered upon the minutes shall not be received or put unless agreed upon by two thirds of the full membership (being four members) prior to question being considered". At this time two thirds of Council did not agree to reconsider the by-law in place.

The meeting adjourned 6:53 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO Clerk/Treasurer