

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 26TH, 2022

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, April 26th, 2022, at 7:36 p.m.

Present: Mayor Harold McQuaker; Councillors Shortreed, Toles, Boven and Dunn; and Doug Brown, Special Projects Coordinator; Crystal Gray, Interim CAO/Clerk Treasurer; and Jason Smith, Public Works Superintendent.

Publicly available virtually via Zoom.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 1. Toles - Boven** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

CARRIED

Ad hoc Addition to the Agenda – Mayor McQuaker expressed concern about the current roads and riverfront flooding and suggested making a Declaration of Emergency. It was noted that the municipality needed to fill the vacant CEMC position.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – None

4.0 MOMENT OF REFLECTION

5.0 ADOPTION OF MINTUES/ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

- 2. Boven-Shortreed** BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting minutes of April 12, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6.0 NOTICE OF MOTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced:

6.1 Minister of Infrastructure announcement notifying of the approval of the Rehabilitation of King Street and Florence Street Watermains under the 2021 intake of the Green Infrastructure funding stream. Total funding is \$763,489.14 towards total project costs of \$1,399,666.47.

6.2 Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources announcement notifying of the approval of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) funding. Total funding is \$198,000.00 for upgrades to the Emo La Vallee Community Centre, one of the main recreational facilities in the area.

6.3 Expression of thanks from the Township of Emo and the Township of La Vallee in appreciation to Tompkins Hardware Ltd and their substantial financial donation for the new divider system at the Emo La Vallee Community Centre.

7.0 DELEGATIONS

7.1 Geoff Gillon, Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC) – Presentation on Commercial and Industrial Lots in Emo. These lots are located at the northeast corner of Byng and Adelaide Streets and owned by the Township of Emo.

- 3. Toles-Boven** BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Geoff Gillon to advertise the Emo Industrial Lots through either/or Option A or Option B. As reported in Rainy River Future Development Corp. – April 20/22 Report.

CARRIED

7.2 Dan Agombar, Agombar Contracting – Presentation regarding grass mowing services.

8.0 ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

4. Toles – Shortreed BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept the Report dated April 21st from Jason Smith, Public Works Superintendent entitled Wastewater Collection & Stormwater ECA-CLI Applications.

CARRIED

5. Boven - Shortreed BE IT RESOLVED Council accepts Public Works Superintendent recommendation to hire OCWA to complete required work listed in Wastewater Collection & Stormwater ECA-CLI Applications.

CARRIED

6. Boven – Shortreed WHEREAS Council for the Township of Emo passed Resolution No. 3 on October 25, 2021 to enact By-Law 2021-19 to adopt the tax rates and provide for penalty and interest;

AND WHEREAS By-Law 2021-19 included, as a Schedule, the estimates for 2021 Revenues and Expenditures;

AND WHEREAS Resolution No. 3 did not specify that the estimates for Revenue and Expenditures were included in By-Law 2021-19;

AND WHEREAS for audit purposes, clarification is required that the estimates for Revenue and Expenditures for the Township for the year 2021 was approved as the 2021 Budget;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Emo clarifies and confirms that the 2021 Budget for Revenues and Expenditures for 2021 was included as a Schedule and formed part of By-Law 2021-19 enacted on October 25, 2021.

CARRIED

7. Shortreed – Boven BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Report DC-2022-01 from the Faye Flatt, Deputy Clerk/Municipal Returning Officer entitled Municipal Elections - Restricted Acts (aka Lane Duck).

CARRIED

8. Toles - Shortreed BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Report DC-2022-01 from the Faye Flatt, Deputy Clerk/Municipal Returning Officer entitled Municipal Elections – Recount Policy.

CARRIED

9. Toles – Shortreed BE IT RESOLVED that the Financial Statements be accepted, and the following accounts be approved and paid:

GENERAL

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| GENERAL | (27,765-27,769 VOID) | \$ | 0.00 |
| GENERAL | (27,770-27,775) | \$ | 9,078.18 |

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| EFT | Payrun 3169 | \$ 2,634.70 |
| EFT | Payrun 3177 | \$ 18,359.43 |
| Total General Payments | | \$ 30,072.31 |
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| <u>Arena</u> | | |
| ARENA | (13,385-13,386) | \$ 663.05 |
| EFT | Payrun 3174 | \$ 3,193.17 |
| Total Arena Payments | | \$ 3,856.22 |
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| <u>Recreation</u> | | |
| Recreation | (4,885) | \$ 975.00 |
| Total Recreation Payments | | \$ 975.00 |
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| <u>EarlyON Centre</u> | | |
| ETL | (5,934-5,937) | \$ 594.59 |
| EFT | Payrun 3171) | \$ 1,797.37 |
| Total EarlyON Centre Payments | | \$ 2,391.96 |

CARRIED

10. Boven – Shortreed WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo intends to give first and second readings to By-law No. 2022-10, Being a By-law to Provide for the Drainage Works in the Township of Emo with respect to the Frank Szeder Drain;

AND WHEREAS the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter D.17, Section 97., provides for the appointment of a Court of Revision to consider appeals from the proposed assessments;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following are hereby appointed as members of a Court of Revision as representatives of the Township of Emo:

Warren Toles and Harold McQuaker

AND FURTHER that the 1st sitting of the Court of Revision be and is hereby scheduled for June 7, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

CARRIED

9.0 RESOLUTIONS/BYLAWS

11. Boven – Toles BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 2022-10, being a by-law to provide for the drainage works in the Township of Emo with respect to the Frank Szeder Drain, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

12. Shortreed - Boven BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 2022-11, being a by-law to delegate certain authority to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c25, Section 275 be deemed to be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Interim CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED

13. Shortreed - Toles BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 2022-12, being a by-law to adopt a Municipal Election Recount Policy, be deemed to be read a first, second and third time be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Interim CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED

14. Toles – Shortreed BE IT RESOLVED Council appoints Fire Chief Tyrell Griffith as CEMC for the Township of Emo.

CARRIED

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

The following items were received:

10.1 OPP – 2023 Municipal Policing Billing Statement Property Count

11.0 REPORTS (Council)

11.1 Curling Rink (Toles) – Councilor Warren Toles discussed the future of the Curling Rink and what the municipality plans to do with the property. The building needs substantial renovation to make it useable and accessible again. The municipality is still heating the building at a cost to the taxpayers. Questions posed, does the municipality want to sell the property? What is the condition of the Ice Plant? Consideration of relocating the curling rink. These are items for Council to consider for budget time.

12.0 MINUTES

12.1 Emo-LaVallee Community Centre – March 24, 2022

15. Shortreed – Toles BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet at for the Regular Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Crystal Gray,
Interim CAO/Clerk Treasurer