

**The Corporation of the Township of Emo
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Emo Municipal Office**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Harold McQuaker; Councillors Harrold Boven, Lisa Teeple, Philip Whatley, and Gerald Wieringa; Crystal Gray, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer; Jason Smith, Public Works Superintendent – left at 8:00 p.m.; Tyrell Griffith, Fire Chief – left at 7:23 p.m.

1.0 MOMENT OF REFLECTION

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. MOVED: G WIERINGA

SECONDED: P WHATLEY

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of February 13, 2024.

CARRIED

3.0 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES/ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

2. MOVED: H BOVEN

SECONDED: G WIERINGA

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves the following Council meeting minutes:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2024
2. Special Meeting of Council Minutes – January 25, 2024

CARRIED

5.0 DEPUTATIONS

5.1 Golden Age Manor (Emo)- Handicap Accessibility to Emo Clinic

Eileen Bragg and Karrissa Markachuk, Representatives of Gold Age Manor (Emo) approached Council for their support in reestablishing an Accessibility access to the Emo Clinic through the Riverside Health Care Facility. The elevator for the building is accessed through the main entrance of the Riverside Health Care Facility. Residents have been facing challenges using the stairs to reach the Emo Clinic for appointments.

Council has advised that inquiries will be made in regard to the accessibility issues.

Eileen Bragg and Karrissa Markachuk left at 6:16 p.m.

5.2 Darrell Matson- Integrity Commissioner – via Zoom
- File 4-2022 Final Report- February 5, 2024

Darrell Matson presented the final report on three (3) Integrity Commissioner Complaints concerning Municipal Conflict of Interest allegations filed in July 2022.

Darrell Matson left at 6:36 p.m.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following correspondence:

- 6.1 AMO Watchfile- January 18,2024
- 6.2 Enbridge Gas 2024 Rebasing Application
- 6.3 ROMA Fill the Gaps Closer to Home News Release and Backgrounder
- 6.4 AMO Watchfile- February 1, 2024

7.0 MOTIONS/STAFF REPORTS

3. MOVED BY: L TEEPLE

SECONDED BY: H BOVEN

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts and approves Jason Smith, Public Works Superintendent Report – February 5, 2024.

CARRIED

4. MOVED BY: H BOVEN

SECONDED BY: G WIERINGA

BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to pay \$300.00 for materials, \$100.00 for labour plus applicable taxes to Ed's Plumbing & Heating Service Invoice #1825.

CARRIED

5. MOVED BY: L TEEPLE

SECONDED BY: P WHATLEY

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts and approves Rick Hallam's, CBO report – January 2024.

CARRIED

6. MOVED BY: H BOVEN

SECONDED BY: P WHATLEY

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts and approves Ontario Clean Water Agency Monthly Reports:

- a) OCWA – Emo Water & Wastewater Monthly Treatment Report – December 2023
- b) OCWA – Emo Water & Wastewater Monthly Treatment Report – January 2024

CARRIED

7. MOVED BY: P WHATLEY

SECONDED BY: H BOVEN

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts and approves Tyrell Griffith, Fire Chief, monthly report for period of January 8 to February 5, 2024.

CARRIED

8. MOVED BY: L TEEPLE

SECONDED BY: G WIERINGA

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts and approves the following staff reports

- a) April Simmons, EarlyON Coordinator monthly report for January 2024.
- b) James Booth, Arena/Parks Manager monthly report – February 5, 2024.
- c) Nicholas Donaldson, CEO/Librarian monthly report for January 2024.

CARRIED

9. MOVED BY: G WIERINGA

SECONDED BY: L TEEPLE

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts and approves Crystal Gray, CAO/Clerk Treasurer, Administrative Report – CAO Report 2024-03 dates February 13, 2024.

CARRIED

10. MOVED BY: P WHATLEY

SECONDED BY: H BOVEN

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby accepts the Financial Statements and approves payments for the following accounts:

GENERAL

CHQ	(100,572)	\$	12,379.61
CHQ	(100,573-100,591)	\$	51,776.17
CHQ	(100,578)	\$	(20,083.59)
CHQ	(100,592)	\$	20,083.59
CHQ	(100,593-100,614)	\$	103,910.52

CHQ	(100,615-100,618)	\$	5,083.35
EFT	Pre-Auth Utilities & OCWA	\$	35,187.76
EFT	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$	3,530.55
EFT	Pre-Auth Utilities, VISA & Manulife Jan-Feb/24	\$	22,166.80
EFT	Pre-Auth – Hydro One VOID	\$	(35.59)
PAYROLL	Payrun 3349	\$	22,122.58
PAYROLL	Payrun 3351	\$	21,696.43
PAYROLL	Payrun 3350	\$	2,637.77
Total General Payments		\$	<u>280,455.95</u>

Arena

CHQ	(13,601-13,604)	\$	559.30
CHQ	(13,605-13,610)	\$	18,935.67
CHQ	(13,611-13,612)	\$	12,699.29
EFT	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$	9,082.50
Total Arena Payments		\$	<u>41,276.76</u>

Recreation

EFT	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$	122.96
Total Recreation Payments		\$	<u>122.96</u>

Parks

EFT	Pre-Auth Utilities	\$	313.94
Total Parks Payments		\$	<u>313.94</u>

EarlyON Centre

CHQ	(6083-6085)	\$	1,613.50
CHQ	(6086-6088)	\$	10,672.10
CHQ	(6089)	\$	7,579.07
Total EarlyON Centre Payments		\$	<u>19,864.67</u>

CARRIED

8.0 COMMITTEE UPDATES

11. MOVED BY: L TEEPLE

SECONDED BY: G WIERINGA

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the following Board and Committee Reports or Minutes:

1. Phil Whatley – Emo Recreation Committee Report – January 29, 2024
2. Emo Recreation Committee Minutes – January 29, 2024
3. Emo-LaVallee Community Centre Board Minutes – January 11, 2024
4. Phil Whatley – Physician Recruitment Report – January 18, 2024

CARRIED

12. MOVED BY: L TEEPLE

SECONDED BY: P WHATLEY

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby appoints Phil Whatley to the Riverside Health Care and Lisa Teeple as an alternate representative.

CARRIED

13. MOVED BY: L TEEPLE

SECONDED BY: H BOVEN

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves the Township of Emo Public Library increase in 2024 Levy Request from \$46,500 to \$50,000 for the 2024 funding year.

TABLED

14. MOVED BY: G WIERINGA

SECONDED BY: P. WHATLEY

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves the Rainy River Future Development Corporation 2024 Per Capita Levy, in the amount of \$8,428.

CARRIED

9.0 RESOLUTIONS/BY-LAWS

15. MOVED BY: H BOVEN

SECONDED BY: L TEEPLE

BE IT RESOLVED that **By-Law 2024-02** being a by-law to establish and implement fees and/or charges for certain Municipal Fees (User Fee By-Law) for the 2024 year.

AND FURTHER that By-Law 2024-02 repeals the former By-Law 2021-06.

AND FURTHER that **By-Law 2024-02** be read a first, second, and a third time, and finally be passed this 16th day of February 14, 2024.

CARRIED

16. MOVED BY: P WHATLEY

SECONDED BY: G WIERINGA

BE IT RESOLVED that Council supports the request from the Emo Walleye Classic Committee for a reduced ELCC rental rate of \$1,000 plus HST.

CARRIED

10.0 NEW and UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

11.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA- None

12.0 IN- CAMERA ITEMS

17. MOVED BY: H BOVEN

SECONDED BY: P WHATLEY

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Township of Emo hereby agree to go in-camera at 10:14 P.M. as authorized under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 c.25 for the following purpose:
Section 239 (2)

- a) Security of property of the municipality or local board;
Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

12.1 a) Municipal Operations

- b) A proposed or pending acquisitions or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
c) Labour relations or employee negotiations;
d) ***Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;***

12.2 a) Court File No. CV-22-0013 Judson v. Boven

- e) Advice subject to a solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
f) A matter in respect of which a council, local board or committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act;
g) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them;
h) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;
i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value;
j) a position, plan, procedure, or criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. 2001, c.25, c. 239 (2); 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 26.

Section 239 (3)

- a) a request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, if the council, board, commission or other body is the head of an institution for the purposes of that Act; or
- b) an ongoing investigation respecting the municipality, a local board or a municipally-controlled corporation by the Ombudsman appointed under the *Ombudsman Act*, an Ombudsman referred to in subsection 223.13 (1) of this Act, or the investigator referred to in subsection 239.2 (1). 2014, c. 13, Sched. 9, s. 22.

CARRIED

18. MOVED BY: P WHATLEY

SECONDED BY: G WIERINGA

BE IT RESOLVED that we agree to return to open session at 10:51 p.m.

CARRIED

19. MOVED BY: G WIERINGA

SECONDED BY: L TEEPLE

BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to proceed as per Council instructions in-camera.

CARRIED

20. MOVED BY: H BOVEN

SECONDED BY: P WHATLEY

BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again at 6:00 p.m. for the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

CARRIED

The Meeting adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker, Mayor

Crystal Gray, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer