

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**February 14, 2017**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jack Siemens; Councillors Anthony Leek, Michael Loney and Lori Ann Shortreed; CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Foster.

Absent: Councillor Scott Kinnear.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof: None.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

CARRIED.

2. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that the January 24, 2016 Regular Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Peter McQuaker, Public Works Superintendent, Ed Bullied, Deputy Public Works Superintendent and Bridget Foster, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer (from January 25, 2017 to February 14, 2017), as submitted.

CARRIED.

4. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the following investments/withdrawals from ONE Fund:

\$2,000.00 to Accumulated Sick Leave ONE Fund Acct 5700144-80  
\$52,000.00 from Arena Capital ONE Fund Acct 570020400  
\$1,000.00 to EMO11 Cemetery Bond ONE Fund Acct 570000203-20

CARRIED.

5. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby declare the Men's Hockey League Fundraiser Tournament scheduled March 10-11, 2017, a Community Event with Municipal Significance.

CARRIED.

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6. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 per cent.

CARRIED.

7. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2017-06**, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 per cent, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

8. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize water shut offs on all accounts four months or more in arrears on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

9. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to February 14, 2017.

CARRIED.

10. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to January 24, 2017:

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

CARRIED.

11. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Bay City Contracting (Thunder Bay) Inc. in the amount of \$101,462.13, including HST, being payment certificate No. 4 for the Township of Emo East End Watermain Expansion Project.

CARRIED.

12. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Travis McCormick to Keewaytinook Centre of Excellence's OIT Water Treatment & Distribution 1 course scheduled April 24-28, 2017 in Dryden, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

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13. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Emo Waste Disposal Site Capacity Assessment, as submitted by Pinchin Ltd.

CARRIED.

14. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to amend By-law No. 2016-12, being an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Industry and The Corporation of the Township of Emo, for funding towards the upgrade of the municipal water distribution, in order to align FedNor's contribution agreement with Northern Ontario Heritage Corporation's funding agreement.

CARRIED.

15. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2017-07**, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2016-12, being an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Industry and The Corporation of the Township of Emo, for funding towards the upgrade of the municipal water distribution, in order to align FedNor's contribution agreement with Northern Ontario Heritage Corporation's funding agreement, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

16. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement with Telcom Enterprises for a comprehensive telecommunications review.

CARRIED.

17. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2017-08**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Telecom Enterprises for a comprehensive telecommunications review, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

18. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we accept Fire Report Number FIRE2017-01, as submitted by Joshua Colling, Fire Chief.

CARRIED.

19. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adopt Post Traumatic Stress Disorder/Critical Incident Stress Policy for the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

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20. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Fire Inspection Report for the Emo Toy Library and Public Library, as submitted by Joshua Colling, Fire Chief.

CARRIED.

21. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge letter from Emo Public Library regarding replacement of smoke detectors; and further, to obtain quotations for smoke detector replacement.

CARRIED.

22. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls for Municipal Planning Services.

CARRIED.

23. **Leek – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2017-09**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls for Municipal Planning Services, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

24. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board in the amount of \$23,319.19, being February, 2017 levy, less the 2016 Ambulance-supplemental in the amount of \$652.00.

CARRIED.

25. **Shortreed – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Rainy River Future Development Corporation in the amount of \$8,302.00, being 2017/18 per capita contribution.

CARRIED.

26. **Shortreed – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Safe Communities Rainy River District in the amount of \$593.00, being per capita contribution.

CARRIED.

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27. **Loney – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept application made under Sec 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001, received from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, for write-off, as follows:

- Assessment Roll #26800, from \$191,900 (RT) and \$12,100 (CT) to \$203,000 (RT), effective September 30, 2016;
- Assessment Roll #63800, from \$233,000 (RT) and \$113,000 (FT) to \$200,000 (RT) and \$113,000, effective May 6, 2016;

And further, to accept Request for Reconsideration applications received from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, for write-off as follows:

- Assessment Roll #14500 from \$393,000 (RT) to \$244,400 (RT), and \$85,600 (RT) for a total of \$330,000 (RT), effective January 1, 2016;
- Assessment Roll #14200 from \$28,625 (RT) to \$13,400 (RT), effective January 1, 2017;
- Assessment Roll #56500 from \$366,250 (RT) to \$342,750 (RT), effective January 1, 2017;
- Assessment Roll #56050 from \$138,500 (RT) to \$130,750 (RT), effective January 1, 2017.

CARRIED.

28. **Leek – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept quotation for replacement of two hot water tanks at the Emo Curling Rink from Hettinga Mechanical in the amount of \$2,100.00, plus HST.

CARRIED.

29. **Shortreed – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make application to Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport's 2017 Summer Experience Program for two summer students.

CARRIED.

30. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Bridget Foster to AMCTO's Contract Tendering and Legal Requirements for Municipalities workshop and Zone 9 Spring Meeting and Conference scheduled April 24-26, 2017 in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

31. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept the Township of Emo's Annual Drinking Water System Report for the year 2016.

CARRIED.

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32. **Leek – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby petitions Riverside Health Care to abide by the principles of the Canada Health Act and the Patients First Policy to reinstate the services lost at the Emo Health Care Centre.

CARRIED.

33. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 8:20 p.m. for the following reasons:
- Security of property;
  - √ Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees;
  - √ Proposed or pending acquisitions or disposition of real property;
  - Labour relations and employee negotiations;
  - Litigation or potential litigation, including matter before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board;
  - Advice subject to a solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
  - Any matter with respect to which a council, local board or committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under any other statute;
  - Consideration of a request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED.

34. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 9:13 p.m.

CARRIED.

35. **Leek – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept letter of resignation from Allison Cox, Rec. Director.

CARRIED.

36. **Leek – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to hire Adam DeGrechie as casual Arena employee, effective February 10, 2017, at the approved salary range.

CARRIED.

37. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

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Errors or Omissions from January 24, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.

Business arising from January 24, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: None.

Add-on to agenda:

1. In-camera – hiring of Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre casual position.

Peter McQuaker, Public Works Superintendent, attended the meeting to provide an update, as follows:

- The Public Works Department will be cutting down all the trees at the Cemetery, with exception to the trees at the east of the Cemetery. These trees have are dead and during winter it is easier to have them cut;
- Monitoring of water runoff has been ongoing as the warm weather is causing road issues.

Josh Colling, Fire Chief, has recommended a revision to Establish and Regulate the Emo Fire Department by-law to rename the Township of Emo's fire department from Emo Fire Department to Emo Fire & Emergency Service. This a move towards modernizing our fire service, and encompassing more of what services the Township of Emo provides.

Discussion was held regarding request from the Emo Public Library Board to have the Township of Emo replace smoke detectors in the Emo Public Library building, as per Fire Inspection Report submitted by Fire Chief Josh Colling. It was agreed the Township of Emo will ensure all issues addressed in the Fire Inspection Report will be completed; however, it will need to be determined who is responsible to pay for this required maintenance.

Council requested clarification be obtained from New Gold Inc. for their request for Letter of Support regarding an amendment to Schedule 2 of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation.

The meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m.