

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
February 28, 2017

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, February 28, 2017.
CARRIED.
2. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that the February 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, February 14, 2017 Special Council Meeting and February 27, 2017 Special Council Meeting Minutes, be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.
3. **Kinnear - Shortreed:** 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 February 15, 2017 to February 28, 2017).
CARRIED.
4. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby authorizes and supports Joshua Colling, as the Rainy River District Fire Coordinator.
CARRIED.
5. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to February 28, 2017.
CARRIED.

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6. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to February 28, 2017:

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

CARRIED.

7. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby make application to Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for Intern Replacement Funding for a period of 52 weeks.

CARRIED.

8. **Kinnear - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to purchase two (2) loader tires from Lakewood Tire Ltd. in the amount of \$5,342.80 plus HST, labour included, as per quotation.

CARRIED.

9. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$3,400.49, being invoices to January 19, 2017.

CARRIED.

10. **Shortreed -Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into a municipal fire agreement between The Corporation of the Township of Emo and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

CARRIED.

11. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2017-10**, being a by-law to enter into a municipal fire agreement between The Corporation of the Township of Emo and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

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12. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement pursuant to Sec. 39 of the Planning Act between The Corporation of the Township of Emo and Nicholaas Veldhuisen & Jeannette Veldhuisen for the construction of a garden suite on 928 Carpenter Road, South Half of Lot 6, Concession 3, Carpenter Township, Parcel 2193.

CARRIED.

13. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2017-11**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement pursuant to Sec. 39 of the Planning Act between The Corporation of the Township of Emo and Nicholaas Veldhuisen & Jeannette Veldhuisen for the construction of a garden suite on 928 Carpenter Road, South Half of Lot 6, Concession 3, Carpenter Township, Parcel 2193, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

14. **Kinnear - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby appoint Peter McQuaker as Weed Inspector for the Township of Emo for 2017.

CARRIED.

15. **Kinnear - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOVLED that we hereby support New Gold Inc. in their effort to obtain an amendment to Schedule 2 of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations of the Fisheries Act to close off two small creeks, needed to enclose the mine's tailing management area; and further agree to send a letter of support to the Minister of the Environment & Climate Change to encourage this amendment is completed in a timely way.

CARRIED.

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

CARRIED.

17. **Kinnear - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept the Emo Public Library's 2016 Annual Report, as submitted.

CARRIED.

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18. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 8:15 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.
19. **Kinnear - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:35 p.m.
- CARRIED.
20. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept resignation from John Cheetham, Arena/Cemetery-Parks labourer.
- CARRIED.
21. **Leek – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to hire Adam DeGrechie as part-time Arena employee, at the approved salary range.
- CARRIED.
22. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby appoint Joann Loney to the Emo Cemetery/Parks Committee, effective February 28, 2017.
- CARRIED.
23. **Leek – Kinnear:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- CARRIED.

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Errors or Omissions from February 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, February 14, 2017 Special Council Meeting and February 27, 2017 Special Council Meeting Minutes: None.

Business arising from February 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, February 14, 2017 Special Council Meeting and February 27, 2017 Special Council Meeting Minutes: None.

Add-on to Agenda:

1. Intern Replacement Grant Request.

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

- The dead trees have been removed at the Emo Cemetery, except for the trees at the east of the property – these trees will be removed at a later date. There are also a few trees along the road that have not been removed, as they will need to be removed by hand, due to their proximity to the telephone lines;
- Loader requires two new tires – minimal tread on these tires, along with a leak in one of the tires;
- One of the culverts for the Stewart Road culvert replacement project, to be completed in 2017, has been delivered. This project will require an additional culvert and rental of a large backhoe.

Ed Bullied, Water & Sewer Operator, attended the meeting to provide an update, as follows:

- Internal Audit of the Water Treatment Plant has been completed and the External Audit will be take place on March 9, 2017.

John Sawatzky and Johannes Gerber from Emo Feed Service attended the meeting to discuss the drainage problem on Canning Lane. Pictures were submitted to Council showing the water on the road caused by the warmer weather we have been experiencing. Council indicated this project has been discussed previously; however, is a project that is projected to cost \$600,000.00. In order to proceed with the complete project, the Township of Emo would need to obtain funding to assist with the cost. It was noted there are smaller aspects of the project that could be completed in order to alleviate some of the drainage problem – tear up the road with the grader and put a lift of gravel on top to raise the road and seal with calcium; ditching along the south side of the railway; short curb and gutter. If the plan had involved asphaltting of Canning Lane, it was indicated that would not be an expectation, as there are no issues with gravel. It was also noted the manhole lid that is in front of their store is not a proper manhole lid and should be replaced. Council has requested to contact S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. to inquire into the scope of work that had been prepared in order to alleviate this problem and also to contact Canadian National Railway to determine what they would require if the Township of Emo was to complete ditching on their property.

Discussion was held on Ontario Clean Water Agency services, as they had made a presentation to Council at the last regular meeting. It was agreed to contact the Town of Rainy River to determine if they list the Township of Emo as backup operators in their Drinking Water Quality Management System and if they are prepared to be the Township of Emo's backup operators in the event of an emergency.

The Emo Landfill Site is experiencing problems with the wood burn area. This is a segregated area with a different driveway and disposal of materials in proper locations is to be supervised; however, landfill users are dumping in the wrong locations. In order to assist a little bit with this problem, Council has agreed to setup a burn area in close proximity to the Landfill Site building. This would reduce the amount of people needing access the wood burn area.

Discussion was held on the Fire Inspection Report for the Emo Public Library building and Council requested a copy of the Fire Inspection Report be forwarded to the Emo Public Library Board. In order to determine the requirements for the smoke alarms, Council has requested Fire Chief Joshua Colling provide us with the information needed to obtain a quotation on the replacement of smoke alarms, along with Chief Building Official Ed Bullied be requested to determine a cost for installing a new door on the south side of the building.

The meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.

Attested by:

Jack Siemens,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO Clerk/Treasurer