

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
January 10, 2017

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, January 10, 2107 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 - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

CARRIED.

2. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the December 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and December 20, 2016 Special Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Shortreed - Leek:** 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 December 14, 2016 to January 10, 2017), as submitted.

CARRIED.

4. **Shortreed – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the following 2016 fourth quarter School Board payments:

- Public School Board: \$58,482.64
- Separate School Board: \$ 4,720.88

CARRIED.

5. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to confirm appointments of several officers and employees of the Township of Emo for the year 2017.

CARRIED.

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6. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2017-01**, being a by-law to confirm appointments of several officers and employees of the Township of Emo for the year 2017, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

7. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to authorize payment of recurring accounts in the year 2017.

CARRIED.

8. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2017-02**, being a by-law to authorize payment of recurring accounts in the year 2017, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

9. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to establish and implement fees and/or charges to certain Municipal Services.

CARRIED.

10. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2017-03**, being a by-law to establish and implement fees and/or charges to certain Municipal Services, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

11. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to January 10, 2017.

CARRIED.

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

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

CARRIED.

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13. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law for the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Township of Emo in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the year 2017.

CARRIED.

14. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2017-04**, being a by-law for the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Township of Emo in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the year 2017, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

15. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement with The Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances, the Unincorporated Township of Watten, Couchiching First Nation, The Corporation of the Township of Alberton, The Corporation of the Township of LaVallee, The Corporation of the Township of Emo, Rainy River First Nation, The Corporation of the Township of Chapple, The Corporation of the Township Morley, The Corporation of the Township of Dawson, The Corporation of the Township of Rainy River, and The Corporation of the Township of Lake of the Woods *and* Kenora Central Ambulance Communications Centre, Lake of the Woods District Hospital and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Health for the provision of communication (call taking and alerting or dispatching) services to the District Fire Service by the Kenora Central Ambulance Communications Centre.

CARRIED.

16. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2017-05**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with The Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances, the Unincorporated Township of Watten, Couchiching First Nation, The Corporation of the Township of Alberton, The Corporation of the Township of LaVallee, The Corporation of the Township of Emo, Rainy River First Nation, The Corporation of the Township of Chapple, The Corporation of the Township Morley, The Corporation of the Township of Dawson, The Corporation of the Township of Rainy River, and The Corporation of the Township of Lake of the Woods *and* Kenora Central Ambulance Communications Centre, Lake of the Woods District Hospital and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Health for the provision of communication (call taking and alerting or dispatching) services to the District Fire Service by the Kenora Central Ambulance Communications Centre, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

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17. **Leek - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept the Northwestern Health Unit's 2017 levy in the amount of \$62,562.93, to be paid in monthly installments of \$5,213.58.

CARRIED.

18. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Township of Emo's 2017 Property Assessment Levy provided by Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) in the amount of \$22,079.95, to be paid in quarterly installments of \$5,519.99.

CARRIED.

19. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Request for Reconsideration application received from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, for write-off, as follows:

- For the 2015 tax year, Assessment Roll #53724, from assessed value of \$163,161 (RT) effective July 1, 2015 to assessed value of \$163,161 (RT), effective November 30, 2015;

CARRIED.

20. **Leek - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make application to Service Canada's 2017 Canada Summer Jobs program for two summer students.

CARRIED.

21. **Loney – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to remit payment to S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$17,579.99, including HST, being payment for engineering services to November 24, 2016.

CARRIED.

22. **Shortreed – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Bridget Foster, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to Ministry of Municipal Affairs' 2017 Planning Workshop scheduled March 22-23, 2017 in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

23. **Shortreed – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby support the Township of Hornepayne in their efforts to petition the Provincial Government to recognize the municipal fire service as critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Government's Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward.

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24. **Shortreed - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 8:07 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.

25. **Shortreed – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:54 p.m.

CARRIED.

26. **Shortreed – Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize a 2 % wage increase effective January 1, 2017, being cost of living allowance, as per the Township of Emo Human Resource Policy.

CARRIED.

27. **Leek – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize a 2 % wage increase for Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre staff, effective January 1, 2017, being cost of living allowance.

CARRIED.

28. **Leek – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize a 2 % wage increase to Dennis Mann's Garbage Contract, effective January 1, 2017, being cost of living allowance.

CARRIED.

29. **Loney - Leek:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

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Errors or Omissions from December 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and December 20, 2016 Special Council Meeting Minutes: None.

Business arising from December 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and December 20, 2016 Special Council Meeting Minutes: None.

Tabled:

- Request for Reconsideration Property Assessment Change Notice Minutes of Settlement, 2016 Tax Year for Assessment Roll 14500.

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

- In response to the weather, there has been ongoing snowplowing.

Discussion was held on the need for additional recycling bins, as they are overflowing every week. It was noted these recycling bins are also being utilized by the surrounding municipalities that do not currently have a recycling program. Council has requested the neighbouring municipalities be invited to participate in our recycling program by either assisting the Township of Emo with providing an additional bin or having a bin installed in their own municipality.

Since the Township of Emo has not progressed with the installation of a pedestrian crosswalk on Highway 11, it was requested Sarah Campbell's office be contacted to assist the Township of Emo to proceed with this initiative.

Council discussed the method the Township of Emo uses to determine the amount of Council remuneration. Currently a flat rate method is used; however, it was suggested a more appropriate method could be implemented that focuses on the amount of meetings attended. It was not decided to change the method at this time but this may be something to look at for the future.

A thank you is to be sent to Phil and Justine Friesen for their generous donation toward the Lions Park.

The meeting adjourned 9:05 p.m.

Attested by:

Jack Siemens,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer