

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
March 6, 2018

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Councillor Warren Toles.

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, March 6, 2018.

CARRIED.

2. **Thompson - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that the February 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and February 28, 2018 Special Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Shortreed - 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 February 14, 2018 to March 6, 2018).

CARRIED.

4. **Thompson - 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.

5. **Thompson - Loney:** BE IT that **By-law No. 2018-08**, 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.

6. **Shortreed – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to write off utility charges in the amount of \$107.55 on account number #00004700000, due to error.

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7. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to March 6, 2018.

CARRIED.

8. **Loney - Thompson:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to March 6, 2018:

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

CARRIED.

9. **Thompson - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to hire S. Burnett & Associates Ltd., as the engineer for the Watermain Replacement Front Street East Project, as funded under the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Top-Up Application Component by Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

CARRIED.

10. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby award the Sewage Lift Station & Raw Water Intake Line Upgrades Project to Makkinga Contracting & Equipment Rentals in the amount of \$304,425.00, plus HST, as per recommendation from S. Burnett & Associated Ltd.

CARRIED.

11. **Thompson - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge Ministry of the Environment and Climate Changes' renewal of the Township of Emo's Permit to Take Water which grants the taking of up to 900,000 litres of water per day, from the Rainy River, for the purpose of Water Supply until March 1, 2028.

CARRIED.

12. **Thompson - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Township of Emo Compliance Report for Municipal Drinking Licence for the year 2017, as submitted.

CARRIED.

13. **Loney - Thompson:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Fire Report No. 2018-02 and 2018-03, as submitted by Fire Chief Joshua Colling.

CARRIED.

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14. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Fire Chief Joshua Colling to the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs Conference scheduled May 3-6, 2018 in Toronto, ON, with the Township of Emo paying for ¼ of the related expenses.

CARRIED.

15. **Thompson - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Ministry of Finance's credit in the amount of \$238.00, being 2018 Court Security and Prisoner Transport grant.

CARRIED.

16. **Shortreed - Thompson:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept the Provincial Offences payments totaling \$13,030.26 for the year 2017.

CARRIED.

17. **Loney – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board in the amount of \$23,714.79, being March, 2018 levy, less the supplemental ambulance portion in the amount of \$683.24.

CARRIED.

18. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to exempt from taxation, except for local improvements and school purposes, on an annual basis, the property known as The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #99.

CARRIED.

19. **Loney – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2018-09**, being a by-law to exempt from taxation, except for local improvements and school purposes, on an annual basis, the property known as The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #99, be read a first, second and third times, be finally passed, signed by Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

20. **Shortreed – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send a letter of support to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding the proposal to extend the Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 55 Regulation for Forestry.

CARRIED.

21. **Thompson – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby to purchase a \$50.00 gift card for Grant & Lucinda Meyers in appreciation of their volunteer work at the Emo Curling Rink.

CARRIED.

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22. **Thompson – Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Tara Allaire to Continuous Improvement Fund's Blue Box Outreach Session scheduled March 28, 2018 in Kenora, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

23. **Thompson – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Bridget Foster to Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing's 2018 Planning Workshop scheduled March 21-22, 2018 in Thunder Bay, ON. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

24. **Loney – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to send Vernon Thompson to Rainy River Federation of Agriculture's Spring Ag Day scheduled April 13, 2018 at the Emo Legion. All related expenses to be paid by the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

25. **Loney – Thompson:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to sponsor the Rainy River Valley Agricultural Society's Rainy River Valley Gold Rush Gala scheduled April 14, 2018 at the Emo-LaVallee Community Centre, as follows:

Bronze sponsor in the amount of \$500.00

CARRIED.

26. **Shortreed - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 8:56 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.

27. **Thompson - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

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28. **Loney - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to hire April Simmons as Coordinator at the Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre, at the approved salary range, pending a six month probationary period.

CARRIED.

29. **Thompson - Loney:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on March 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from February 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and February 28, 2018 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

Business arising from February 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and February 28, 2018 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

Anita Marcotte, Cloverbelt Local Food Co-op, attended the meeting to give a presentation on the regional food charter. She also requested members of Council to complete the online survey they have and to assist with getting the message out about the survey, via newsletter, emails, etc.

Geoff Gillon, Economic Development Officer and Jim Belluz, Chair of Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC) attended the meeting to update Council on RRFDC projects.

Peter McQuaker, Public Works Superintendent, attended the meeting to present his written report.

Ed Bullied, Water/Sewer Operator, attended the meeting to present his written report and the compliance report, as per Regulation 170.

The meeting adjourned 9:40 p.m.