

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**April 13, 2021**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Virtually present via Zoom: Mayor Harold McQuaker, Councillors Harrold Boven, Lincoln Dunn, Lori Ann Shortreed and Warren Toles; CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Foster.

Publicly available virtually via Zoom.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

CARRIED.

2. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the March 24, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, March 30, 2021 Special Council Meeting and April 7, 2021 Special Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to tender for the purchase of a grader with attachments.

CARRIED.

4. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to submit approval for Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund annual payment of \$64,023.00, for the following projects:

• pH Analyzer hardware and installation	\$ 8,512.00;
• Upgrade study for Chlorine Room Exhaust	15,000.00;
• Polymer Day Tank	560.00;
• Spare Chemical Dosing Pump	4,032.00;
• New Alum Storage Tank	8,245.00;
• Lagoon Rehabilitation – vegetation control	10,000.00;
• Engineering Design Work for Watermain Repl.	20,000.00.

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CARRIED.

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5. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize partial reimbursement of building permit fee in the amount of \$217.00, on Building Permit No. 2019-13, due to cancellation of project.

CARRIED.

6. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize reimbursement of damage deposit for the Emo-LaVallee Community Centre rental to Rachel Jean in the amount of \$150.00, due to cancellation resulting from covid restrictions.

CARRIED.

7. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize transfer of payment in the amount of \$170.00 from Utility Account #00001600001 to Tax Roll #32800; and further to write off penalty in the amount of \$2.13.

CARRIED.

8. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment of parkland/registered easement tax bills, being Roll #54909 and #54910, transferred from T.J. Kaemingh & Sons Ltd. to the Township of Emo, in the amount of \$316.69; and further to write off penalty in the amount of \$3.95.

CARRIED.

9. **Dunn - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to April 13, 2021.

CARRIED.

10. **Toles - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to April 13, 2021:

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

CARRIED.

11. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept March, 2021 Fire Report, as submitted by Fire Chief, Darren Hughes.

CARRIED.

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12. **Boven – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to enter into a Fire Safety Grant Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal and The Corporation of the Township of Emo to provide for increased training opportunities for the Emo Fire Department.

CARRIED.

13. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2021-08**, being a by-law to enter into a Fire Safety Grant Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal and The Corporation of the Township of Emo to provide for increased training opportunities for the Emo Fire Department, be deemed to be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

14. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board in the amount of \$34,273.48, being April, 2021 levy and January/February/March retro pay.

CARRIED.

15. **Boven – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from the Municipality of Shuniah regarding Provincial Vaccine Rollout. AND FURTHER THAT Council endorses and supports Municipality of Shuniah and Township of Glengary in their efforts to request Premier Doug Ford and the Province of Ontario to procure approved COVID-19 vaccines to be distributed to the residents of the Province of Ontario, increase the Province's vaccination rate to keep pace with the doses that have been received and accelerate the launch of its COVID-19 vaccine booking system.

CARRIED.

16. **Boven – Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal regarding the Ontario Fire College;  
AND FURTHER THAT Council endorses and supports the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal in their efforts to request the Government of Ontario to reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as it is one of the best and most cost effective methods for municipalities to educate and train their firefighters which assists in protecting all residents;  
AND FURTHER THAT if the Government of Ontario chooses to not reverse its decision to close the Ontario Fire College, the Province should provide direct financial support to municipalities to offset the increased training costs of providing Provincially mandated firefighting services.

CARRIED.

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17. **Dunn – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from Township of Hudson regarding Support for Fire Departments; AND FURTHER THAT Council endorses and supports the Township of Hudson in their efforts to request the Federal and Provincial Government to include apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters.

CARRIED.

18. **Toles – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve General Financial Statement to February 28, 2021, as submitted.

CARRIED.

19. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 6:24 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees – *Fire Chief position;*
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matter before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board – Legal advice.

CARRIED.

20. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 7:27 p.m.

CARRIED.

21. **Boven – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept letter of resignation from Darren Hughes, from position of Fire Chief.

CARRIED.

22. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from March 24, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, March 30, 2021 Special Council Meeting and April 7, 2021 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.  
Business arising from March 24, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, March 30, 2021 Special Council Meeting and April 7, 2021 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

It was agreed to table the decision regarding the demolition of the Emo Curling Rink until we have spoken to the Emo Curling Club.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.