

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
December 22, 2020

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

Mayor Harold McQuaker and Councillors Harrold Boven and Warren Toles declared a conflict of interest to Agenda Item 10 regarding the proclamation of Alzheimer's month.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, December 22, 2020.

CARRIED.

2. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that the December 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and December 17, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Shortreed – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Bridget Foster, CAO (to December 22, 2020) and Richard Hallam, CBO, for November, 2020.

CARRIED.

4. **Dunn – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve quotation from Dale Smyk for production of the Hazard Assessment Map and FireSmart Plan, in the amount of \$14,577.00, HST included.

CARRIED.

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5. **Shortreed – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the following investments to ONE Fund:

Accumulated Sick Leave	\$ 1,000.00
Reserve Fund for Buildings	120,000.00
Fire Department Capital	50,500.00
Roads Capital	100,000.00
Water Reserve	100,000.00
Emo Public Library	2,500.00

And further, to transfer \$200,000.00 of Gas Tax Funding dollars to loan used to replace watermain in our distribution system, being an eligible expense for Gas Tax funding.

CARRIED.

6. **Boven – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the following 2020 fourth quarter School Board payments:

- Public School Board: \$60,114.54
- Separate School Board: \$ 5,317.39

CARRIED.

7. **Dunn – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept December, 2020 Fire Report, as submitted by Fire Chief, Darren Hughes.

CARRIED.

8. **Dunn - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve Amended Property Assessment Notice received from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, as follows:

- Assessment Roll #34400 from \$9,841 (CT) to \$10,200 (CT), effective January 1, 2020.

CARRIED.

9. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Township of Emo's 2021 Property Assessment Levy provided by Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) in the amount of \$23,332.33, to be paid in quarterly installments of \$5,833.08.

CARRIED.

10. **Dunn - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Ontario Provincial Police 2020 policing levy for the Township of Emo in the amount of \$178,766.00 for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, to be paid in monthly installments in the amount of \$14,897.00.

AND FURTHER, to approve the Ontario Provincial Police 2021 policing levy for the Township of Emo in the amount of \$174,534.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, to be paid in monthly installments in the amount of \$14,545.00.

CARRIED.

11. **Shortreed – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept the Northwestern Health Unit's 2021 levy in the amount of \$62,740.41, to be paid in monthly installments of \$5,228.37.

CARRIED.

12. **Boven – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve Rainy River Future Development Corporation per capita levy for 2021/22, in the amount of \$9,331.00.

CARRIED.

13. **Shortreed – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make application to Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries' 2021 Summer Experience Program for two summer students.

CARRIED.

14. **Shortreed – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to provide a letter of support to the Grand Council Treaty #3 - Territorial Internet Connectivity Project.

CARRIED.

15. **Boven – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex regarding municipal drainage and railways;

AND THAT Council endorses and supports the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex in their efforts to request the Province of Ontario to work with the Federal Minister of Transportation to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and need for coordination with the national railways.

CARRIED.

16. **Shortreed – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby declares January, 2021 as Alzheimer Awareness Month.

CARRIED.

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17. **Boven – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve General Financial Statement to October 31, 2020, as submitted.

CARRIED.

18. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 7:00 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees – *Review of Deputy Treasurer applications.*

CARRIED.

19. **Dunn – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

20. **Shortreed - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from December 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and December 17, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

Business arising from December 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and December 17, 2020 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

Council requested Geoff Gillon from Rainy River Future Development Corporation attend a meeting with Council to discuss what RRFDC can do for Emo. Council also requested to inquire as to how board members are allocated.

The meeting adjourned 7:32 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer