

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
February 24, 2021

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Wednesday, February 24, 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:
Councillor Lincoln Dunn declared a Conflict of Interest for agenda item 5 under Resolutions regarding advertising in the Fort Frances Times Vacation Guide.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

CARRIED.

2. **Toles - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the February 10, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Bridget Foster, CAO (to February 24, 2021), and Richard Hallam, CBO, for January, 2021.

CARRIED.

4. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to withdraw \$30,000.00 from EMO12 Arena, Account 5700204-00;
AND FURTHER, to repay debt owed from the Emo-LaVallee Community Centre account to the Township of Emo general account in the amount of \$29,993.00.

CARRIED.

5. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to February 24, 2021.

CARRIED.

February 24, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes Cont'd:

6. **Boven - Dunn** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to February 24, 2021:

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

CARRIED.

7. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve February, 2021 Fire Report, as submitted and presented by Fire Chief Darren Hughes.

CARRIED.

8. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to provide staff for joint COVID-19 vaccination clinics, as requested by the Northwestern Health Unit.

CARRIED.

9. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board's 2021 levy in the amount of \$342,303.01; to be paid in monthly in the amount of \$28,525.25. EMS supplemental levy annual total in the amount of \$9,666.70 and Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan in the amount of \$4,181.82 not included.

CARRIED.

10. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to register Council and CAO for the virtual 2021 NOMA Conference and AGM scheduled April 28 – 30, 2021.

CARRIED.

11. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to advertise in the 2021 Fort Frances Times' Vacation Guide Map to Northwestern Ontario in the amount of \$350.00, HST.

CARRIED.

12. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 7:02 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees – *Deputy Treasurer position and Parks/Arena Manager position.*

CARRIED.

February 24, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes Cont'd:

February 24, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes Cont'd:

13. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 7:37 p.m.

CARRIED.

14. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from February 10, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

Business arising from February 10, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

Council discussed recommendation received by the Emo Rec Committee to construct an outdoor rink/multi-use facility and it was decided to table this discussion. Council requested to received additional information on the outdoor rink to be brought to the next regular meeting.

Fire Chief Darren Hughes presented his report to Council. Darren was asked to provide more information on the social media that has been completed. Darren was unable to provide more information, as he had delegated this task; however, he would look into it and provide this information. Discussion was also held on a proposal presented Fire Chief Darren Hughes in his report to participate in a BagVertising initiative. This initiative would involve a company reaching out to local businesses to advertise their business on canvas bags. Once this was completed, the Fire Department's logo would be placed on the bags and the Fire Department would receive 2,500 bags, at no cost to the Fire Departments, to be used at public education events that the Fire Departments participate in. Council requested this initiative be tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer