

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
January 27, 2021

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Councillor Warren Toles.

Publicly available virtually via Zoom.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

Due to technical difficulties, Deputy Mayor Harrold Boven chaired the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

CARRIED.

2. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the December 22, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and January 21, 2021 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 January 27, 2021) and Richard Hallam, CBO, for December, 2020 and 2020 Emo Building Stats Annual Summary.

CARRIED.

4. **Dunn – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to confirm the appointments of several officers and employees of the Township of Emo for the year 2021.

CARRIED.

5. **Shortreed – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2021-01**, being a by-law to confirm the appointments of several officers and employees of the Township of Emo for the year 2021, 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.

6. **McQuaker - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to authorize payment of recurring accounts in the year 2021.

CARRIED.

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7. **Dunn – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2021-02**, being a by-law to authorize payment of recurring accounts in the year 2021, 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.

8. **McQuaker - Shortreed:** 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 2021.

CARRIED.

9. **Dunn – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2021-03**, 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 2021, 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.

10. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to proceed with the traffic impact brief for entrance off of Highway 11 east of Emo to be located at the proposed location over the watermain line.

CARRIED.

11. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize water shut-offs on accounts four months or more in arrears on Thursday, February 4, 2021.

CARRIED.

12. **McQuaker – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize reimbursement in the amount of \$140.47 on utility account #00002715001, due to overpayment.

CARRIED.

13. **Shortreed – McQuaker:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize return of 2020 Canada Day funding in the amount \$4,000.00, as the event was cancelled due to pandemic restrictions.

CARRIED.

14. **McQuaker - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to January 27, 2021.

CARRIED.

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15. **McQuaker - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to January 27, 2021:

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

CARRIED.

16. **Dunn - McQuaker:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize payment to S. Burnett & Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$677.11, HST included, being invoices to December 17, 2020 for the following projects:

- Kaemingh 22 Lot Subdivision Review \$ 677.11

CARRIED.

17. **Dunn - McQuaker:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge letter from Right Relations Circle of the Rainy River District regarding Colonization Street name; and further, agree to proceed with necessary steps to change the name of Colonization Street in Emo.

CARRIED.

18. **Shortreed - McQuaker:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to enter into a Commercial Lease Agreement with the Emo Township Public Library Board and The Corporation of the Township of Emo.

CARRIED.

19. **McQuaker - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2021-04**, being a by-law to enter into a Commercial Lease Agreement with the Emo Township Public Library Board and The Corporation of the Township of Emo, 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.

20. **McQuaker – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge letter from Agombar Contracting requesting release of holdback on Garbage Collection Tender No. 2019-06; and further, to reimburse in the amount of \$4,480.50.

CARRIED.

21. **Dunn – McQuaker:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make donation in the amount of \$ _____ to Riverside Foundation for Health Care toward the upgrade of the activation room at Rainycrest Long Term Care.

DEFEATED.

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22. **McQuaker – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make application to Canada Summer Jobs 2021 for funding for two summer students.

CARRIED.

23. **McQuaker – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from the Municipality of Charlton and Dack regarding municipal insurance; AND THAT Council endorses and supports the Municipality of Charlton and Dack in their efforts to request the Province of Ontario to immediately review the recommendations from Association of Municipalities of Ontario to address insurance issues and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors, who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID-19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities.

CARRIED.

24. **Dunn – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from the Municipality of West Grey regarding proposed amendments to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act in Schedule 8 of the Provincial Budget Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act; AND THAT Council endorses and supports the Municipality of West Grey in their efforts to request the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 8 of Bill 229.

CARRIED.

25. **Dunn – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from the Township of Howick regarding amendments to the Agricultural Tile Drainage Installation Act; AND THAT Council endorses and supports the Township of Howick in their efforts to request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations under the Act that would require tile drainage contractors file farm tile drainage plans with the local municipality.

CARRIED.

26. **Shortreed – McQuaker:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 7:42 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:
- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees – *vacant Arena Manager position; 2021 rate of inflation.*

CARRIED.

27. **Dunn – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:02 p.m.

CARRIED.

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28. **Dunn – Shortreed**: BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from December 22, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and January 20, 2021 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

Business arising from December 22, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and January 20, 2021 Special Council Meeting minutes: None.

Council requested a letter be forwarded to Right Relations Circle of the Rainy River District requesting their guidance in the direction to proceed with the name change of Colonization Street. Council would like to proceed with this venture in a joint effort with the Township of Emo and the First Nation communities in our area.

The meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.