

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
June 23, 2020

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 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.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

CARRIED.
2. **Dunn – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the June 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.
3. **Toles - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Jason Smith, Public Works Superintendent and Bridget Foster, CAO (to June 23, 2020), and Richard Hallam, CBO, for May, 2020.

CARRIED.
4. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law requiring owners or occupants to cut grass on Township boulevards fronting or adjacent to privately owned lands.

CARRIED.
5. **Toles - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2020-16**, being a by-law requiring owners or occupants to cut grass on Township boulevards fronting or adjacent to privately owned lands, 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. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to June 23, 2020.

CARRIED.

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7. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to June 23, 2020:

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

CARRIED.

8. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize paving of tennis court area, as per recommendation from Jason Smith, Public Works; and further, to accept quotation for this project from the contractor with the lowest bid.

CARRIED.

9. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve minutes of settlement and applications made under Section 357 received from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, as follows:

- Assessment Roll #71900 from \$324,000 (RT) to \$281,000 (RT), effective January 1, 2020;
- Assessment Roll #04402 of \$502,359 (RU RT) effective May 14, 2019, to correct effective date of original supplement from January 1, 2019 to May 14, 2019;
- Assessment Roll #54800 from \$213,250 (RU RT) to \$44,509 (OT RT), effective September 11, 2019;
- Assessment Roll #54800 from \$218,000 (RU RT) to \$45,500 (OT RT), effective January 1, 2020;
- Assessment Roll #40100 from \$58,400 (COM CT) and \$49,600 (RU RT) to \$108,000 (RU RT), effective January 1, 2020.

CARRIED.

10. **Dunn - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept funding from Service Canada for the Canada Summer Jobs program; and further, agree to hire 2 students for this program.

CARRIED.

11. **Toles – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the renewal of employee benefits from Comprehensive Benefits Services Inc., effective July 1, 2020, in the amount of \$3,092.74/month, plus PST.

CARRIED.

12. **Boven – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to subsidize the Rainy River District Women's Institute Museum to December 31, 2020, being monthly hydro, gas and telephone bills, in the interim, while the Museum looks into bringing in new members and is in a financial position to pay their bills.

CARRIED.

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13. **Boven – Shortreed:** WHEREAS the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways is a growing area of public concern;

WHEREAS reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce GHGs significantly;

WHEREAS the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes;

WHEREAS the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome;

WHEREAS the Township of Emo is supportive of a timely, seamless, and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products;

WHEREAS the Township of Emo is concerned about a recent proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that could jeopardize over 135 small rural, remote, and Northern community Blue Box programs across the Province as well as servicing to schools and public spaces;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures municipalities under 5,000 continue to receive Blue Box servicing as was agreed as part of the Provincial government's Blue Box mediation as well as schools and public spaces.

CARRIED.

14. **Boven – Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from the Town of Bracebridge regarding the establishment of a Municipal Financial Assistance Program to offset the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; AND THAT Council endorses and supports the Town of Bracebridge with the same concerns raised by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Association of Municipalities of Ontario, to request the Federal and Provincial Governments establish a municipal financial assistance program to offset the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

CARRIED.

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15. **Dunn – Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from the Township of Lake of Bays regarding high speed internet connectivity in rural Ontario;
AND THAT Council endorses and supports the Township of Lake of Bays with the same concerns raised by the Township of Armour on the need to make substantial investments in high speed internet connectivity in rural areas.

CARRIED.

16. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 7:47 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:
- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees.

CARRIED.

17. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:43 p.m.

CARRIED.

18. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to hire Leeann Galusha as temporary part-time Deputy/Clerk-Treasurer, at the approved wage.

CARRIED.

19. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from June 9 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.
Business arising from June 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

Disclosures of Interest:

Councillor Lincoln Dunn disclosed an interest relative to 2020 graduation special edition publication, due to being the Manager of the Fort Frances Times.

Stefan Szeder attended the meeting, virtually, as a delegation to discuss the proposed Fisher petition drain.

Council decided to hold future Council meetings in Council Chambers, as they determined they can sustain the two metres separation at all times.

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Council requested ad advertisement be posted on FaceBook congratulating the Class of 2020.

Council requested Mayor Harold McQuaker to reach out to MP Marcus Powlowski and MPP Greg Rickford to discuss cell phone coverage on Highway 502.

The meeting adjourned 8:52 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer