

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
November 10, 2020

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo held on Tuesday, November 10, 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:

Ted Kaemingh attended the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Dunn – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

CARRIED.

2. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the October 27, 2020 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 November 10, 2020).

CARRIED.

4. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make reimbursement to T.J. Kaemingh & Sons Ltd. in the amount of \$113,654.38 for work completed on Phase I of the subdivision, as recommended by S. Burnett & Associates Ltd., being performance guarantee held by the Township of Emo, as per By-law No. 2020-23.

CARRIED.

5. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to purchase video conferencing equipment from Sight & Sound in the amount of \$4,500.00, as per quotation.

CARRIED.

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6. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to write off the following due to error:

Roll # 64100: \$10.00 dog tag tax;
Roll #17900: \$15.73 penalty;
Roll #20000: \$7.90 penalty;
Roll #22900: \$9.95 penalty;
Roll #23300: \$14.03 penalty;
Roll #24200: \$9.07 penalty;
Roll #32400: \$18.24 penalty;
Roll #00950: \$14.22 penalty;
Roll #22500: \$11.94 penalty;
Roll#50700: \$12.50 penalty;

And further, to transfer payment in the amount of \$58.41 from Utility Account #00000365001 to Roll #63300, and to write off penalty in the amount of \$0.73;

And further, to make reimbursement in the amount of \$742.43, due to overpayment on Roll #59200.

CARRIED.

7. **Boven – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to November 10, 2020.

CARRIED.

8. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to November 10, 2020:

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

CARRIED.

9. **Dunn - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to make application to Canadian Heritage's Celebrate Canada Program in the amount of \$5,000.00, toward the Township of Emo's 2021 Canada Day celebration.

CARRIED.

10. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge letter from Ellen Wilson regarding the tennis court and parking situation.

CARRIED.

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11. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to provide a letter of support to the Northwestern Ontario Innovation Centre regarding Fibre-to-the-Home Project proposed for Emo.

CARRIED.

12. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Livestock Valuer Report from Gary Sliworsky; and further accept the application to Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program for the following:

- John Ross Anderson in the amount of \$1,034.88 for calves

CARRIED.

13. **Boven - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to pass a by-law to adopt COVID-19 Re-opening EarlyON Child and Family Centre Policy.

CARRIED.

14. **Shortreed – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that **By-law No. 2020-27**, being a by-law to adopt COVID-19 Re-opening EarlyON Child and Family Centre Policy, be deemed to be read a first, second and third time, be finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Council and become law forthwith.

CARRIED.

15. **Shortreed – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve Minutes of Settlement received from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, as follows:

- Assessment Roll #54501 from \$381,000 (RT) to \$374,000 (RT), effective January 1, 2020.

CARRIED.

16. **Boven – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to register Council and the CAO for the Rainy River District Municipal Association Annual General Meeting to be held virtually on Saturday, January 16, 2021.

CARRIED.

17. **Dunn- Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from Loyalist Township regarding funding for community groups and service clubs affected by pandemic;
AND THAT Council endorses and supports the Loyalist Township in their efforts to request confirmation from the governments of Ontario and Canada that funding will be available for local small charities, community groups and service clubs.

DEFEATED.

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18. **Boven – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from Prince Edward County regarding Bill 218, Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020, proposed changes to Municipal Elections Act; AND THAT Council endorses and supports the Prince Edward County in their efforts to request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to urge the Government of Ontario to continue to respect Ontario municipalities' ability to apply sound representative principles in their execution of elections; and to recommend that the Government of Ontario supports the freedom of municipalities to run democratic elections within the existing framework the Act currently offers.

CARRIED.

19. **Shortreed – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to purchase 8 tires for the plow truck from Lakewood Tire Ltd., in the amount of \$5,996.40, plus HST, as per quotation.

CARRIED.

20. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from October 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.
Business arising from October 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

Tabled:

- Council Code of Conduct

Ted Kaemingh attended the meeting to request \$200,000.00 of his performance guarantee, regardless of the amount of work that has been completed within phase 1 of the subdivision.

Council requested the Rainy River District Regional Abattoir be requested to attend the meeting to update Council on their progress, following their attendance at a previous Council meeting.

Council requested Bridget Foster, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, attend the Emo-LaVallee Community Centre Board meetings, with the understanding that all Board members will treat her with respect.

The company that sets off the fireworks displays in Emo is to be contacted to see if they are available for New Years Eve or New Year's Day. The Township of Emo still has Celebrate Canada funding, as the Canada Day celebrations were postponed due to Covid restrictions.

Discussion was held regarding the proposal from Celerity Telecom and it was noted to look at how we can proceed with increased internet not only in the urban area but also in the rural.

The meeting adjourned 8:22 p.m.