

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

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

Present: 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:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Shortreed – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the Regular Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

CARRIED.
2. **Dunn - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that the September 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.
3. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept written report from Richard Hallam, CBO, for August, 2020.

CARRIED.
4. **Shortreed - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Township of Emo 2019 draft audited financial statements, as submitted by BDO Canada LLP.

CARRIED.
5. **Boven - Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the payment of bills on file in Municipal General to September 22, 2020.

CARRIED.
6. **Shortreed – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby approve the invoices for the following Township of Emo Boards/Committees to September 22, 2020:
 - Emo-LaVallee Community Centre
 - Emo Recreation Council
 - Emo Cemetery
 - Emo Parks
 - Emo Toy Library/Resource Centre

CARRIED.

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7. **Dunn - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept Township of Emo, Water Treatment Plant Retrofit project, for the Water Treatment Plant Disinfection System, as submitted by Ontario Clean Water Agency and prepared by S. Burnett & Associates Ltd.

CARRIED.

8. **Toles - Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from Loyalist Township regarding ferries to be included in the transit funding due to COVID-19;
AND THAT Council endorses and supports the Loyalist Township in their efforts to request the Ministry of Transportation to support the Canadian Ferry Association's request that ferries be considered part of the local transit system and that lost revenue be eligible for reimbursement;
AND FURTHER THAT a portion of the (pandemic) Federal funds be allocated towards municipal transportation ferry revenue loss and ferry expenditures resulting from the pandemic.

CARRIED.

9. **Shortreed - Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby received correspondence from Wollaston Township regarding the Municipal Elections Act;
AND THAT Council endorses and supports the Wollaston Township in their efforts to ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to ensure that loopholes are closed on any pay to play schemes in rural communities where non-resident electors are permitted to participate in elections so that \$100.00 leases do not turn into ballots for garden sheds.

CARRIED.

10. **Toles – Boven:** WHEREAS *Rail Safety Week* is to be held across Canada from September 21 to 27, 2020;
WHEREAS it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness of the dangers of ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property to reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens;
WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;
WHEREAS CN has requested Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality.
BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Emo hereby supports national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 21 to 27, 2020.

CARRIED.

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11. **Toles – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to go in-camera at 8:00 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees.

CARRIED.

12. **Boven – Dunn:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby agree to come out of in-camera session at 8:45p.m.

CARRIED.

13. **Dunn – Toles:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby accept letters of resignation from James O'Sullivan and Kathy Mercier, with regret, from the Emo Recreational Council.

CARRIED.

14. **Dunn – Boven:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby appoint Gary Foster to the Emo Recreational Council.

CARRIED.

15. **Boven - Shortreed:** BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Errors or Omissions from September 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.
Business arising from September 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes: None.

Mike Canfield, from BDO Canada, attended the meeting to present the draft 2020 Audited Financial Statements.

The meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Attested by:

Harold McQuaker,
Mayor

Bridget Foster,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer