

August 12, 2026

Mayor and Council
Township of Emo
P.O. Box 520
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Via Email (cao@emo.ca)

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Will You Support a Police Investigation into Your Missing Donations?

We represent Borderland Pride.

In our August 9 letter, we notified the Township of Emo that we had asked the Rainy River District Detachment Commander of the Ontario Provincial Police to investigate the **nearly \$35,000** raised through GiveSendGo and GoFundMe in the name of, and for the benefit of, the Township and its taxpayers.

On August 11, council received a report from the integrity commissioner confirming that approximately **\$5,300 of those funds were paid to Mayor Harold McQuaker and deposited into his personal bank account**. That report also establishes that McQuaker has known of concerns about his receipt of those funds since early 2025. He has not returned them to the Township.

More troubling still, **approximately \$30,000 remains unaccounted for**. The Township's freedom of information disclosures confirm that it has received none of that money. ***So where did it go?***

The information available suggests that either additional crowdfunding proceeds were received by persons associated with the Township, or money solicited from donors was never used for its stated purpose—essentially, that **your donors were scammed**. Either possibility warrants a police investigation.

These circumstances raise serious *Criminal Code* offences, including theft, fraud, breach of trust, breach of trust by a public officer, theft by a person required to account, and municipal corruption.

We therefore ask council to adopt a resolution **formally advising the OPP that the Township supports a police investigation into the receipt, disposition, and whereabouts of all crowdfunding proceeds raised in its name or for its benefit**.

This should be an easy decision. **Nearly \$35,000 was raised in your name. The Township received none of it. More than \$5,300 went to the Mayor. Approximately \$30,000 remains unexplained.** If council will not support an investigation, taxpayers and donors are entitled to ask **what council knows about where the money went—and why it does not want the police to find out**.

We remind you that any member of council with a pecuniary interest in these funds must comply with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, including its disclosure and recusal requirements.

Your donors and taxpayers deserve answers. Council should be demanding them too.

Sincerely,

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