

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #06
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
April 1st, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Kahoot called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor Rob Eady, Councillor Tracey Simon, Councillor Daniel Sutton, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and three (3) members of the public.

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared.

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 4.1 Henry Wall, Kenora District Services Board (KDSB)
- 2015 Budget and Operations

Mayor Kahoot welcomed Mr. Wall to the Meeting.

Henry advised that he intended to provide Council with an overview of the services that are provided for the levy that the Municipality pays including: Early Learning and Child Care, Ontario Works, Social Housing, and Land Ambulance. Two documents were presented: a Presentation document and the 2015 Approved Budget Document.

Henry also advised that the KDSB recently affirmed the Strategic Plan that was developed and adopted in 2014 for the 2015 to 2019 period.

The 2015 Operational Budget was increased by 1.68% resulting in an overall budget of approximately \$38,000,000, however municipalities will see a decrease in their funding requirement of about 11% which has been favourably received due to the decreases in municipal Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding (OMPF) allocations.

Henry provided an overview of:

- Early Learning and Child Care
 - Legislative Requirements
 - Funding Model and district budget requirements
 - Subsidized child care spaces
 - Payments made to the Ear Falls Child Care Centre
- Ontario Works
 - This area is one of controversy when discussed in coordination with municipal OMPF uploads because despite the upload of

this cost by the Province, municipalities in the district are still seeing increased costs for this service area.

- Legislative Requirements
- Funding Model and district budget requirements
- Investment in Affordable Housing Program
- Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Funding
- Ontario Works Case Load in the district
- Social Housing
 - Legislative Requirements
 - Funding Model and district budget requirements
 - District Housing Stock – condition, availability, Ear Falls details regarding planned maintenance and upgrades
- Land Ambulance
 - Funding Model and budget requirements
 - Staffing requirements and call volumes

Council requested clarification on Land Ambulance non-emergency transfer trends and call volumes in the district. Henry advised that KDSB has submitted a proposal for funding to the Northwest Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and the Ministry of Health to address this concern but a response has not yet been received.

Council requested clarification on the budgeted rent increase presented for social housing tenants. Henry advised that there are legislative requirements setting out permitted rent increases.

Council requested clarification on the solar panel project that was implemented in a number of communities. Henry advised that the project is on target with the anticipated rate of return is meeting expectations at this point. A report on this was recently presented to the Board and will be shared with Council.

Mayor Kahoot thanked Henry for his presentation.

4.2 John Polkinghorne

- Property adjacent to 559 Highway 657 / proposed purchase (available to answer any questions Council may have).

Mayor Kahoot welcomed Mr. Polkinghorne to the Meeting.

Mr. Polkinghorne requested clarification on the closing date and wanted to know if Council would be agreeable to the offer to purchase.

Mayor Kahoot noted that the item would be considered later in the Agenda, and that Mr. Polkinghorne was welcome to await the outcome of the decision.

PART I – CONSENT AGENDA

(For the purpose of convenience and for expediting Meetings, matters of business of repetitive or routine nature are included in the Consent Agenda, and all such matters of business contained in the Consent Agenda are voted on collectively.

A particular matter of business may be singled out from the Consent Agenda for debate or for a separate vote upon the request of any Member of Council. In the case of a separate vote, the excluded matter of business is severed from the Consent Agenda, and only the remaining matters of business contained in the Consent Agenda are voted on collectively.

Each and every matter of business contained in the Consent Agenda is recorded separately in the Minutes of the Meeting.)

Council requested clarification of Item No. 5.1.1.

RESOLUTION NO. 106

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby adopts the Items in Sections 5 – 8 of Part 1 – Consent Agenda.

Carried.

5 MINUTES

5.1 The review and passing of the Minutes of the previous Meetings.

5.1.1 March 19th, 2015 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

Clarification was requested on the requirement for this Meeting and the operational needs for ice maintenance at the Recreation Centre.

5.1.2 March 19th, 2015 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 107

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Minutes of the previous Meetings of Council numbered 5.1.1 to 5.1.2 at the April 1st, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

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5.2 Minutes of Committees

None.

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5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 February 17th, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.2 February 17th, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.3 March 9th, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.4 March 9th, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 108

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations numbered 5.3.1 to 5.3.4 at the April 1st, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

8.1 Correspondence:

C11-MP

8.1.1 Letter received March 20th, 2015 from Ernie Hardeman, M.P.P. Oxford re: Introduction of the *Housing Services Corporation Accountability Act*.

RESOLUTION NO. 109

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the document numbered 8.1.1 at the April 1st, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

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8.2 Report to Council dated March 20th, 2015 from Clerk Treasurer

Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: GCSurplus Bid – Unsuccessful.

RESOLUTION NO. 110

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the Report to Council dated March 20th, 2015 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: GCSurplus Bid – Unsuccessful.

Carried.

D.C. / A.P.

8.3 Travel Request from Assistant Day Care Coordinator Jenna Dyck re: Travel and attendance for Tammy DeMore to the Kenora – Rainy River District and Child Care Resource Teacher Educational & Support Committee Session being held in Kenora on April 29th & 30th, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 111

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT Tammy DeMore be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Kenora – Rainy River District and Child Care Resource Teacher Educational & Support Committee Session being held in Kenora on April 29th & 30th, 2015; and

FURTHER THAT the Registration Fee to the Kenora – Rainy River District and Child Care Resource Teacher Educational & Support Committee Session being held in Kenora on April 29th & 30th, 2015 shall be borne by the Kenora District Services Board.

Carried.

D.C. / A.P.

8.4 Travel Request from Assistant Day Care Coordinator Jenna Dyck re: Travel and attendance for Tammy DeMore to the Speech and Language Tools for the Preschool Years Session being held in Dryden at the Best Western on April 14th, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 112

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT Tammy DeMore be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Speech and Language Tools for the Preschool Years Session being held in Dryden at the Best Western on April 14th, 2015.

Carried.

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8.5 Renewal of Insurance with Frank Cowan Company / Gillons' Insurance Brokers.

RESOLUTION NO. 113

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Township of Ear Falls' 2015 Insurance Renewal from Frank Cowan Company Limited / Gillons' Insurance Brokers Ltd. be approved at the Annual Premium of \$62,048.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

9.1 By-Law No. 1938-15, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L07-LA

9.2 By-Law No. 1939-15, a By-Law to Authorize the Sale of Plan 23R-7170, Part 3 to John Wilson Polkinghorne and Jean Polkinghorne.

D.C.

9.3 By-Law No. 1940-15, a By-Law to Establish a New / Replacement Asset Reserve Fund.

L07-LE

9.4 By-Law No. 1941-15, a By-Law to Terminate a Lease Agreement with Dr. Matthew Walkiewicz.

L07-LE

9.5 By-Law No. 1942-15, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement with Dr. Audrey McNamara Dentistry Professional Corporation for Office Space at the Community Health Centre.

RESOLUTION NO. 114

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 1938-15, 1939-15, 1940-15, 1941-15, and 1942-15 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

S08-DO

11.1 Rural and Northern Physician Group Agreement (RNPGA).

This Agreement is reviewed during each term of Council to provide a general overview of the terms of the Agreement. This is commonly referred to as the Community Sponsored Contract.

A16-CH

11.2 Letter received March 12th, 2015 from the Red Lake District Publicity Board re: Invitation to participate in a long term local marketing and promotional campaign through a supporting partnership program.

Council discussed the history of the Red Lake Touring Region, Red Lake Publicity Board and the involvement of the Chukuni Community Development Corporation in regional economic development projects.

Council voiced concerns about the local economic development direction that the Township needs to take prior to participating in a regional endeavour. Council concurred that the Township of Ear Falls would not provide financial contribution to the Red Lake District Publicity Board at this time.

12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.1 Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Councillor Training 101 and Personal Responsibilities training was quite good and very informative.

12.2 Councillor Rob Eady

- Chukuni Communities Development Corporation Meeting
 - Continuing to work on the broadband project.
- Museum
 - Beginning to wrap up the project work for this season so the volunteers will be cleaning up the space and putting everything back in its place. Some of the volunteers are thinking about developing times for public tours. These have been requested by one of the Girl Guide leaders and there have also been discussion about proposing tours to various classes from the Ear Falls Public School. Volunteers are also brainstorming some ideas for 2016's March Break that are interactive and educational for youth.

12.3 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association Board Meeting
 - The Board is getting everything prepared for the upcoming Annual Meeting.
 - Northern Iron and the Energy Task Force have connected to discuss power requirements for the Griffith Mine.
 - Transfield's Highway Maintenance Contract will cease at the end of August.

13 CLOSED MEETING

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 115

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 8:09 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (d) – Labour relations or employee negotiations – Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Wage Enhancement Program.

Carried.

Section 239 (2) (d) of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended.

- Labour relations or employee negotiations.
 - Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Wage Enhancement Program.

13.2 RESOLUTION NO. 116

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 8:16 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

14 CLOSED REPORT

Council reviewed information regarding the Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Wage Enhancement Program.

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 117

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:17 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk