

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #06
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
April 5th, 2017 @ 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 Jim Desmarais, Councillor Rob Eady, Councillor Tracey Simon, Councillor Daniel Sutton, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance and eight (8) members of the public.

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared.

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

P01-BY

4.1 Ron Bergman

- Discuss the lack of By-Law Enforcement.

Mr. Bergman advised that it was disappointing to witness the lack of By-Law Enforcement being undertaken within the municipality after many previous terms of Council had strived to provide this service and maintain property standards and other by-laws. Mr. Bergman noted that he did not think it was appropriate to maintain a passive response system to By-Law Enforcement and that the municipality's process of only enforcing by-laws upon a complaint being lodged was not an acceptable level of service. The municipality's Official Plan and Zoning By-Law identify rules that indicate that Council is responsible for maintaining and enforcing the Property Maintenance and Occupancy Standards By-Law to ensure the proper maintenance and repair for private properties.

Mr. Bergman identified that the lack of enforcement of Property Maintenance and Occupancy Standards has an impact on local property values. A property appraisal for his property will be undertaken and depending on the outcomes, additional actions may be forthcoming.

Mr. Bergman identified that Council should consider the development of a by-law to regulate fences so that property owners cannot put up fences in close proximity to existing fences and set out design standards to ensure that they do not have a negative impact on their neighbours properties. Currently his neighbour has put up a wood fence directly adjacent to his chain link fence and has painted the

sections a multitude of colours on the exterior side which faces his property. The municipality currently does not have a by-law that prohibits this.

Mr. Bergman identified some options for Council to potentially resolve these issues including sharing services with the Municipality of Red Lake or determining if an off-duty OPP Officer would provide the services.

Council noted that they have discussed shared services of this nature with Red Lake and have also advertised for Animal Control Officer and have been very unsuccessful in filling this position. Council asked if Mr. Bergman would be potentially interested in acting as a By-Law Enforcement Officer.

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 on Item Nos. 7.1.10 and 7.4.

RESOLUTION NO. 081

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby adopts the Items in Sections 5 – 7 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 15th, 2017 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 082

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 Meeting of Council numbered 5.1.1 at the April 5th, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

5.2.1 February 22nd, 2017 – Ear Falls Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 083

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the Minutes of Committees numbered 5.2.1 at the April 5th, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

5.3.1 February 17th, 2017 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

5.3.2 January 31st, 2017 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 084

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 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations numbered 5.3.1 to 5.3.2 at the April 5th, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1 Correspondence.

S08-NO

7.1.1 Letter dated March 8th, 2017 from the Northwestern Health Unit re: Child and Youth Mental Health Outcomes Report – 2017.

D05-TI

7.1.2 Letter dated March 9th, 2017 from the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry re: Kenora Forest 2017-2018 Annual Work Schedule.

D05-TI

7.1.3 Letter dated March 8th, 2017 from the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry re: Inspection of the 2017-2018 Approved Annual Work Schedule for the English River, Dryden, and Wabigoon Forests.

A16-MU

7.1.4 Letter dated March 10th, 2017 from Carla Nell, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation re: Thank you for meeting at the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference.

D05-TI

7.1.5 Letter dated March 15th, 2017 from the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry re: Public Inspection – Approved 2017/2018 Annual Work Schedule for the Whitefeather Forest.

D05-TI

7.1.6 Letter dated March 15th, 2017 from the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry re: Public Inspection – Approved 2017/2018 Annual Work Schedules for the Red Lake Forest and Trout Lake Forest.

D05-TI

7.1.7 Letter dated March 13th, 2017 from the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry re: Inspection – Approved 2017-2018 Annual Work Schedule for the Lac Seul Forest.

A16-NA

7.1.8 Letter dated March 15th, 2017 from the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry re: 2017 Fall Prescribed Burn Project – Wind Lake.

D05-TI

7.1.9 Letter dated March 15th, 2017 from the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry re: Inspection – Approved 2017/2018 Annual Work Schedule for the Whiskey Jack Forest.

C11-MP

7.1.10 Letter dated March 9th, 2017 from Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon re: New role as Progressive Conservative Critic for Infrastructure.

Council discussed the Water Treatment Plant Low Lift Pumping Station project and recommended that a letter be sent to MPP Sylvia Jones about the matter.

F00-TA

7.1.11 Ontario Regulation 65/17 under the Municipal Act amending Ontario Regulation 385/98 re: Revision to the Municipal Act, 2001.

RESOLUTION NO. 085

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.11 at the April 5th, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

7.2 Monthly Report from Day Care / Best Start Coordinator Marg Trippier – February.

RESOLUTION NO. 086

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the Report from Departments numbered 7.2 at the April 5th, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

F16-RE

7.3 Remuneration and Expenses – Kenora District Services Board (KDSB).

RESOLUTION NO. 087

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Section 284 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, requires the Treasurer to provide Council with an itemized statement, on or before March 31st, on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby approves the Statement of Remuneration and Expenses paid to a Member of Council as a Kenora District Services Board Member (attached) for the period of January 1st, 2016 to December 31st, 2016.

Carried.

*L06-IN

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

Clarification was requested on the coverage provided.

RESOLUTION NO. 088

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Township of Ear Falls' 2017 Insurance Renewal from Frank Cowan Company Limited / Gillons' Insurance Brokers Ltd. be approved at the Annual Premium of \$64,344 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

T.C.

- 7.5 Minutes of Settlement, 2017 Tax Year, Results of Request for Reconsideration, Property Assessment Notice.

RESOLUTION NO. 089

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Minutes of Settlement for the 2017 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

| ROLL NUMBER | CURRENT PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT | REVISED PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 6042-000-001-11700-0000 | \$80,750 RT | \$78,750 RT |

Carried.

T.P. / A.P.

- 7.6 Travel and attendance for an Arbitration Hearing being held in Thunder Bay on November 27th and 28th, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 090

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

WHEREAS Resolution No. 058-17, dated March 1st, 2017, authorized travel and attendance for an Arbitration Hearing being held in Thunder Bay on March 8th and 9th, 2017; and

WHEREAS the Hearing date was rescheduled;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance for an Arbitration Hearing being held in Thunder Bay on November 27th and 28th, 2017

- Mayor Kevin Kahoot
- Councillor Rob Eady
- Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance

and;

FURTHER THAT Resolution No. 058-17 is hereby repealed.

Carried.

M02-FA

7.7 Letter dated March 28th, 2017 from Kimberly Ballance, Family Safety Night Committee Member re: Request to waive the Ice Rental Fee for Thursday, May 18th, 2017 from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. for the 15th Annual Family Safety Night.

RESOLUTION NO. 091

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Township of Ear Falls waives the Rental Fee for use of the Arena Ice Surface at the Recreation Centre for the 15th Annual Ear Falls Family Safety Night being held on Thursday, May 18th, 2017; and

FURTHER THAT Thursday, May 18th, 2017 be declared Family Safety Night in the Township of Ear Falls.

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

Clarification was requested on Item No. 8.3.

8.1 By-Law No. 2070-17, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

T.C.

8.2 By-Law No. 2071-17, a By-Law to Provide for an Exemption for Municipal Taxes on Properties Held by the Royal Canadian Legion Pursuant to Section 6.1 of the *Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter A.31*.

L14-GE

8.3 By-Law No. 2072-17, a By-Law to Enter into an Agreement with Geoma, a Division of Geraldton Community Forest Inc., for the Provision of a Community Geographic Information System (GIS).

Clarification was requested on this item.

L07-LE

8.4 By-Law No. 2073-17, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Amendment to a Lease Agreement with Community Counselling and Addiction Services.

L07-LE

8.5 By-Law No. 2074-17, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Amendment to a Lease Agreement with the Lake of the Woods Child Development Centre (Operating as FIREFLY).

T.C.

8.6 By-Law No. 2075-17, a By-Law to Set Tax Rate Reductions for Prescribed Property Subclasses for the Year 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 092

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 2070-17, 2071-17, 2072-17, 2073-17, 2074-17, and 2075-17 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

C12-BO

9.1 Minutes of the Red Lake District Resource Management Advisory Committee (LCC) for May 2nd, 2016, June 6th, 2016, September 6th, 2016, October 3rd, 2016, and February 6th, 2017.

Council discussed this Committee and identified that a public notice advertising the availability of a municipal position on this Committee would be put forward to permit applications from members of the public.

D02-CO

9.2 Submit letters to the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Infrastructure re: Community Hubs.

RESOLUTION NO. 093

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be authorized and hereby directed to execute the letter to the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of

Infrastructure regarding Community Hubs.

Carried.

- 9.3 Letter dated March 17th, 2017 from Earl Reimer re: Request to waive the fees for Fire Department response to motor vehicle accident.

Council concurred that the Fee would be waived pending an amendment to the Schedule of Fees By-Law. Council requested that the amendments reflect revised language to address business properties.

*V00-OL / A.P.

- 9.4 Report to Council dated March 27th, 2017 from Public Service & Operations Supervisor Perry Dyck re: 1996 Olympia.

RESOLUTION NO. 094

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes and directs the Clerk Treasurer Administrator to place a bid on the 1996 Olympia Model 3000 from Plummer Additional Township at a price of \$12,000 (including applicable tax); and

FURTHER THAT this be funded through the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund; and

FURTHER THAT costs associated with shipping shall be in addition to the bid price.

Carried.

F02-WA

- 9.5 Special Meeting to discuss Water and Sewer Rates being held April 6th, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Council discussed the format for the Special Meeting.

F00-TA

- 9.6 2017 Township of Ear Falls Budget – Draft.

Council discussed the Tax Policy options as presented and considered use of the new LT Ratio. Council discussed the desire to minimize the tax increase due to the increases that have been implemented for Water and Sewer fees. Council concurred that Scenario 1 is the desirable option for the implementation of tax policies.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

- 10.1 Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Requested an update on signage quotes.

10.2 Councillor Tracey Simon

- Red Lake Margaret Cochenour Memorial Hospital Board Meeting
 - Second most remote hospital in Ontario.
 - Received funding for four (4) projects – elevator upgrade, two separate air handling units, and a sprinkler system upgrade.
 - Currently they are in a budget surplus that will be used for capital projects.
 - The head nurse recently started participating in a life and limb emergency group which reviews protocols for emergency transfers. This includes working with the Province of Manitoba to enable quick transfers to Winnipeg when necessary.
 - Discussed the Ear Falls helipad plan and fundraising options.

10.3 Councillor Eady

- Chukuni Communities Development Corporation (CCDC) Annual General Meeting
 - Discussed the disbursements made by the CCDC in the Ear Falls / Red Lake area which total nearly \$1 million / year.
 - Bob Nault, MP spoke at the event regarding FedNor programing and future funding provision.

10.4 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association Board Meeting
 - The upcoming Annual General Meeting will include an election for President and Vice-President which has not occurred in fifteen (15) years for the Association. The candidates for President will be Mayor Phil Vinet, Red Lake and Mayor Wendy Landry, Shuniah. The candidates for Vice-President are Mayor Ken Perry, Fort Frances and Mayor Doug Lawrence, Sioux Lookout.
- Nuclear Waste Management Organization Meeting
 - The organization is experiencing a number of staff changes due primarily to retirements. Dr. Ben Belfadhel is now the Vice-President of Site Selection. Ignace will be having one borehole drilled this summer which will be to a depth of 1000 m. They appear to be the only community in the process that has a strong relationship with the surrounding First Nations including having a Memorandum of Understanding in place.
- Kenora District Municipal Association Meeting will be held next week on April 13th in Dryden. A primary topic will be proposing resolutions for the upcoming Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) Annual General Meeting.
- EACOM staff have identified concerns with their ability to house contractors in the community as a number of tourist operators are

not able to provide accommodation during the busy spring season. EACOM staff have verbally requested options about purchasing or leasing property from the municipality, possibly the airport, for a camp. Requested suggestions from Council on this issue.

- By-Law Enforcement Complaints
 - Provided information on the history of the municipality’s By-Law Enforcement complaints received for Council’s information
 - 2015 – 7 complaints (5 animal control)
 - 2016 – 6 complaints (2 animal control)
 - 2017 to date – 6 complaints (2 animal control)

11 CLOSED MEETING

N/A

12 CLOSED REPORT

N/A

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 095

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:55 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk