

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #05
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
April 6th, 2016 @ 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, and Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared.

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

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.)

Clarification was requested on Item Nos. 8.1.2, 8.1.8, 8.3, and 8.7.

Councillor Desmarais entered the Meeting at this point.

Mayor Kahoot advised that Councillor Desmarais has resigned from the Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board and thanked him for his service on the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 076

Moved by Daniel Sutton. 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 2nd, 2016 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 077

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

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 6th, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

5.2.1 February 8th, 2016 – Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 078

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 6th, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

5.3.1 January 12th, 2016 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Meeting #2 Minutes.

5.3.2 January 26th, 2016 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Special Board Meeting Minutes.

5.3.3 March 8th, 2016 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Meeting #4 Agenda.

5.3.4 February 9th, 2016 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Meeting #3 Minutes.

5.3.5 January 26th, 2016 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Board of Management Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 079

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 5.3.5 at the April 6th, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

C.O.

7.1 Reports from Departments.

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

7.1.2 Monthly Report from Public Library Coordinator Becky Bergman – February.

RESOLUTION NO. 080

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 Reports from Departments numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.2 at the April 6th, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

8.1 Correspondence.

M06-ON

8.1.1 Email dated February 25th, 2016 from Ontario News re: Ontario's Investments Creating Jobs for Today and Tomorrow News Release.

A04-ON

8.1.2 Letter dated February 24th, 2016 from the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Thank you letter for the delegation at the 2016 Ontario Good Roads Association / Rural Ontario Municipal Association (OGRA / ROMA) Combined Conference.

Council requested clarification on the content of this letter.

P03-EM

8.1.3 Letter dated March 1st, 2016 from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services re: Notification that the Township is in compliance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) and its associated Regulation, Ontario Regulation 380/04.

A01-NO

8.1.4 Letter from Dave Canfield, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) President re: Request for Intervenor Status with the Ontario Energy Board in its proceeding to review alternative ratemaking approaches and framework to recover costs of expanding natural gas service to communities in Ontario that don't have access to natural gas.

A08-SE

8.1.5 Letter dated March 4th, 2016 from ServiceOntario re: Notification that the submission for the Local Request for Proposal (RFP) to Operate a Private Issuing Office in Ear Falls has been disqualified under Section 4.1.3 of the RFP – Conditional Proposals May be Disqualified.

*D05-MI

8.1.6 Notice of Intent to Apply for Exploration Permits and an Exploration Permit Application received March 8th, 2016 from Griffith Iron Metalics (formerly Northern Iron Corp.).

D05-MI

8.1.7 Letter dated March 9th, 2016 from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines re: Exploration Permit Application # PR-16-10829, Griffith Mine Project, District of Kenora.

A12-CK/L07-LE

8.1.8 Notification from the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission re: Approval of the application to operate an FM rebroadcasting transmitter in Ear Falls to replace the AM transmitter CKDR-4 Ear Falls.

Council requested clarification on the lease with CKDR for this purpose.

FYI

8.1.9 Letter dated March 4th, 2016 from the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs re: 2016 Municipal Officials Seminar: The Essentials of Firefighting and Firefighting 101 being held in Toronto on April 30th and May 1st, 2016.

CEDC

8.1.10 Letter dated March 4th, 2016 from the Ontario Chambers of

Commerce re: Emerging Stronger 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 081

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 documents numbered 8.1.1 to 8.1.10 at the April 6th, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C09-GE

- 8.2 Letter dated February 23rd, 2016 from Dave Canfield, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) President re: Resolution of support for an Inter-Community Bus System.

RESOLUTION NO. 082

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the communities of Northwestern Ontario have seen bus service to and from their communities reduced as well as eliminated over time; and

WHEREAS the study The Future of Inter-Community Bus Service in Northwestern Ontario produced by Common Voice Northwest and endorsed by the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association and the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce points out that the Ontario Government already provides ground transportation subsidies to Ontario residents residing in North Eastern Ontario and in the Greater Toronto Area; and

WHEREAS the study also identifies that the Ontario Government, through a variety of Ministries pays for individuals to be transported between communities for medical and social income support reasons; and

WHEREAS the study recommends that the Government of Ontario provide an annual subsidy to ensure that each community in the Northwest has access to regularly scheduled seven (7) day a week inter-community bus service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Ear Falls endorse the findings and recommendations of the Common Voice Northwest report on The Future of Inter-Community Bus Service in Northwestern Ontario; and

FURTHER THAT the Ontario Government be requested to implement the concepts contained within the report; and

FURTHER THAT copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

- The Honourable Steve Del Duca, Minister of Transportation
- The Honourable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines
- The Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
- The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
- Sarah Campbell, M.P.P. Kenora-Rainy River
- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association
- Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce
- Common Voice Northwest

Carried.

E03-RE

- 8.3 Letter dated February 24th, 2016 from Ontario Clean Water Agency re: 2015 Section 11 Annual Report – Ear Falls Drinking-Water System.

Council discussed the lead testing requirements and energy efficiency reporting for the Water Treatment Plant.

RESOLUTION NO. 083

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby received and reviewed the following Report from Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA):

- 2015 Section 11 Annual Report for the Ear Falls Drinking-Water System.

Carried.

T.C.

- 8.4 Email dated March 7th, 2016 from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation re: Minutes of Settlement for the 2015 and 2016 Tax Years.

RESOLUTION NO. 084

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Assessment Review Board Minutes of Settlement for the 2015 and 2016 Tax Years regarding the property identified as:

	CURRENT 2015 PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED 2015 PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT
ROLL NUMBER		

6042-000-002-00610-0000	\$ 228,000 RT	\$ 154,000 RT
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	CURRENT 2016 PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED 2016 PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT
ROLL NUMBER		

6042-000-002-00610-0000	\$ 231,000 RT	\$ 154,000 RT
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Carried.

M03-DO

8.5 Letter dated March 11th, 2016 from Kimberly Ballance, Family Safety Night Committee Member re: Request to waive the Ice Rental Fee for Thursday, May 19th, 2016 from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. for the 14th Annual Family Safety Night.

RESOLUTION NO. 085

Moved by Daniel Sutton. 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 14th Annual Ear Falls Family Safety Night being held on Thursday, May 19th, 2016; and

FURTHER THAT Thursday, May 19th, 2016 be declared Family Safety Night in the Township of Ear Falls.

Carried.

F00-SC / *P09-LA

8.6 Application for a Land Use Permit 1205-1008636 Trail – English River.

RESOLUTION NO. 086

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Subscriptions and Memberships Listing for 2016 be amended by adding the following:

Land Use Permits – MNR (80500)	Amount
Land Use Permit – Trail – English River	
(Administration Fee – 2015-2016)	\$ 180.00

Land Use Permit – Trail – English River
(Annual Fee 2016-2020) \$ 60.00
Carried.

R05-AR/E07-EQ

8.7 Request to Council for the Disposal of the Downhill Ski Equipment Assets at the Recreation Centre.

Council requested clarification on the sale of this equipment.

RESOLUTION NO. 087

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the following pieces of Downhill Ski Equipment be declared surplus and offered for sale at the following price:

- Twenty-four (24) pairs of Men's Ski Boots - \$10.00
- Twenty-two (22) pairs of Ladies' Ski Boots - \$10.00
- Twenty-four (24) pairs of Youth / Kids Ski Boots - \$10.00
- Twenty-five (25) sets of Poles - \$5.00
- Twenty-eight (28) sets of Skis - \$25.00

Carried.

F05-EX

8.8 Report to Council dated March 22nd, 2016 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell re: Budget Matters – Expenses Report (in accordance with O. Reg. 284/09).

RESOLUTION NO. 088

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council dated March 22nd, 2016 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell re: Budget Matters – Expenses Report (in accordance with O. Reg. 284/09).

Carried.

F16-RE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 089

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

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, 2015 to December 31st, 2015.

Carried.

C12-BO

8.10 Appointment to a Municipal Committee of the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 090

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Boards and Committees Appointment for the Township of Ear Falls be approved as per the attached; and

FURTHER THAT the Appointment be for the term of this present Council.

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

9.1 By-Law No. 2003-16, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L07-LE

9.2 By-Law No. 2004-16, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure.

L14-WA

9.3 By-Law No. 2005-16, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Paul's Hauling Ltd. for Temporary Use of the Ear Falls Waste Disposal Site.

RESOLUTION NO. 091

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 2003-16, 2004-16, and 2005-16 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

M02-ON

- 11.1 Letter dated March 2016 from the Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs re: Invitation to participate in the 2016 Senior of the Year Award.

Council members will pass on any prospective candidates to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator prior to April 13th for Council's consideration at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

C07-EL

- 11.2 Report to Council dated March 22nd, 2016 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Election 2018 – Ranked Ballots / Alternative Voting Method.

Council concurred that the Township of Ear Falls will continue to use the first-past-the-post method for the 2018 Election.

F18-SE

- 11.3 Report to Council dated March 15th, 2016 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: ServiceOntario Debriefing.

RESOLUTION NO. 092

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Clerk Treasurer Administrator be hereby authorized and directed to submit a Proposal for the operation of a private ServiceOntario Centre in Ear Falls with a condition to be included in the proposal requiring full-cost recovery for providing the service.

Carried.

*F18-CH

- 11.4 Expression of Interest – Contract for Chief Building Official Services, Ear Falls, Ignace, Machin and Pickle Lake.

Council discussed some options for addressing the Chief Building Official position.

12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.1 Councillor Desmarais

- Municipal Police Services Act Meeting
 - The Regional Consulting session held in Kenora on March 29th, 2016 was very informative. There were twenty-two (22) people in attendance and the group discussed presented topics in order to develop an understanding of potential changes to policing operations. There are some areas in Ontario that are developing Community Safety Plans in order to improve community safety and reduce policing costs. If the municipality is interested in developing a Community Safety Plan, Councillor Desmarais has the contact information for the Coordinator. There are a lot of issues in the region and the province associated with enforcing the Liquor Licencing Act. There was some discussion about the use of Special Constables, police recruiting measures, Police Service Boards, including the need for additional Board training opportunities, and the use of body cameras by police.

12.2 Councillor Sutton

- Met with Chief Administrative Officer Henry Wall regarding the Sunset Leisure Place and the potential transition back to a senior's only facility.
- There is a waiting list for full-market value units in Ear Falls (~25+ people) but there are currently five (5) units for rent-geared-to-income available. The Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) is moving towards completing repairs to local housing stock to enable a swap between rent-geared-to-income and full-market-value units between communities. This could occur when there is not a demand for rent-geared-to-income units in Ear Falls, that the "hold" on those units would be released if the units were needed in Kenora. This would enable the Ear Falls units to be used for full-market-value units.

12.3 Councillor Simon

- Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA)
 - A facilitator will be meeting with KDMA on Saturday to develop a Strategic Plan for the organization. The plan is to develop a strategy to address the issues in the region on a lobbying organization that identifies the needs specific to the district, in order to bring a stronger voice back for the Kenora District.
- Discussed potential for shared services between municipalities and presented a copy of the Strategic Plan for Red Lake. Proposed a review to see if there are any opportunities for our communities.

12.4 Councillor Eady

- Museum Working Group
 - Currently running "April is Museum Month" in our community which is opening the facility on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. There are a number of youth groups / school kids / girl

guides that will be participating in scheduled events as well.

12.5 Mayor Kahoot

- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
 - Has a presentation from G2 which is an organization that assists municipalities, for a fee, to develop funding applications in order to assist with improving application success.
- Currently working to set up a meeting with Minister Gravelle and Bob Nault, MP to discuss the Water Treatment Plant Low Lift Pumping Station while we are in Thunder Bay at the NOMA Annual General Meeting.
- Met recently with some cottage lot developers last week to discuss development in Ear Falls. Additional information will be forthcoming.

13 CLOSED MEETING

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 093

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (d) – Labour relations or employee negotiations – Union Negotiations.

Carried.

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

- Labour relations or employee negotiations.
- Union negotiations.

Councillor Simon left during the Closed Meeting of Council.

13.2 RESOLUTION NO. 094

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 8:25 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

14 CLOSED REPORT

Council reviewed information as presented and provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator.

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 095

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:26 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk