

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

**A G E N D A** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #12  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

**2 ROLL CALL**

**3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

R02-LI

4.1 Debra Fretz

- Request a reduction in Non-Resident Library Fee charge to be comparable to Red Lake / Balmertown Fee (\$10 vs. \$32).

## 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.)

Proposed Motion

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.

**5 MINUTES**

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

5.1.1 July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

Proposed Motion

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 August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

5.2.2 June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the Minutes of Committees numbered 5.2.1 to 5.2.2 at the August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

5.3.2 May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

5.3.3 June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.4 June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

5.3.5 June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Council Meeting Minutes.

5.3.6 July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

5.3.7 April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

5.3.8 June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

Proposed Motion

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 5.3.8 at the August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Regular Meeting of Council.

**6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

None.

**7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

C.O.

7.1 Reports from Departments.

7.1.1 Workshop Report from Clerk Treasurer Administrator  
Kimberly Ballance re: the Community Emergency Management  
Coordinator (CEMC) Training Session held in Thunder Bay on  
July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

7.1.2 Monthly Report from Day Care / Parent Resource Coordinator  
Marg Trippier – June.

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township  
of Ear Falls receives and files the Reports from Departments  
numbered 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 at the August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting of  
Council.

**8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

8.1 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014).

8.2 Correspondence

L04-GA

8.2.1 Letter dated July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from Local Authority Services re:  
the Natural Gas Program – 2013 Period Reserve Fund Rebate.

S08-NO

8.2.2 Letter dated July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from the Northwestern Health Unit  
re: availability of the 2014 Public Health Report Card.

M03-CA

8.2.3 Letter received July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 from the Ear Falls Community  
Canada Days Committee re: Thank you letter for use of the  
Waterfront Park for the Canada Days events.

\*D05-CO

8.2.4 Letter dated July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from the Wawakapewin First  
Nation re: Notification of the first Open House for the

Wawakapewin First Nation Community Based Land Use Plan  
being held July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 in Sioux Lookout.

C11-MP

- 8.2.5 Letter dated July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from Ernie Hardeman, M.P.P.  
Oxford re: Notification that he has been recently appointed as  
the opposition Critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township  
of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 8.2.1 to 8.2.5  
at the August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

F18-PA

- 8.3 Letter dated June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from Rudolf Prokesch and Pam Schmidt  
re: Request to purchase paving stones at a reduced price.

Proposed Motion

WHEREAS Resolution No. 550-06, dated October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006,  
declared surplus paving stones removed during street renovations; and

WHEREAS Resolution No. 325-11, dated September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011,  
defined a process for selling the paving stones;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 325-  
11 is hereby repealed; and

FURTHER THAT Council authorizes that the price for each 500-  
paving stone lot be set at \$150.00 and sold on a first come first served  
basis.

C11-MP

- 8.4 Letter dated July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 from Honourable Greg Rickford, P.C.,  
M.P. re: Announcement of the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF)  
Call for Proposals for projects that increase accessibility in Canadian  
communities.

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township  
of Ear Falls hereby authorizes and directs Clerk Treasurer  
Administrator Kimberly Ballance to submit an Application to the  
Enabling Accessibility Funds (EAF) Call for Proposals for the  
installation of accessible doors at the Ear Falls Municipal Government  
Building.

M03-DO

- 8.5 Letter dated July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from the Trout Forest Music Festival Executive Director David Hoey re: Request for use of the Sportsplex for “quiet camping”; provision of picnic tables; and provision of two (2) summer students to assist on site for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival.

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls agrees to provide the Trout Forest Music Festival with the following:

- Provision of picnic tables

C09-GE

- 8.6 Power Dam Special Payment Program

Proposed Motion

WHEREAS in December 2000, the Province of Ontario passed the Continued Protection for Property Taxpayers Act which exempted certain hydro-electric stations, poles and wires from municipal taxation starting in 2001; and

WHEREAS this Act removed the right for the Township of Ear Falls to tax the above noted hydro-electric stations, poles and wires at the Ontario Power Generation facility in Ear Falls; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario replaced the ability to tax this facility with a compensatory payment equivalent to the taxes levied on the subject structures in 2000; and

WHEREAS the amount of the payment, provided under the Power Dam Special Payment Program, has been adjusted for the Consumer Price Index in some, but not all, years, but has not kept pace with changes in municipal taxation; and

WHEREAS in July 2014, the Province of Ontario introduced Bill 14, Building Opportunity and Securing Our Future Act (Budget Measures) which proposes to decrease the compensatory payment program for hydro-electric stations, poles and wires by 23.53% by 2017 starting in 2015; and

WHEREAS the above noted changes resulted in an unfair shift in taxation to the remaining assessment base thereby negatively impacting the residents and businesses in the Township of Ear Falls;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls urges the Province of Ontario to reconsider the proposed reduction to the Power Dam Special Payment Program due to the negative impact that the reduction will have on municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to:

- Premier Kathleen Wynne
- Minister of Finance Charles Sousa
- Sarah Campbell, M.P.P. Kenora - Rainy River
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)

## 9 BY-LAWS

9.1 By-Law No. 1884-14, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

A09-EN

9.2 By-Law No. 1885-14, a By-Law to Establish and Adopt an Energy Plan Policy for the Township of Ear Falls.

L07-LE

9.3 By-Law No. 1886-14, a By-Law to Repeal By-Law No. 1879-14, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement with Northern Iron Corp.

T.C.

9.4 By-Law No. 1887-14, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Tax Arrears Extension Agreement Pursuant to Section 378 of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, as Amended.

A09-CR

9.5 By-Law No. 1888-14, a By-Law to Amend the Criminal Reference Checks Policy for the Township of Ear Falls.

C07-EL

9.6 By-Law No. 1889-14, a By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 1319-07.

T.C.

9.7 By-Law No. 1890-14, a By-Law to Authorize the Sale of Plan M732, Lot 32 to Union Gas Limited.

A09-RE

9.8 By-Law No. 1891-14, a By-Law to Amend the Recreation Rules Policy for the Township of Ear Falls.

\*L04-WA

9.9 By-Law No. 1892-14, a By-Law to Adopt an Agreement with the Municipality of Red Lake for Temporary Use of the Ear Falls Waste Disposal Site.

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 1884-14, 1885-14, 1886-14, 1887-14,

1888-14, 1889-14, 1890-14, 1891-14, and 1892-14 as passed.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

A09- NO

- 10.1 Report to Council dated July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 from Public Service & Operations Supervisor Perry Dyck re: Non-Municipal Road Condition Review.

For Discussion.

### **11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

M01-NO

- 11.1 Report to Council dated July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Town Hall Meeting – Potential Topics – Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

For Discussion.

M01-NO

- 11.2 Special Meeting of Council to be held at the Ear Falls Royal Canadian Legion for the Purpose of a Town Hall Meeting.

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Ear Falls hold a Special Meeting of Council to be held Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Ear Falls Royal Canadian Legion at 6:00 p.m. re: for the Purpose of a Town Hall Meeting.

F11-NO

- 11.3 Letter dated July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation re: Notification that the funding application for the Ear Falls Civic Centre Project has been determined as ineligible.

For Discussion.

A08-SE

- 11.4 ServiceOntario Contract renewal.

For Discussion.

### **12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

### **13 CLOSED MEETING**

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

- Labour relations or employee negotiations.
  - 2014 Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement Negotiations

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

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.
  - Violence in the Workplace Incident.

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

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board.
  - Plan M630, Lot 1, Pcl 5253 and Plan M635, Lot 12, Pcl 5190

### **14 CLOSED REPORT**

### **15 ADJOURNMENT**