

# **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS**

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #13  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 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 Vic Robinson, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and two (2) members of the public

## **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.)

Council requested clarification on Item Nos. 8.2.2, 8.2.4, and 8.3.

RESOLUTION NO. 244

Moved by Vic Robinson. 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 July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.1.2 July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.1.3 July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.1.4 July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.1.5 July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 245

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

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 5.1.5 at the August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Nuclear Waste Community Committee Meeting Minutes.

5.2.2 June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Nuclear Waste Community Committee Meeting Minutes.

5.2.3 June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Nuclear Waste Community Committee Meeting Minutes.

5.2.4 July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Ear Falls Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 246

Moved by Jim Desmarais. 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 to 5.2.4 at the August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

5.3.2 June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

- 5.3.3 June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.
- 5.3.4 July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.
- 5.3.5 July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.
- 5.3.6 July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.
- 5.3.7 July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.
- 5.3.8 July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.
- 5.3.9 June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 247**

Moved by Vic Robinson. 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 5.3.9 at the August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

**6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

None.

**7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

C.O.

7.1 Reports from Departments.

None.

**8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

8.1 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013) in accordance with By-Law 1635-11.

8.2 Correspondence

A16-MU

- 8.2.1 Email dated July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) re: to announce that MPAC will be participating in the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 2013 Annual Conference in Ottawa.

F11-ON

- 8.2.2 Letter dated July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Michael Chan re: Notification of approval of funding for Floor Curling equipment.

Clarification was requested on the timing of this Application for funding.

D05-MI

- 8.2.3 Letter dated July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from Dave New, Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) re: Reissuance of a Notice of Completion, Opportunity to Inspect the Final Environmental Study Report: Disposition of Rights to Crown Resources – Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects.

A16-KE

- 8.2.4 Letter dated July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from the Municipality of Sioux Lookout re: Public Consultations regarding the Kenora District Services Board 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

Councillor Vic Robinson advised that the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) is currently reviewing housing availability and needs within their jurisdiction. The KDSB will be holding a Meeting in Ear Falls on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the Council Chambers from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Councillor Robinson advised that Mayor Kahoot will be attending the Meeting, in his absence. The consultation in Ear Falls has been advertised in the Northern Sun News and all tenants in the Ear Falls KDSB units will be advised via mail.

M04-CO

- 8.2.5 Letter received August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 from the Alzheimer Society re: Thank you for the Resolution in Support of a National Dementia Strategy.

RESOLUTION NO. 248

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

H04-HE

- 8.3 Recommendation from the Health & Safety Committee re: WHMIS Recertification period.

Council requested clarification on legal requirements for WHMIS recertification.

RESOLUTION NO. 249

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

WHEREAS the Occupational Health and Safety Act R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 860, Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) requires that employers educate workers about controlled substances in the workplace; and

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls ensures that all municipal employees have received WHMIS training but has not set a timeline for the review or recertification of WHMIS; and

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls Joint Health and Safety Committee recommends that WHMIS training is provided on a regular basis for all employees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves a 3-year timeline for municipal employee WHMIS recertification.

Carried.

H11-DA

- 8.4 Email dated August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 from Alex Wesley re: Resignation from her Day Care / Best Start Casual position.

RESOLUTION NO. 250

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Alex Wesley from her Day Care / Best Start Casual position for the Township of Ear Falls be accepted with regrets effective August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Carried.

**9 BY-LAWS**

- 9.1 By-Law No. 1813-13, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

H11-FI

- 9.2 By-Law No. 1814-13, a By-Law to Appoint a Volunteer Fire Chief for the Township of Ear Falls Fire Department.

F11-ON

- 9.3 By-Law No. 1815-13, a By-Law to Authorize Entering into a Letter of Agreement with the Ontario Trillium Foundation – Recreation Centre Roof Project.

A09-AE

- 9.4 By-Law No. 1816-13, a By-Law to Amend and Adopt an AED Policy for the Township of Ear Falls.

L07-LA

- 9.5 By-Law No. 1817-13, a By-Law to Authorize the Sale of Plan M635, Lot 12, Pcl 5190 to Union Gas Limited.

\*H11-CH

- 9.6 By-Law No. 1818-13, a By-Law to Appoint J. Charles Tarrant as Chief Building Official for the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 251

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 1813-13, 1814-13, 1815-13, 1816-13, 1817-13, and 1818-13 as passed.

Carried.

Council congratulated Darryl Desjardins on his appointment.

**PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

**10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

**11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

F02-WA

- 11.1 Complaint received from Pat Dornan re: Water / Sewer Rate increase made in 2011.

Council reviewed the complaint as provided. Council discussed the need to review this issue again during the 2013 review of Water and Sewer Rates. Council advised that Administration should let Pat Dornan know when the next Meeting would be held.

P00-FI

- 11.2 Report to Council dated August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Fire Department Operations / Structure.

Council reviewed the structure as presented and requested that Fire

Chief Darryl Desjardins advise Clerk Treasurer Administrator if the structure and operations are working. Council advised that they were willing to make changes if required. Council requested that an open dialogue continue between the Clerk Treasurer Administrator and Fire Chief. Issues and concerns will be brought forth to Council as required.

Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins requested that Council continue to provide adequate funding for training and equipment.

L07-LE

11.3 Canteen Lease Review Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 252

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Council is seeking a proponent to operate the Canteen at the Township of Ear Falls Recreation Centre;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints the following members to the Recreation Canteen Proposal Review Committee:

- Jim Desmarais
- Vic Robinson
- Paulette Covell
- Darlene Stone

; and

FURTHER THAT the Committee is hereby responsible for recommending a proponent for the operation of the Canteen for the 2013/14 season; and

FURTHER THAT this recommendation shall include a Rental Agreement executed by the proponent for Council's consideration.

Carried.

11.4 Report to Council dated August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Chief Building Official Services – Contract Terms.

Council agreed with the Contract terms subject to Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance investigating insurance. A Contract will be drafted and sent to Mr. Tarrant for execution.

R05-RE

11.5 Recreation Centre Roof Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 253

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the purchase of a Dehumidifier from Tormont / Cimco Refrigeration at a cost of \$31,837.00 (plus applicable taxes) plus costs required for electrical installation.

Carried.

## 12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

### 12.1 Councillor Vic Robinson

- Forest Tenure Modernization Meeting – July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013
  - Councillor Eady and I met with Robert Partridge from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) with information on Forest Tenure Implementation in the Northwest Region.
  - The present Forest Tenure system is approximately 100 yrs. old. It is based on the model that gives many primary wood-using mills responsibility to manage Ontario's Forests while they also receive their long term wood supply from Ontario.
  - With the downturn in 2009, many jobs were lost, wood lay idle and was being hoarded by industry. The Government decided it was time to change the status quo and make it easier for new entrants looking for wood.
  - The first step was the passing of the Ontario Forest Tenure Modernization Act, 2011.
  - Next, Ontario is transitioning to new tenure models: Local Forest Management Corporations (LFMCs) and Enhanced Sustainable Forests Licence holders (enhanced SFLs). These models will help make the allocation and prices of Ontario's wood more responsive to market demand, create new opportunities for entrepreneurs, and facilitate greater Aboriginal and Local involvement in the forest sector.
  
- Objectives
  - The plan to modernize the Forest Tenure system aims to open Ontario's forest sector to new opportunities and growth. It features three objectives:
    1. Create a more economically efficient system for wood allocation and pricing, through:
      - Reducing the role of centralized government in wood allocation and replacing the current system with an objective, impartial and de-centralized one;
      - Creating greater separation between consuming mills and the management of Crown forests;
      - Providing opportunities for new entrants to acquire wood;
      - Establishing and maintaining competitive market conditions for standing timber and logs; and
      - Moving towards a pricing system informed by competitive markets.



2. Provide opportunities for meaningful involvement by local and Aboriginal communities.
  3. Provide for the sustainability of the Crown forest.
- The Plan to Modernize Forest Tenure will Shape the Future of the Forestry Sector in Ontario.
    - It is designed to benefit the established and emerging forest industry, as well as Aboriginal and local communities. Here are the core elements of the Plan:
      1. Transition to new management models to govern the business of forestry in Ontario.
        - a. Local Forest Management Corporations (LFMCs) – Crown Agencies governed by a predominantly local board of directors responsible for managing Crown forests and overseeing the marketing and sale of the timber in a given area.
        - b. Enhanced Sustainable Forest Licence holders (Enhanced SFLs) – Companies that may be owned, for example, by the consuming mills and/or harvesters (shareholders), or a not-for-profit company, and operate in a manner that will achieve the objectives of tenure modernization.
      2. Help SFL holders transition to the new models. This involves working with industry and stakeholders to develop a comprehensive process and detailed transition plans.
      3. Create a monitoring and evaluation system for LFMCs and Enhanced SFLs. This will be developed in consultation with industry, stakeholders and Aboriginal communities.
      4. Enable and encourage competition in the market. This will move Ontario toward a timber pricing system driven by competitive markets that will more accurately reflect the value of timber based on regional market conditions and other factors.
      5. Encourage meaningful Aboriginal and local involvement in the governance and management of Ontario's forest sector. This includes direct involvement in LFMCs and Enhanced SFLs, including appropriate representation on boards.
      6. Discourage hoarding of wood. A modernized tenure system will prevent hoarding of available wood that is not being used and allow new entrants to have access to fibre.
  - Implementation: A Measured and Adaptive Approach
    1. Local Forest Management Corporations
      - Local Forest Management Corporations (LFMCs) will be government agencies responsible for managing Crown forests and overseeing the marketing and sale of the wood in a given area. They will provide for local and Aboriginal community involvement in forestry and help

separate the wood-using mills from responsibility for management of the forest.

- Each LFMC will be:
  - Set-up as self-sustaining business entities governed by a locally based board of directors.
  - Issued one or more Sustainable Forest Licences (SFLs), giving them the right to harvest the timber in a given area. As well, they are responsible for carrying out forest management planning and implementation under the SFL.
  - Responsible for the sale and marketing of available Crown wood. They will be expected to generate revenue based on the sale of wood, at prices primarily set by the market.
- Initially, there are plans to establish up to two LFMCs by 2016. Priority will likely be given to areas where there is an interest in establishing an LFMC. After that, government must conduct a review of LFMCs before recommending broader implementation.
- I believe that we should be involved in the initial meetings to see what is happening, as it may be of significant importance to Ear Falls. Councillor Eady mentioned that it may be the Kenora District Municipal Association that should have a director on the new Corporation, which is a good thought. Whatever happens, I believe Ear Falls has to look after its interest in this endeavour.

**13 CLOSED MEETING**

N/A

**14 CLOSED REPORT**

N/A

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

**15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 254**

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:12 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk