

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #20  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Jim Desmarais called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2 ROLL CALL**

Deputy Mayor Jim Desmarais, Councillor Rob Eady, Councillor Vic Robinson, 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.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 323**

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

**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 December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 324

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

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 at the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 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 September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

5.3.2 October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

5.3.3 November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Meeting #10 Minutes.

5.3.4 November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 325

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 5.3.4 at the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

**6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

None.

**7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

7.1 Correspondence.

A16-MU

7.1.1 Letter dated December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from the Municipal Property

Assessment Corporation re: Approval of the Budget and  
Municipal Levy for 2018.

A16-NA

7.1.2 Letter dated December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from the Ministry of Natural  
Resources and Forestry re: Completion of the Forest Tenure  
Models Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 326

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 7.1.1 to 7.1.2  
at the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

7.2 Reports from Departments.

7.2.1 Monthly Report from Marg Trippier, Day Care / Best Start  
Coordinator re: November.

7.2.2 Workshop Report from Charlene Henrie, Best Start Hub  
Assistant re: Roots of Empathy session held October 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>,  
2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 327

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 Reports from Departments  
numbered 7.2.1 to 7.2.2 at the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Meeting  
of Council.

Carried.

7.3 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated December 13<sup>th</sup>,  
2017).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date  
(dated December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017) in accordance with By-Law No. 1635-  
11.

P.F.

7.4 Request for access, from Shaw Communications Inc., to the Township  
of Ear Falls Right of Way along Spruce Street between Highway 105  
and Sumac Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 328

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Clerk Treasurer Administrator be authorized and hereby directed to submit a letter to Mark Norton, Senior Planner for Shaw Communications Inc. authorizing access to the Township of Ear Falls Right of Way (ROW) located along Spruce Street between Highway 105 and Sumac Avenue, subject to the terms and conditions identified in the attached letter dated December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Carried.

E03-EN

- 7.5 Progress Report dated December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from Ontario Clean Water Agency re: Energy Efficiency Projects at the Water Treatment and Waste Water Treatment Plants.

RESOLUTION NO. 329

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 Progress Report dated December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from Ontario Clean Water Agency titled Ear Falls Drinking Water System/Wastewater Aeration System as attached.

Carried.

A16-WH

- 7.6 Request for a letter of support from the Whispering Pines Seniors Centre regarding an Application to be submitted to the Ontario Seniors Active Living Centres Program Funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 330

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT Deputy Mayor Jim Desmarais be authorized and hereby directed to execute the attached letter of support for the Whispering Pines Seniors Centre regarding an Application to the Ontario Seniors Active Living Centres Program Funding.

Carried.

**8 BY-LAWS**

- 8.1 By-Law No. 2122-17, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L04-LA

- 8.2 By-Law No. 2123-17, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Amendment to a Lease Agreement with the Community Health

Centre Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 331

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. 2122-17 and 2123-17 as passed.

Carried.

**PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

**9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

R02-EA

9.1 Letter dated November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from Susan Carey, Library Director / CEO re: Request to have an Alternate Board Member.

Council concurred with the request for the appointment of an alternate Library Board Member. Notice of this will be posted.

A04-KE

9.2 Proposed Resolutions for the Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Conference and Annual General Meeting

Council discussed some proposed motion topics

- Distribution of taxation from the legalization of cannabis to municipalities for costs associated with policing, District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs), and the Northwestern Health Unit
- Motion of Support for the 1% increase to HST
- 25% Hydro rebate on Recreation and Water/Sewer facilities.

These proposed motions will be brought back to the next Regular Meeting for consideration.

C09-GE

9.3 Ontario Public Service Employees Union request for motion of support, Keeping Public Services Public.

Council determined that they would not proceed with a motion of support for the Ontario Public Service Employees Union.

F02-WA

9.4 2017 Water and Sewer Update Letter – Draft.

Council reviewed the update and made recommendations for some minor changes to the content of the letter. This will be mailed prior to the end of 2017.

C07-EL

9.5 Report to Council dated December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Election 2018 – Council Use of Municipal Resources / Employee Requirements.

Council reviewed the Report as presented and discussed the requirements for proper conduct.

## **10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

10.1 Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Presented an overview of the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) approved Budget which includes a 0.89% increase to municipal allocations. This results in a 0.54% increase to Ear Falls' KDSB annual allocation. Despite the small increase to municipalities, there are some significant changes with the Federal / Provincial share of the budget increasing from 53% vs 63%. There will also be some significant increases to housing stock expenditures in Ear Falls in 2018. KDSB continues to move more of the local housing stock to full-market rates. Also noted that the microFIT solar panel program is performing better than anticipated.

## **11 CLOSED MEETING**

N/A

## **12 CLOSED REPORT**

N/A

## **13 ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 332

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:27 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk