

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #20  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
December 19<sup>th</sup>, 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, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and ten (10) 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 an amendment to the proposed Motion for Item No. 8.4.

RESOLUTION NO. 319

Moved by Tracey Simon. 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 December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.1.2 December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 320

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 Meetings of Council numbered 5.1.1 to 5.1.2 at the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

None.

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5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

5.3.1 October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.2 October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.3 November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.4 November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.5 October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes.

5.3.6 October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 321

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 5.3.6 at the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 Becky Fishwick, Ear Falls Public Library  
– October.

RESOLUTION NO. 322

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 Report from Departments numbered 7.1.1 at the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

**8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

8.1 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016) in accordance with By-Law No. 1635-11.

8.2 Correspondence.

D05-MI

8.2.1 Email dated December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from Northern Iron Corp. re: Notification of their name change to “Lithium Energy Products Inc.” (LEP).

RESOLUTION NO. 323

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the document numbered 8.2.1 at the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

T.P. / A.P.

8.3 Travel and attendance to the 76<sup>th</sup> Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Conference and Annual General Meeting being held in Machin from February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 324

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Conference and Annual General Meeting being held in Machin from February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017:

- Kevin Kahoot
- Jim Desmarais
- Rob Eady
- Tracey Simon
- Daniel Sutton
- Kimberly Ballance
- Paulette Covell

Carried.

M03-DO

- 8.4 Letter dated December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 from the Municipality of Machin re: Request for a financial contribution or to sponsor the 2017 Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Conference and Annual General Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 325

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Ear Falls authorizes a donation of the following in support of the 2017 Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Conference and Annual General Meeting being held from February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Municipality of Machin:

- Door Prize

Carried.

D.C.

- 8.5 Email dated December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario re: Request for a Resolution of Support regarding Federal Infrastructure – Phase 2 Incrementality.

RESOLUTION NO. 326

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS municipal governments' infrastructure is critical to our collective economic health; and

WHEREAS stable, predictable and formula-based infrastructure funding allows municipal governments to plan and schedule investments in infrastructure; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments have Asset Management Plans which set out a municipality's longer term capital plan which reflects the infrastructure priorities of these Asset Management Plans; and

WHEREAS a federal incrementality rule interferes with municipal long-term infrastructure priorities and diminishes the value of municipal asset planning and management;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Ear Falls calls on the federal government to provide long-term, predictable, and formula-based funding in its Phase 2 programs for municipal governments; and

FURTHER THAT the Township of Ear Falls calls on the federal government to change incremental requirements in Phase 2 to recognize in Ontario that a municipal government's Asset Management Plan meets a municipal incremental infrastructure requirement.

Carried.

L11-PR

- 8.6 Report by the Ontario Ministry of Finance regarding the Provincial Land Tax Reform – A More Equitable and Modern Provincial Land Tax, dated November 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 327

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Provincial Land Tax Reform Report published by the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Finance) dated November 2016 be received and filed.

Carried.

F00-SC

- 8.7 Amendment to Schedule "R-01" Recreation Schedule – Ultimate Pass Fee Schedule, of the Township of Ear Falls Schedule of Fees.

RESOLUTION NO. 328

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the amendment to Schedule "R-01" – Recreation Schedule – Ultimate Pass Fees Schedule of the Schedule of Fees as per the attached.

Carried.

## **9 BY-LAWS**

9.1 By-Law No. 2047-16, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L14-ON

9.2 By-Law No. 2048-16, a By-Law to Amend the Contract for Water and Wastewater Treatment Facility Operation and Maintenance Services with the Ontario Clean Water Agency.

L04-NO

9.3 By-Law No. 2049-16, a By-Law to Amend the Contract for Water and Wastewater Treatment Facility Operation and Maintenance Services with Northern Waterworks Inc.

P03-EM

9.4 By-Law No. 2050-16, a By-Law to Adopt an Emergency Management Plan for the Township of Ear Falls Governing the Provision of Necessary Services During an Emergency and Identifying the Procedures and Manner in Which Employees and Other Persons will Respond to the Emergency.

L07-LE

9.5 By-Law No. 2051-16, a By-Law to Terminate a Lease Agreement with K-Var Timber Ltd. / Ear Falls Contracting Ltd. for the Use of the Property Legally Described as RK 904 & CL 5600 23R-7711 Parts 1 – 3 and 23R-7828 Parts 1 – 6 PCLS 5174 6853 6854 6855 (Roll No. 6042-000-002-08114-0000) Located at 12 Scott Street.

A09-RE

9.6 By-Law No. 2052-16, a By-Law to Amend the Recreation Rules Policy for the Township of Ear Falls.

**RESOLUTION NO. 329**

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. 2047-16, 2048-16, 2049-16, 2050-16, 2051-16, and 2052-16 as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

## 11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

### A04-ON

- 11.1 Report to Council dated December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Delegation Topics.

Council requested that this item be added to the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Council Agenda.

### A04-KE

- 11.2 2017 Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Conference and Annual General Meeting Resolutions.

Council reviewed the draft Motion as presented.

### F00-SC

- 11.3 Proposal for eDispatches Service for the Ear Falls Fire Department.

Clarification was requested as to whether the Township would need to purchase cell phones for the firefighters or if they would be using their own devices. The firefighters would be using their own devices.

Further clarification was requested as to whether the Township would be funding firefighter cell phones. Administration advised this has not been requested or budgeted.

### RESOLUTION NO. 330

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the recommendation of Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins to pursue a Services Agreement for the Ear Falls Fire Department to utilize eDispatches Services beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Carried.

### F11-ON

- 11.4 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) 2017-2018 Formula-Based Funding proposed project.

The 2017-2018 funding is planned to be used for paving projects in accordance with Council's previous direction. Council discussed the completion of a proposed paving project to be completed in 2018 using the 2017 and 2018 allocations under this program. The total combined allocation is approximately \$182,000. The street segments have been identified based on the 2016 Condition Assessment Report, and will be Forest Drive from Birch Drive to Rosewood Street. This is approximately 16,900 ft<sup>2</sup> of paving, but the road will also require repair to the base. If additional paving could be completed within the

budget, the next two streets on the listing would be Cedar Crescent and part of Sumac Avenue.

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

### **12.1 Councillor Daniel Sutton**

- Kenora District Services Board passed its 2017 budget with an increase of \$5,000,000 in operating costs. The Province has come forward with some new funding that will fully fund the three homeless shelters in the district which is great news and in-line with the Housing and Homelessness Plan. Despite the increase in the budget, a decreased levy for Ear Falls has been realized.

### **12.2 Councillor Tracey Simon**

- Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Meeting
  - Bob Nault, MP was in attendance at the Meeting last night and discussed the migration from the Far North into Northwestern Ontario. He also talked about the National Housing Strategy which contains First Nation Housing and Social Housing projects. He noted that FedNor funding is only to be used for economic development projects and not for infrastructure projects. Councillor Simon noted that many northerners are upset that the new FedNor minister is from Brampton, and not from Northern Ontario. The FedNor Ministry is under review and we will likely see some changes to the organization. MP Nault advised that there is \$500 million in federal funding available nationwide for broadband coverage and he has been meeting with Bell on an ongoing basis about the region's requirements. The carbon tax was discussed and MP Nault advised that this tax revenue goes to the province and includes an estimated 4.2 cents/litre on gasoline.
  - The 2017 KDMA Annual General Meeting Agenda is set and focused around the Strategic Plan.
  - Increasing Water / Sewer Rates in the region were also discussed.

### **12.3 Councillor Rob Eady**

- Chukuni Communities Development Corporation (CCDC)
  - Advised that the CCDC had dispersed \$1 million over 10 loans during the year.

### **12.4 Mayor Kevin Kahoot**

- Recently received some concerns about an area near Golden Fawn by the Railbed being cut by the timber companies. He followed up with the forester / Ministry of Natural Resources and this is not the case. Mayor Kahoot has advised the residents of this information.
- Voiced concerns about the Provincial Government's impact on Water, Energy, Transportation and general downloading. Small town life is becoming increasingly challenging and it is becoming harder and harder to work within this framework.



**13 CLOSED MEETING**

N/A

**14 CLOSED REPORT**

N/A

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 331

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

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

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk