

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #18
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
December 4th, 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 Fred Melanson, Councillor Vic Robinson, 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. 8.2.1, 8.2.2, 8.2.3, 8.2.4, 8.5, 8.6, and 8.7.

RESOLUTION NO. 312

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 November 6th, 2013 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.1.2 November 25th, 2013 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 313

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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 and 5.1.2 at the December 4th, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

None.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 November 12th, 2013 - Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting #10 Agenda.

5.3.2 October 10th, 2013 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

5.3.3 October 21st, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.4 October 21st, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.5 November 12th, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.6 November 12th, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 314

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 5.3.6 at the December 4th, 2013 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 / Parent Resource Coordinator
Marg Trippier – October.

7.1.2 Workshop Report from Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell
re: the Emergency Management Ontario Sector Meeting held in
Thunder Bay on October 23rd, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 315

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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 December 4th, 2013 Regular Meeting
of Council.

Carried.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

8.1 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated November 14th,
2013).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date
(dated November 14th, 2013) in accordance with By-Law 1635-11.

8.2 Correspondence

D05-WO

8.2.1 Letter dated October 30th, 2013 from Ontario Parks re: Major
amendment to the Woodland Caribou Provincial Park boundary
to add area.

Clarification was requested on the public consultation process
for the proposed park expansion.

D05-BE

8.2.2 Letter dated November 13th, 2013 from the City of Thunder
Bay re: Resolution in Support of the Return of the Spring Bear
Hunt.

Council requested that this topic to be added to the Ontario
Good Roads Association Conference Delegation Request list.

A16-ON

8.2.3 Letter dated November 12th, 2013 from the Ontario Provincial Police Municipal Policing Bureau re: Notification that the Municipal Policing Cost-Recovery Formula has been updated and comes into effect January 1st, 2014.

Clarification was requested about the Police costing for Ear Falls.

*T04-TR

8.2.4 Letter dated November 15th, 2013 from Hatch Mott MacDonald re: Commencement of Study Notice and Class Environmental Assessment for the Replacement of the Trout River Bridge.

Council discussed the need to ensure that proper drainage is engineered for the approaches to the bridge to ensure road safety.

D02-NU

8.2.5 News Release dated November 21st, 2013 from the Nuclear Waste Management Organization re: Notification that Ear Falls will not be Continuing to the Next Phase of Study.

A16-EA

8.2.6 Letter dated November 19th, 2013 from the Honourable Minister David Oraziotti, Ministry of Natural Resources re: Thank you for the letter of support regarding the proposed re-opening of the EACOM Ear Falls Sawmill facility.

D02-NU

8.2.7 Letter dated November 22nd, 2013 from the Nuclear Waste Management Organization re: Thank you letter for participating in the Adaptive Phased Management.

RESOLUTION NO. 316

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 8.2.1 to 8.2.7 at the December 4th, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

P09-CO

8.3 Letter dated November 18th, 2013 from the Royal Canadian Legion, Ear Falls Branch #238 re: Request for Letter of Support regarding a Social Gaming Licence Application for December 31st, 2013 – New Year's Eve.

RESOLUTION NO. 317

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the Royal Canadian Legion, Ear Falls Branch #238 is applying to the Registrar for Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for a Social Gaming Event Licence for December 31st, 2013 - New Year's Eve as a secondary component to a Social Event; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 6.2.2.(2) of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario Gaming Registration and Lotteries Licencing Policy Manual, a letter of support from the municipality where the events are to be conducted must accompany the application;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection and supports the issuance of a Social Gaming Event Licence to the Royal Canadian Legion, Ear Falls Branch 238 from the Registrar; and

FURTHER THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to send a letter supporting the Application of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Carried.

F11-FE

- 8.4 Letter dated October 30th, 2013 from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario re: the 2012 Annual Expenditure Report for the Federal Gas Tax Fund in Ontario.

RESOLUTION NO. 318

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be hereby authorized and directed to submit a letter to the Honourable Greg Rickford, P.C., M.P., in appreciation of the Federal Gas Tax funds used for local key investments within the Township of Ear Falls.

Carried.

T.C.

- 8.5 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's response to the Application made under Section 357 for the 2013 Tax Year.

Clarification was requested on this assessment change.

RESOLUTION NO. 319

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's Response to the Application made under Section 357 of

the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2013 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-001-23500-0000	\$25,500 E	\$2,040 E

Carried.

T.C.

8.6 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's response to the Application made under Section 357 for the 2013 Tax Year.

Clarification was requested on this assessment change.

RESOLUTION NO. 320

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's Response to the Application made under Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2013 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-002-02805-0000	\$260,500 IT	\$353,354 E

Carried.

T.C.

8.7 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's response to the Application made under Section 357 for the 2013 Tax Year.

Clarification was requested on this assessment change.

RESOLUTION NO. 321

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's Response to the Application made under Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2013 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-001-37100-0000	\$43,500 RT	\$48,053 E

Carried.

D.C.

8.8 Unexpended Funding to be transferred to a Reserve / Reserve Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 322

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS funding agencies may advance funds for future expenditures to the Township of Ear Falls; and

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls is unable to expend these funds by year end of the current year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls approve the transferring of the unexpended funding into a Reserve / Reserve Fund for the current year.

Carried.

D.C.

8.9 Expenditures for 2013 in excess of the 2013 Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 323

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

WHEREAS expenditures for purchases in 2013 may have exceeded the 2013 approved Budget; and

WHEREAS the excess of expenditure must be authorized by Council as to where the source of revenue is to be recorded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reserve / Reserve Funds be the source of revenue for the remainder of the excess expenditure.

Carried.

M01-NO

8.10 Cancellation of the January 1st, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 324

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the following Regular Meeting of Council is hereby cancelled:

- Wednesday, January 1st, 2014

Carried.

T.C.

- 8.11 Request for Reconsideration – Minutes of Settlement for the 2013 Tax Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 325

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Request for Reconsideration – Minutes of Settlement for the 2013 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-001-32100-0000	28,000 RT	21,500 RT

Carried.

D02-NU

- 8.12 Letter dated November 14th, 2013 from the Nuclear Waste Management Organization re: Findings from the Adaptive Phased Management Phase 1 Desktop Preliminary Assessment.

RESOLUTION NO. 326

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the letter dated November 14th, 2013 from the Nuclear Waste Management Organization re: Adaptive Phased Management Phase 1 Desktop Preliminary Assessment Findings.

Carried.

D02-NU

- 8.13 Letter dated November 20th, 2013 from the Nuclear Waste Management Organization re: Establishment of a Community Well-Being Reserve Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 327

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls participated in the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's Site Selection Process for Adaptive Phased Management; and

WHEREAS the Nuclear Waste Management Organization has advised that despite the potential to find suitable sites in all of the communities examined, continued assessment for the Site Selection Process will not continue in the Township of Ear Falls due to enhanced suitability in other communities; and

WHEREAS the Nuclear Waste Management Organization would like to acknowledge the Township of Ear Falls' contribution to the implementation of Canada's Plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel through the provision of funding to enhance community well-being;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls hereby establishes the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund; and

FURTHER THAT the \$400,000 contribution from the Nuclear Waste Management Organization will be placed in the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund and used for initiatives including:

- Projects, programs, services or scholarship programs for community youth;
- Projects, programs, or services for community seniors;
- Projects or programs to support community sustainability;
- Projects or programs to support community economic development; or
- Projects or programs to support energy efficiency.

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

Council requested that Item No. 9.4 be pulled from the Consent Motion and voted on separately.

F02-WA

9.4 By-Law No. 1835-13, a By-Law to Amend the Water and Sewer Billing Fee Schedule.

RESOLUTION NO. 328

Moved by Fred Melanson. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 1835-13 as passed.

Carried.

Councillor Melanson requested a Recorded Vote.

Recorded Vote:

	Yeas	Nays
Jim Desmarais	X	
Rob Eady	X	
Kevin Kahoot	X	
Fred Melanson		X
Vic Robinson	X	

- 9.1 By-Law No. 1832-13, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

*L04-ON

- 9.2 By-Law No. 1833-13, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of the Ontario One Call Service Agreement with Ontario One Call.

P03-EM

- 9.3 By-Law No. 1834-13, a By-Law to Appoint a Community Emergency Management Coordinator for the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls.

F02-WA

- 9.4 By-Law No. 1835-13, a By-Law to Amend the Water and Sewer Billing Fee Schedule.

Otherwise dealt with.

RESOLUTION NO. 329

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 1832-13, 1833-13, and 1834-13 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

D05-BE

- 10.1 Report to Council dated November 18th, 2013 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Spring Bear Hunt.

RESOLUTION NO. 330

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the Report to Council dated November 18th, 2013 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Spring Bear Hunt.

Carried.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

T.P.

11.1 ROMA / OGRA Combined Conference Delegation Requests – 2014.

Ministry of Natural Resources

- Spring Bear Hunt
- Woodland Caribou Provincial Park

Ministry of Transportation

- Highway conditions / Winter Maintenance

Ministry of Infrastructure / Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry

- Recreation Insulation Project

M01-NO

11.2 Re-scheduling of the December 18th, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 331

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Section 5.2.1 of By-Law No. 1637-11 provides that the Regular Meetings of Council shall be held in the Municipal Council Chambers as follows:

- on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.; or
- on such other day and place as may be determined by a majority of Council upon the passing of a Resolution; or
- when the day for a Regular Scheduled Meeting of Council falls on a Holiday, Council shall meet at the established hour on the next following day which is not a Holiday, Saturday nor Sunday; and

WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to move the Council Meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for Wednesday, December 18th, 2013 be re-scheduled to Monday, December 16th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Carried.

M03-DO

11.3 Letter dated November 27th, 2013 from the Ear Falls Minor Hockey re: Request for donation to assist in the purchase an Automated Skate Sharpener.

Council discussed the maintenance requirements for an automated skate sharpener and the associated costs. Council discussed the option to update the existing machine and provide additional training to the club. Mayor Kahoot advised that he would speak with the Club in this regard.

12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.1 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Ongoing discussions with the Sawmill Manager about the restart of the Sawmill. Currently there are heating and electrical contractors on site to troubleshoot some system problems.

13 CLOSED MEETING

N/A

14 CLOSED REPORT

N/A

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 332

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk