

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #03  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 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 Tracey Simon, Councillor Daniel Sutton, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and one (1) member 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.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 037**

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

**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 February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 038

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

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 February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

None.

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5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

None.

**6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

None.

**7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

7.1 Correspondence.

M03-DO

7.1.1 Letter received January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from New Starts Women Shelter re: International Women's Day being held on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

F11-RU

7.1.2 Letter dated January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs re: launch of the renewed Rural Economic Development (RED) program.

C10-SU

7.1.3 Letter dated January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 from the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association re: concerns over the Federal Government Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO) Report.

M06-EX

7.1.4 The Explorationist Newsletter, The Newsletter of the Ontario Prospectors Association dated January 2107.

H02-EQ

7.1.5 eNews dated February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from Equitable Life of Canada

re: Federal Government considering the taxation of Health Benefit Plans.

RESOLUTION NO. 039

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.5 at the February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

- 7.2 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017) in accordance with By-Law No. 1635-11.

T.C.

- 7.3 Minutes of Settlement, 2017 Tax Year, Results of Request for Reconsideration, Property Assessment Notice.

RESOLUTION NO. 040

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Minutes of Settlement for the 2017 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-002-01500-0000	\$242,000 RT	\$204,000 RT

Carried.

A.P.

- 7.4 2017 Annual Travel Listing for Council Members, Staff, and Firefighters of the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 041

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT travel and attendance be hereby authorized in accordance with the attached “2017 Annual Travel Listing”.

Carried.

**8 BY-LAWS**

Council requested that Item No. 8.6, By-Law No. 2066-17 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for debate.

Councillor Sutton requested a Recorded Vote.

**P01-BY**

8.6 By-Law No. 2066-17, a By-Law to Repeal By-Law No. 954-01, Being a By-Law to Prohibit the Use of Engine Compression Exhaust Style Brakes (Jake Brakes) on Highways Within the Township of Ear Falls.

Council discussed the municipality's inability to enforce the By-Law and the purpose of having a By-Law without the ability to enforce it. Council discussed options for enforcement but identified that the expense of doing so outweighed the benefit given that the municipality has only received one complaint in the past six years. The By-Law is in place in the hope that people will respect it and maintaining it enables the municipality to enforce it if deemed appropriate.

**RESOLUTION NO. 042**

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 2066-17, as passed.

Defeated.

**Recorded Vote:**

	Yeas	Nays
Jim Desmarais		X
Kevin Kahoot		X
Tracey Simon		X
Daniel Sutton		X

8.1 By-Law No. 2061-17, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

**\*L04-FA**

8.2 By-Law No. 2062-17, a By-Law to Execute an Agreement with FairTax Recovery Consultants Limited and FairTax Grants & Incentives Inc. for the Completion of a Comprehensive Sales Tax Review.

**L07-LA**

8.3 By-Law No. 2063-17, a By-Law to Authorize the Sale of Plan M537, Block H, RP 23R-10997, Part 2 to Leslie Catherine Reynolds.

\*A09-HE

8.4 By-Law No. 2064-17, a By-Law to Establish and Adopt a Healthy Community Spaces and Workplaces Policy for the Township of Ear Falls.

\*A09-JE

8.5 By-Law No. 2065-17, a By-Law to Adopt the Jean Robinson Bursary Policy for the Township of Ear Falls.

P01-BY

8.6 By-Law No. 2066-17, a By-Law to Repeal By-Law No. 954-01, Being a By-Law to Prohibit the Use of Engine Compression Exhaust Style Brakes (Jake Brakes) on Highways Within the Township of Ear Falls.

Otherwise dealt with.

RESOLUTION NO. 043

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 2061-17, 2062-17, 2063-17, 2064-17, and 2065-17 as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

F02-WA

9.1 Water & Sewer Rates proposed Flyer.

Council was satisfied with the flyer as presented and noted that it would be mailed in early March.

M01-NO

9.2 Special Meeting of Council for the purpose of holding an Open House to discuss Water and Sewer Rates.

RESOLUTION NO. 044

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT a Special Meeting of the Ear Falls Council be held on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Municipal Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding an Open House to discuss Water and Sewer Rates.

Carried.

M04-MU

- 9.3 Complaint and letter received February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 from Ron and Becky Bergman re: Water and Sewer Fees and draft letter of response from the municipality.

Council discussed the Township's current practice and concurred with the draft response letter as presented.

C12-BO

- 9.4 Request from the Ministry of Natural Resources re: representative to participate in the Red Lake District Resource Management Advisory Committee (LCC).

Council will consider this this request.

## 10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

### 12.1 Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Good to see that some of the Ontario Good Roads Association delegations have been approved but disappointing to see that the delegation with the Ministry of Infrastructure has been denied given the state of the Water Treatment Plant Low Lift Pumping Station Project.
- Requested an update on the community signage plan.

### 12.2 Councillor Tracey Simon

- Requested an update on the status of the ServiceOntario file.
  - The Clerk Treasurer Administrator advised that the Ontario Good Roads Association delegation request with the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services is still pending.
- Ear Falls Public Library Board
  - The Board has hired a Library Director/CEO and has modified the hours of operation to have different Summer and Winter hours. Saturday hours of operation are working well and the Library Director/CEO is doing a good job promoting the hours and services available at the library.
  - The Board has received approximately \$9,000 through the Information and Technology Fund and will be purchasing new equipment and books for the Library.
  - The Board has recently adopted an amended 2017 Budget, and has provided direction to the Library Director/CEO to advertise for a part-time Library Assistant position.
- Red Lake Margaret Cochenour Memorial Hospital Board
  - The Hospital will continue to offer the colonoscopy service which is great as the service is essential to the area. Renovations to the service area will be undertaken to meet the

accreditation standards required.

- The Board reviewed the Capital Draft Plan for information and feedback.
- Dr. Gloster advised that the Hospital's Lab will soon have its own toxicology screening equipment which will be a useful tool for hospital staff.

12.3 Councillor Jim Desmarais

- Highway 105, 618, and Highway 17 from Dryden to Minnitaki and the passing lane at Triangle Lake are scheduled to have rehabilitation work completed. Work is anticipated to begin on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

12.5 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- MP Bob Nault has advised that the twinning of Highway 17 should be forthcoming.
- Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Conference and Annual General Meeting – February 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017
  - The KDMA utilized a lot of technology during the conference to increase the number and breadth of speakers participating. The KDMA Executive and external speakers provided an extensive update around the topics identified in the KDMA Strategic Plan. Machin's Council and Staff did a great job of organizing the event. Ear Falls will be hosting the event in 2018.

**11 CLOSED MEETING**

N/A

**12 CLOSED REPORT**

N/A

**13 ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 045

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:05 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk