

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #02  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor 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, Deputy Clerk Darlene Stone, and one (1) member of the public.

**3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

Councillor Tracey Simon declared a pecuniary interest in Item No. 5.1 from the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Closing Meeting of Council due to a family relationship.

**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. 030**

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 January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 031

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

5.2.1 November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 032

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the Minutes of Committees numbered 5.2.1 at the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

5.3.1 December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes.

5.3.2 December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Inaugural Board Meeting #1 Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 033

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 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations numbered 5.3.1 to 5.3.2 at the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

## **6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

None.

**7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

**8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

8.1 Correspondence.

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8.1.1 Letter dated January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from Bill Vrebosch, Mayor of the Municipality of East Ferris re: Invitation to attend the Rural Ontario Municipal Association / Ontario Good Roads Association (ROMA / OGRA) Combined Conference being held in Toronto from February 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 034

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 document numbered 8.1.1 at the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

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8.2 Email dated January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 from Sarah Curry re: Resignation from her position of Casual / Call-In Custodian for the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 035

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Sarah Curry from her Casual / Call-In Custodian position for the Township of Ear Falls be accepted with regrets effective February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Carried.

**9 BY-LAWS**

9.1 By-Law No. 1997-16, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

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9.2 By-Law No. 1998-16, a By-Law to Establish and adopt a Security Camera Surveillance Policy for the Township of Ear Falls.

T.C.

9.3 By-Law No. 1999-16, a By-Law to Set Tax Rate Reductions for

Prescribed Property Subclasses for the Year 2016.

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9.4 By-Law No. 2000-16, a By-Law to Enter into an Agreement with Geoma, a Division of Geraldton Community Forest Inc., for the Provision of a Community Geographic Information System (GIS).

RESOLUTION NO. 036

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 1997-16, 1998-16, 1999-16, and 2000-16 as passed.

Carried.

**PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

**10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

**11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

T.P.

11.1 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference being held in Winnipeg, Manitoba from June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 037

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference being held in Winnipeg, Manitoba from June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016:

- Mayor Kevin Kahoot
- Councillor Tracey Simon
- Councillor Daniel Sutton (Alternate)

Carried.

**12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

12.1 Councillor Jim Desmarais

- Non-Profit Housing Corporation
  - Advised that all of the housing units that are available for rent are rented thanks in part to the second shift at the Ear Falls Sawmill.

- Councillor Desmarais was asked if the unit where the Municipal Office was previously located, is going to be demolished. He advised that, at this time, there is no plan to demolish the unit.

12.2 Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Councillor Sutton was asked about the article on CKDR regarding the area Broadband options and if he had received any responses at this time.
- Advised that he has not been able to find any resolution but will continue to look into this issue for Ear Falls as it is a necessity to have good broadband internet.

12.3 Councillor Tracey Simon

- The Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Conference and Annual General Meeting starts February 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and is being held at the Clarion in Kenora.
  - The Agenda has numerous interesting speakers and topics for the delegates.
- In response to an article she read regarding winter festivities in Kenora being sponsored in part by Chukuni Communities Development Corporation (CCDC), Councillor Simon inquired if there were funds available for Ear Falls for similar events.
  - Mayor Kahoot advised that there are funds available for Ear Falls through CCDC.

12.4 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Met with Lindsay Briscoe from the Northern Sun News to discuss various issues for Ear Falls including the upcoming Ontario Good Roads Association / Rural Ontario Municipal Association (OGRA / ROMA) Combined Conference and topics to be discussed with the Ministries.
- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) Meeting was held last week.
  - Ian Angus advised that Northern Iron Corp. has a potential investor from the United States.
- Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Conference and Annual General Meeting
  - Looking forward to the Conference as there are many interesting topics on the Agenda.

**13 CLOSED MEETING**

N/A

**14 CLOSED REPORT**

N.A

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 038

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:20 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk