

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #02  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 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 Vic Robinson, 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**

Councillor Sutton declared an interest in Item No. 7.2 due to a potential business involvement.

**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.)

Councillor Sutton left the Meeting at this point.

E03-DR / E08-DR

7.2 Refurbishment of the Sodium Hydroxide Chemical Metering System for the provision of corrosion control within the Ear Falls Drinking Water System.

RESOLUTION NO. 022

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls Municipal Drinking Water Licence (Issue Number 3, dated March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017) requires the

implementation of the Ear Falls Water Treatment Facility Corrosion Control Plan in the Distribution System; and

WHEREAS the Sodium Hydroxide Chemical Metering System requires significant repairs in order to function in accordance with the Corrosion Control Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the refurbishment of the Sodium Hydroxide Chemical Metering System for the provision of corrosion control within the Ear Falls Drinking Water System, by Northern Waterworks Inc. at a cost of \$20,000 plus HST; and

FURTHER THAT this project be funded through Reserves (GL60-6000-9742).

Carried.

Councillor Sutton returned to the Meeting at this point.

Council requested clarification on Item No. 7.4.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 023

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby adopts the Items in Sections 5 – 7.1 and 7.3 – 7.5 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.1.2 January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 024

Moved by Vic Robinson. 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 to 5.1.2 at the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

5.2.1 October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Ear Falls Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 025

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

5.3.1 October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.2 October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.3 November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.4 November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.5 November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.6 November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.7 November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.8 December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.9 December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.10 December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.11 December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

- 5.3.12 December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.
- 5.3.13 January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.
- 5.3.14 January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.
- 5.3.15 December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 026**

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 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations numbered 5.3.1 to 5.3.15 at the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

**6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

None.

**7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

7.1 Reports from Departments.

7.1.1 Monthly Report from Marg Trippier, Day Care / EarlyON Coordinator re: December.

**RESOLUTION NO. 027**

Moved by Jim Desmarais. 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 February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

E08-DR

7.2 Refurbishment of the Sodium Hydroxide Chemical Metering System for the provision of corrosion control within the Ear Falls Drinking Water System.

Otherwise dealt with.

C12-BO

7.3 Appointment to the Ear Falls Public Library Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 028

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Boards and Committees Appointment for the Township of Ear Falls be approved as per the attached; and

FURTHER THAT the Appointments be for the term of this present Council; and

FURTHER THAT travel and attendance to the Board / Committee Meetings be hereby authorized for the appointed representatives; and

FURTHER THAT Resolution No. 270-17, dated October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, is hereby repealed.

Carried.

M01-NO

7.4 Declare the following property surplus to the needs of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls – Plan M635, Lot 24, PCL 6068 – 9 Roy Street.

Clarification was requested on the first come, first served purchase process.

RESOLUTION NO. 029

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the following be declared surplus to the needs of the Corporation:

- PLAN M635 LOT 24 PCL 6068
- and;

FURTHER THAT based on the Opinion of Value provided in accordance with By-Law No. 1325-07, the minimum bid price will be set as follows:

- PLAN M635 LOT 24 PCL 6068 - \$40,000
- and;

FURTHER THAT Offers to Purchase will be accepted on a First Come, First Served basis beginning on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Carried.

H11-FI

7.5 Letter dated January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins re:

Termination of a volunteer firefighter for the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 030

Moved by Daniel Sutton Rob Eady. Seconded by .

WHEREAS Matthew Anthony relocated from Ear Falls in 2017 but has not submitted a letter of resignation from his volunteer position on the Ear Falls Fire Department; and

WHEREAS Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins recommends that the position held by Matthew Anthony within the Ear Falls Fire Department be declared vacant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby declares vacant the position held by Matthew Anthony for the Ear Falls Volunteer Fire Department, effective December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Carried.

## 8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2128-18, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

\*L04-CA

8.2 By-Law No. 2129-18, a By-Law to Amend an Agreement with the Kenora Central Ambulance Communications Centre, Lake of the Woods District Hospital and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for the Provision of Communication (Call Taking and Alerting or Dispatching) to the Ear Falls Fire Department.

F11-IN

8.3 By-Law No. 2130-18, a By-Law to Authorize to Amend the Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Infrastructure for the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 031

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 2128-18, 2129-18, and 2130-18 as passed.

Carried.

**PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

**9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

A01-MU

- 9.1 Announcement by the Minister of Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Small Business re: the Main Street Revitalization Initiative.

Council discussed the potential use of this funding, although will have to wait for the eligibility criteria to determine how it will be utilized.

T.P

- 9.2 Travel and attendance to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference being held in Halifax, New Brunswick from May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 032

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Resolution No. 289-17 approved the 2018 Annual Travel Listing for Council, Staff and Firefighters; and

WHEREAS a change to the Listing has been requested by a Member of Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2018 Annual Travel Listing for Council, Staff and Firefighters be hereby amended as follows:

REMOVE:

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference – August 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 – Ottawa

- Two (2) members of Council

ADD:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference – Halifax – May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

- Two (2) members of Council
- One (1) member of Staff

Carried.

R04-PA

- 9.3 Update to the Ear Falls Parks and Playgrounds Plan dated January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 033

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

WHEREAS Council adopted the Parks and Playgrounds Plan, dated December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, to guide the enhancement of play spaces in the community subject to budget allocations in 2017; and

WHEREAS the Parks and Playgrounds Plan Update, dated January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, has been developed to provide Council with a report on the implementation progress and recommended changes to the 2018 phase of the Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls adopts the Parks and Playgrounds Plan Update, dated February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, to guide the continued enhancement of play spaces; and

FURTHER THAT Council directs Administration to implement the Parks and Playgrounds Plan Update in accordance with budget allocations for 2018.

Carried.

**M03-DO / M02-WI**

- 9.4 Letter dated February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 from the Ear Falls Royal Canadian Legion re: Provision of bar services for the WinterFest Pub Night to be held March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO. 034**

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls agrees to waive the Rental Fees for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 238's provision of bar services for the WinterFest Pub Night to be held March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Recreation Centre.

Carried.

**\*M02-LA**

- 9.5 Lac Seul Walleye Tournament – July 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

Council discussed this event and what level of Township involvement would be appropriate. It was identified that an independent Committee would operate it, and will need support from the Township to get it started. Council discussed a potential loan/grant as a financial contribution, upgrades to docks at the Waterfront Park which would be required to hold a tournament of this scale, and potential involvement by Anglers and Hunters.

**10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

10.1 Councillor Vic Robinson

- Thanks to everyone that helped organized the Kenora District Municipal Association’s Annual General Meeting. It was great.

10.2 Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Requested additional information on the Chukuni Communities Development Corporation tender for internet upgrades in the region.

10.3 Councillor Jim Desmarais

- The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario will be opening up the Junior Ranger Road starting tomorrow to access a gravel pit for upcoming highway upgrades. This will also be the source for gravel for an 8” lift on Hwy. 804 although the timeline for this is unknown.

10.4 Councillor Rob Eady

- Thanked Council for its approval of the \$2,500 for the Museum Working Group from the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund. The Working Group will be meeting on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The group will aim to clean up some previous projects, update displays and work on developing some large-scale photos for display.

10.5 Mayor Kahoot

- Noted that he has received numerous positive compliments on the Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) from delegates throughout the region. Thanks to Staff and Councillor Sutton for putting it together.
- Currently working on promoting Winterfest activities in coordination with a number of volunteers from the community. There are a number of events planned which will be held Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation Centre. Activities include a Curling Bonspiel, East-Coast themed Pub, a pie-baking contest, horseback rides, a photo scavenger hunt, a kids costume contest, a cribbage tournament, and a bon fire. The event will end with fireworks on Friday evening. There have been some community donations made which will offset some of the costs of running the event. This event really wouldn’t be possible without the local volunteers and it’s great to see so many people get involved.

**11 CLOSED MEETING**

11.1 RESOLUTION NO. 035

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 7:52 p.m. to

discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (b) and (d) – Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees; and Labour relations or employee negotiations – Manager of Public Service & Operations.
- Section 239 (2) (d) – Labour relations or employee negotiations – Letter of Understanding.

Carried.

Section 239 (2) (b) and (d) of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended.

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees; and Labour relations or employee negotiations;
- Manager of Public Service & Operations.

Section 239 (2) (d) of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended.

- Labour relations or employee negotiations;
- Letter of Understanding.

#### 11.2 RESOLUTION NO. 036

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 8:11 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

## 12 CLOSED REPORT

Council reviewed matters pertaining to the Manager of Public Service & Operations.

Council reviewed matters pertaining to a Letter of Understanding.

## 13 ADJOURNMENT

#### 13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 037

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:12 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk