

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #10
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
July 4th, 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 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

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 clarification on Item No. 7.6.

RESOLUTION NO. 146

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 of Part 1 – Consent Agenda.

Carried.

5 MINUTES

5.1 The review and passing of the Minutes of the previous Meetings.

5.1.1 June 20th, 2018 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 147

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 July 4th, 2018 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 April 26th, 2018 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Board of Management Meeting Minutes.

5.3.2 May 17th, 2018 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

5.3.3 March 8th, 2018 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 148

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 5.3.3 at the July 4th, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1 Correspondence.

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7.1.1 Letter dated June 20th, 2018 from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Aerial spray for the Trout Lake

Forest.

RESOLUTION NO. 149

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the document numbered 7.1.1 at the July 4th, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

7.2 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated June 29th, 2018).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated June 29th, 2018) in accordance with By-Law No. 1635-11.

A.P.

7.3 Travel and attendance to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) Municipal Lottery Licencing Session being held in Kenora on September 27th, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 150

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) Municipal Lottery Licencing Session being held in Kenora on September 27th, 2018:

- Kimberly Ballance
- Shannon Jeffries

Carried.

T.C.

7.4 The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's (MPAC) response to an Application made under Section 358 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2016 Tax Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 151

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

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 358 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2016 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-002-08300-0000	\$ 12,000 CT \$346,000 RT	\$ 12,000 CT \$343,000 RT

Carried.

T.C.

7.5 The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation’s (MPAC) response to an Application made under Section 358 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2017 Tax Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 152

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

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 358 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2017 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-002-08300-0000	\$ 10,400 CT \$350,900 RT	\$ 10,400 CT \$292,600 RT

Carried.

T.P.

7.6 Travel and attendance to the 2018 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference being held in Ottawa at the Westin Hotel from August 19th – 22nd, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 153

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Kevin Kahoot be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the 2018 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference being held in Ottawa at the Westin Hotel from August 19th – 22nd, 2018.

Carried.

T.P.

- 7.7 Travel and attendance to a Tax and Assessment Training session being held August 9th – 10th, 2018 with Municipal Tax Equity Inc. in Georgetown, Ontario.

RESOLUTION NO. 154

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance to a Tax and Assessment Training session being held August 9th – 10th, 2018 with Municipal Tax Equity Inc. in Georgetown, Ontario:

- Shannon Jeffries
- Stacey Syrnyk

Carried.

F.C.

- 7.8 Firefighter Application for the Ear Falls Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 155

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the following individual, as recommended by Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins, be approved as a Volunteer Firefighter subject to the submission of an acceptable medical recommendation and Vulnerable Sector Check:

- Philip DeKeyser

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

Council requested Item No. 8.2 be deferred to the August 1st, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

- 8.1 By-Law No. 2165-18, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

T.C.

- 8.2 By-Law No. 2166-18, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Tax Arrears Extension Agreement Pursuant to Section 378 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as Amended.

Council requested that the Clerk Treasurer Administrator provide a revised timeline based on the potential reassessment of the property, if appealed in 2019.

T.C.

- 8.3 By-Law No. 2167-18, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Tax Arrears Extension Agreement Pursuant to Section 378 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as Amended.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda prior to the beginning of the Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 156

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 2165-18 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

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- 9.1 Vacant Unit Rebate program.

RESOLUTION NO. 157

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Section 364 of the Municipal Act, 2001 (“The Act”) states that every local municipality shall have a program to provide tax rebates in respect of vacant portions of commercial and industrial properties; and

WHEREAS recent amendments to this section of The Act have provided the Ontario Minister of Finance (“The Minister”), with expanded authority to set locally specific program rules and parameters via regulation; and

WHEREAS municipalities have been invited to engage in local policy consideration and planning efforts and to make submissions detailing locally indicated reforms to this program; and

WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has had the opportunity to review these programs, recommendations of Administration and public input solicited in respect of this matter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls deems it appropriate to pursue the elimination of the Rebate Program set out under Section 364 of The Act; and

FURTHER THAT Administration is hereby directed to prepare a

formal package to be submitted to the Minister of Finance in order to request these changes, including a covering letter to be signed by the Mayor; and

FURTHER THAT the Minister of Finance is asked to consider and implement the proposed changes so that the elimination of the Vacant Unit Rebate Program may come into force as of January 1st, 2018.

Carried.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.1 Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Will provide a Report on the Housing Summit that he attended in Sioux Looking at the Regular Meeting of Council in August.
- Met with First Mining Gold representatives regarding the progress to date on the Springpole project about the de-watering that they are working on.

10.2 Councillor Rob Eady

- Museum is open on Wednesdays for July and August from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. but attendance has been quite low. Additional advertising will hopefully improve attendance.
- The Wastewater Treatment Plant Assessment as required by National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 820 will be completed next week in order to move forward the Energy Assessment program.

10.3 Mayor Kahoot

- The Lac Seul Walleye Cup organization has been moving forward. There are over 40 volunteers that have stepped up to help out; and currently there are 64 boats registered. The Committee is anticipating that approximately 300 people will attend the weigh-in and community fish fry at the Ear Falls Waterfront Park. CKDR will be coming to broadcast for the event. The group has had direct contact with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ear Falls/Perrault Falls Tourist Outfitters Association.
- Party in the Park / Canada Day celebrations.
 - The events were well attended and the music was quite good.

11 CLOSED MEETING

N/A

12 CLOSED REPORT

N/A

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 158

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:28 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk