

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #11
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
July 6th, 2016 @ 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 Daniel Sutton, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and six (6) members of the public.

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared.

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A16-KE

4.1 Henry Wall, CAO, Kenora District Services Board (KDSB)

- KDSB 2016 Business Plan
- Social Housing Units in Ear Falls

Henry Wall reviewed the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) services that are being implemented this year. This includes the ten (10) Year Housing and Homelessness Plan which is attempting to address the needs in the district while efficiently adapting to changing demographics. Homelessness is primarily a problem for the larger communities in the district and is quantitatively linked to people who are present in these communities due to their requirement to use the health care system or judicial system. The integration of KDSB services, including housing, childcare and Ontario Works services has improved service delivery and coordination.

Mr. Wall presented general information on KDSB's four key service areas:

- Early Learning and Care
 - Transition funding is committed for 2017 but may not be available in future years.
 - KDSB is reviewing the Provincial Funding methodology for child care services because communities in the district are classified as Tier 2 which does not appear to accurately reflect the remote conditions of the communities and therefore limits funding availability. KDSB would like to reclassify communities in the district to Tier 1 in order to accurately reflect the geographic challenges and would increase funding by approximately \$750,000 in the district.

If successful, this would provide enough funding to cover the current deficits which are currently being funded by municipalities.

- The fee subsidy statistics for the region were presented.

- Ontario Works
 - Caseload statistics were reviewed
 - Ontario Works benefits are being uploaded by the Provincial Government, however the administration of the caseload remains cost shared on a 50:50 basis by the Provincial Government and municipalities.
 - KDSB is working to address the impacts that the provision of Ontario Works funding has in communities where recipients are waiting for court dates or hearings within the judicial system.

- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
 - Call volume is relatively stable in the community at ~220 calls per year.
 - Non-urgent patient transfers continue to be a concern due to their cost and impact on emergency service coverage.

- Housing Services
 - Ear Falls housing unit statistics were reviewed
 - Rent-geared-to-income (RGI) renters are required by the social housing legislation to be placed in units where they are not over-housed. This means that a single person has to go into a one bedroom unit and cannot be offered larger housing units.
 - Market-rate units within the KDSB Social Housing stock are only permitted, under the social housing legislation, to be rented at 80% of market rate rent. The KDSB does not want to be subsidizing housing for high-wage earners on the backs of municipal taxpayers. This may cause local councillors to receive complaints if residents see that units are vacant but are not being rented despite there being a waiting list for market-rate units.
 - KDSB is continuing to review this issue in order to move some units outside of the KDSB's social housing stock so that they can become true market rate rental units. The revenue generated through this type of rental would assist in offsetting the RGI operational costs.

Council requested clarification on the EMS call volume on Mental Health related calls in areas where Street Patrol programs have been implemented, such as in Kenora.

Council discussed the solar panel project associated with the social housing system. Henry advised that the return on investment has been lower than anticipated but is approximately 5% on the investment which is still better than a typical bank investment.

Council discussed the need for a regional transportation system and the impact that it would have on Ontario Works programming and regional health care provision.

Council advised that local residents have identified a concern with the lack of available seniors housing. Council advised of its interest in having the Sunset Leisure Place reclassified as a seniors housing facility. This is an important issue for the community in order to promote this as a place where seniors can continue to live when they are no longer able to manage taking care of their own homes.

Council thanked Mr. Wall and his staff for all their hard work.

Council took a recess at 7:50 p.m.

Council resumed the Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

A16-MU

- 4.2 Steven DeRocco, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
- 2016 Assessment Update

Steve DeRocco presented a brief overview of the assessment responsibilities of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and the items that they are doing differently than the last round of assessments. MPAC has provided advance disclosure of methodology guides, market valuation reports and property specific valuation information.

MPAC is putting in place two-way service level agreements (SLAs) with municipalities. A draft version is currently available.

MPAC has released residential assessment notices for the Kenora District, and the Request for Reconsideration deadline is highlighted on the notices.

The website, aboutmyproperty.ca, has a significant amount of information to assist property owners in managing their assessment including looking at comparable properties. The site has a number of tutorial videos that may be useful for members of the public.

MPAC also sent out a Municipal Toolkit to municipalities to assist with advertising MPAC's services.

Mr. DeRocco reviewed assessment trends for the Residential and Large Industrial Tax Classes.

Council advised that the mapping for Ear Falls in the aboutmyproperty.ca website is not working for some residents.

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. 8.2.2.

RESOLUTION NO. 171

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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 June 15th, 2016 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 172

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

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 6th, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

5.2.1 May 25th, 2016 – Ear Falls Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 173

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 Minutes of Committees numbered 5.2.1 at the July 6th, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

5.3.1 May 5th, 2016 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

5.3.2 May 16th, 2016 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.3 May 19th, 2016 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.4 May 27th, 2016 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.5 June 13th, 2016 – Municipality of Red Lake Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

5.3.6 May 19th, 2016 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes.

5.3.7 June 14th, 2016 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting #7 Agenda.

5.3.8 May 10th, 2016 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting #6 Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 174

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 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations numbered 5.3.1 to 5.3.8 at the July 6th, 2016 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 / Best Start Coordinator Marg Trippier – May.

RESOLUTION NO. 175

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 Report from Departments numbered 7.1.1 at the July 6th, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

8.1 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated June 28th, 2016).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated June 28th, 2016) in accordance with By-Law No. 1635-11.

8.2 Correspondence.

A01-FE

8.2.1 Email dated June 15th, 2016 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: Invitation to participate in the Canada Post Review.

M06-ON

8.2.2 Email dated June 16th, 2016 from Ontario News re: Ontario Supporting Broadband Expansion in Northwestern Ontario.

Council discussed FedNor's repeal of their funding availability to the Chukuni Communities Development Corporation Application for this project because it was funded through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation.

A08-CA

8.2.3 Letter dated June 6th, 2016 from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW-STTP) re: Review of Canada Post – “A Bank for Everyone – Support Postal Banking”.

A16-ON

8.2.4 Letter dated June 8th, 2016 from Hydro One Networks Inc. re: Invitation to provide input into a five-year plan for their electricity distribution system.

C09-GE

8.2.5 Letter dated June 14th, 2016 from Premier Wynne re: Clarification to the Letter of Support submitted by the Township regarding Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 176

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 documents numbered 8.2.1 to 8.2.5 at the July 6th, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

M00-RO

8.3 Recipient of the Ron Nichols' Bursary Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 177

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls awards the Ron Nichols' Bursary to the following for 2016:

- Kayla Neveu-Gordon

Carried.

T.P.

8.4 Travel and attendance to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Land Use Planning Training being held in Dryden on July 21st, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 178

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Land Use Planning Training being held in Dryden on July 21st, 2016.

Carried.

*F11-EN

8.5 Application to Employment and Social Development Canada – Golf Course Clubhouse Access Ramp Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 179

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Clerk Treasurer Administrator be hereby authorized and directed to submit an Application to Employment and Social Development Canada under the Enabling Accessibility Fund re: Golf Course Clubhouse Access Ramp Project.

Carried.

L04-ST

- 8.6 Streetlight Maintenance Agreement with Hydro One Networks Inc. for a period of two (2) years commencing July 6th, 2016 and expiring on July 5, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 180

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute the renewal of the Streetlight Maintenance Agreement with Hydro One Networks Inc. for a period of two (2) years commencing July 6th, 2016 and expiring on July 5, 2018.

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

Council requested clarification on Item No. 9.3.

- 9.1 By-Law No. 2020-16, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L07-LE

- 9.2 By-Law No. 2021-16, a By-Law to Authorize the Sale of Plan M700, Lot 59 to Brian James Cronley.

A09-AR

- 9.3 By-Law No. 2022-16, a By-Law to Amend the Arrears Collection Policy for the Township of Ear Falls.

Council requested clarification on the changes to the Policy.

RESOLUTION NO. 181

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 2020-16, 2021-16, and 2022-16 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

*F11-NE

- 11.1 Authorization to submit an application to New Horizons for Seniors Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 182

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Clerk Treasurer Administrator be hereby authorized and directed to submit an Application to New Horizons for Seniors Program re: the Ear Falls Seniors Hobby Hub Project.

Carried.

P.F.

- 11.2 Municipal Complaint Form dated June 13th, 2016 from Jim Powell re: Commercial Garbage Collection Fee.

Council determined that the collection fee would remain in accordance with the current process.

F18-SE

- 11.3 Report to Council dated June 29th, 2016 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: ServiceOntario.

Council discussed the proposal in comparison to the comments about ServiceOntario services provision in Ear Falls that were made by Minister Orazetti during a delegation. Council concurred that they would further address this issue with the Ministry while at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference in August.

R04-PA

- 11.4 Parks and Playgrounds Plan – Draft dated July 6th, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 183

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Ear Falls is committed to providing play spaces within the community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls adopts the Draft Parks and Playgrounds Plan, dated July 6th, 2016, to identify service levels and guide the enhancement of play spaces; and

FURTHER THAT a Special Meeting of Council be held on August 8th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to invite members of the public to provide comments on the Draft Plan.

Carried.

12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.1 Councillor Rob Eady

- The Museum Working Group volunteers are continuing to open Monday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Thursday's from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in July.

12.2 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Attended the Waubaskang Pow Wow and spoke with Chief Martine Petiquan about potential joint-meeting dates.

13 CLOSED MEETING

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 184

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (3.1) – A meeting of a council or local board or of a committee of either of them may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied:
 1. The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members.
 2. At the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 103 (1).
- 2017 – 2020 Tax Policy.

Carried.

Section 239 (3.1) of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended.

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- 2017 – 2020 Tax Policy.

13.2 RESOLUTION NO. 185

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 9:02 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

14 CLOSED REPORT

Council received information regarding the 2017 – 2020 Tax Policy.

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 186

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 9:03 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk