

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #11
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
June 17th, 2015 @ 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 Tracey Simon, Councillor Daniel Sutton, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and two (2) members of the public.

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared.

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

T22-AS

4.1 Donald Jaworenko

- Amendment to Tax Extension Agreement

Mr. Jaworenko was not present at the Meeting.

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 Nos. 8.2.12 and 8.3.

RESOLUTION NO. 181

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

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 2nd, 2015 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.1.2 June 3rd, 2015 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 182

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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 June 17th, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 May 11th, 2015 – Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 183

Moved by Jim Desmarais. 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 June 17th, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 June 9th, 2015 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting #7 Agenda.

5.3.2 April 28th, 2015 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 184

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 from other Agencies / Organizations numbered 5.3.1 to 5.3.2 at the June 17th, 2015 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 Ear Falls Public Library Coordinator
Becky Bergman – May.

RESOLUTION NO. 185

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

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 June 17th, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

8.1 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated June 12th, 2015).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated June 12th, 2015) in accordance with By-Law No. 1635-11.

8.2 Correspondence:

S08-DO

8.1.1 Letter dated May 27th, 2015 from Wendy Gatrell, Executive Director of the Ear Falls Community Health Centre re: Request for a contribution to the Community Sponsored Contract.

A16-KE

8.2.2 Letter dated May 28th, 2015 from the Ear Falls Public School Grade 6/7 Class re: Request to hide a geocache near the Ear Falls baseball diamonds.

*R01-CE

8.2.3 Letter dated May 29th, 2015 from Joyce Appel re: Complaint regarding horses being ridden on the Cemetery property.

A16-CH

8.2.4 Letter dated May 29th, 2015 from Chukuni Communities Development Corporation re: Chukuni Business Awards being held at the Red Lake Royal Canadian Legion on Saturday,

October 17th, 2015.

M06-EX

8.2.5 The Explorationist Newsletter, Spring 2015 issue.

A01-MU

8.2.6 Email dated June 5th, 2015 from the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) re: Invitation to participate in the Rural Community Vitality Measurement Initiative which is a Rural Councillor Profile project.

C11-MP

8.2.7 News Release dated June 8th, 2015 from Ontario News re: Ontario Increasing On-Road Access for Off-Road and All-Terrain Vehicles.

A16-NO

8.2.8 Email received June 12th, 2015 from the Northern Policy Institute re: Northern voices reflected in pan-Ontario vision in the Report “*A Federal Economic Agenda for Ontario*” by the Mowat Centre in partnership with the Northern Policy Institute.

A16-MU

8.2.9 Email dated June 5th, 2015 from the Honourable Minister McMeekin, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Review of four pieces of municipal legislation – the Municipal Act, the City of Toronto Act, the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, and the Municipal Elections Act.

C11-MP

8.2.10 Letter dated June 2nd, 2015 from the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario re: Thank you for Council’s Resolution regarding Hydro One ownership.

P00-FI

8.2.11 Letter dated June 2nd, 2015 from Muscular Dystrophy Canada re: Thank you to the Ear Falls Fire Department for their dedication and commitment and for their donation to help change the lives of those affected by Muscular Dystrophy.

C10-SU

8.2.12 Letter dated May 28th, 2015 from the New Starts Women’s Shelter re: Request for support in their efforts in attaining Second Stage Housing.

Council discussed this request for support.

RESOLUTION NO. 186

Moved by Tracey Simon. 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 8.2.12 at the June 17th, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

D02-NW

8.3 Energy Efficiency Proposal for High Lift Pumping System upgrades at the Ear Falls Water Treatment Plant and Energy Efficiency Proposal for the Aeration System upgrade at the Ear Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Council discussed the repayment of Reserves and will consider this during the 2016 Budget review.

RESOLUTION NO. 187

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

WHEREAS By-Law No. 1885-14, dated August 6th, 2014, authorized the adoption of the Township of Ear Falls Energy Plan: 2014-2018; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the Energy Plan is to assess and manage energy consumption for all facilities that are owned and operated by the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls in a manner that maximizes the efficient and effective use of resources; and

WHEREAS Council deems that the following projects comply with the purpose outlined in the Energy Plan:

- Water Treatment Plant – High Lift Pumping System Upgrades
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant – Aeration System Upgrade
- ; and

WHEREAS Council deems that the projects identified in the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing dated June 17th, 2015, as attached, complies with the Reserve Fund Criteria;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the completion of the following projects, as detailed in the Proposals from the Ontario Clean Water Agency:

- Water Treatment Plant – High Lift Pumping System Upgrades – \$73,776 (project cost net of HST rebate)
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant – Aeration System Upgrade – \$355,142.40 (project cost net of HST rebate)
- ; and

FURTHER THAT funding for the projects is approved as follows:

- Water Treatment Plant – High Lift Pumping System Upgrades

- Anticipated Ontario Power Authority Energy Rebate – \$6,500
- Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – \$20,000
- Water Treatment Plant Reserve Fund – \$47,276
- Wastewater Treatment Plant – Aeration System Upgrade
 - Anticipated Ontario Power Authority Energy Rebate – \$40,000
 - Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – \$100,000
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Reserve Fund – \$145,900
 - Contingency Reserve – \$69,242.40

Carried.

L04-CH / *C03-RE

- 8.4 Report to Council dated June 5th, 2015 from Day Care / Best Start Coordinator Marg Trippier re: Impact on Day Care – Change in Operating Hours for Ear Falls Public School.

RESOLUTION NO. 188

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 Report to Council dated June 5th, 2015 from Day Care / Best Start Coordinator Marg Trippier re: Impact on Day Care – Change in Operating Hours for Ear Falls Public School.

Carried.

L.R. / T.C.

- 8.5 Memo to Council dated June 11th, 2015 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Opinion of Value – 1 – 7 Balsam Avenue – Plan 23R-12217, Part 1 – 3 (Plan M537, BLK R, PCL 4912).

RESOLUTION NO. 189

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

WHEREAS Resolution No. 96-13, dated March 20th, 2013, declared surplus the property identified as Plan M537, BLK R, PCL 4912 and set the minimum bid price at \$15,000; and

WHEREAS the property was subsequently divided into three parcels in order to increase available residential properties within the urban boundary of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be declared surplus to the needs of the Corporation:

- Plan 23R-12217, Part 1
- Plan 23R-12217, Part 2
- Plan 23R-12217, Part 3

; and

FURTHER THAT based on the Opinion of Value, dated June 11th, 2015, provided in accordance with By-Law No. 1325-07, the minimum bid price will be set as follows:

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| • Plan 23R-12217, Part 1 | \$7,700 |
| • Plan 23R-12217, Part 2 | \$8,533 |
| • Plan 23R-12217, Part 3 | \$9,853 |

; and

FURTHER THAT Offers to Purchase will be accepted on a First Come, First Served basis beginning on August 5th, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.; and

FURTHER THAT Resolution No. 96-13 is hereby repealed.

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

- 9.1 By-Law No. 1955-15, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.
- 9.2 By-Law No. 1956-15, a By-Law to Provide for the Participation of the Ear Falls Fire Department in the Province of Ontario Mutual Aid Plan in the District of Kenora.

RESOLUTION NO. 190

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. 1955-15 and 1956-15 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

A04-MU

- 11.1 2015 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference Delegation Requests.

Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) will be targeting a few key topics as part of their meetings with Ministers including: energy availability for economic development projects, Infrastructure Funding, housing, and resource-based taxes (mining, forestry).

Council discussed the following delegation topics:

- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) – Spring bear hunt and an update on the two-year pilot project now that it is complete; changes to the moose hunt timelines and tag limits and the MNR's methodology for tracking and benchmarking this initiative.
- Ministry of Northern Development and Mines – Northern Iron's Griffith Mine project
- Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure / Ministry of Finance – Infrastructure Funding

H04-HE

11.2 Recommendation from the Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee re: Provision of lunch at the monthly Health & Safety Committee Meeting and change Meeting start time to 12:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 191

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls' Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee approved the submission of a Health and Safety Recommendation to Council at the May 27th, 2015 Health and Safety Meeting; and

WHEREAS the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee is requesting an amendment to the Meeting procedures in order to:

- Receive lunch during monthly Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Meetings; and
- Change the time of the Meetings to 12:00 p.m. in order to accommodate the provision of lunch;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves an amendment to the Township of Ear Falls Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee's procedures to provide lunch during monthly Health and Safety Committee Meetings subject to overtime not being incurred for staff to attend the Meeting.

Carried.

M01-NO

11.3 Special Meeting of Council re: Town Hall Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 192

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT a Special Meeting of Council be held Wednesday, September 9th, 2015 in the Royal Canadian Legion Hall located at 41 John Street beginning at 6:00 p.m. re: Town Hall Meeting.

Carried.

11.4 Topics and format for the Town Hall Meeting.

Council discussed the format of the Meeting and will review this again closer to the Meeting date.

Topics suggested for discussion:

- Northern Iron Project update
- Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plan energy projects
- Streetlight Energy Assessment
- Greenspace Plan for parks, playgrounds and trails
- Social Media Platforms / Social Media Strategy
- Nuclear Waste Management Site Selection Process – including a brief overview of the process to date, an update on the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund and information on how to apply to the Fund on an ongoing basis.
- Strategic Plan
- Question and Answer period

M03-DO

11.5 Letter dated May 19th, 2015 from the Ear Falls District Minor Hockey re: Request for donation to assist in covering the costs for the upcoming 2015/2016 hockey season.

Council requested that representative(s) from the Ear Falls District Minor Hockey Club be invited to a Council Meeting as a delegation to discuss the needs of the club.

M03-DO

11.6 Letter dated June 9th, 2015 from the Roseneath Theatre re: Request to sponsor a professional theatre performance in Ear Falls during the 2015/2016 school year.

Council concurred that they would not support this request for funding.

12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.1 Councillor Tracey Simon

- Red Lake Pow Wow

- The event was great. Councillor Simon gave an offering of tobacco and in return asked for a gift of friendship.
- Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting
 - The Board discussed the Application for Capacity Funding and eligible uses within the library.
 - Councillor Simon identified that the Board was concerned with the hours of operation at the library over a six week period during the summer. The hours of operation are reduced from 30 hours/week to 16 hours/week and the Board would like an increase in hours for this time period. The six week reduction in hours of operation coincides with the Library Coordinator's approved holiday period.
 - Council members indicated that this issue had been discussed during the previous term of Council. The concerns about available public service provision were previously reviewed and approved by the Library Board on a number of occasions. The Board had indicated, by Resolution, that the reduced number of hours is appropriate. Setting the hours of operation is the responsibility of the Board, not Council. If the Board would like to review their hours of operation for future years, the Township would review the approval of holiday periods to accommodate better public service provision.
 - Councillor Simon also indicated that the Technology Program and Walking Group continue to be well attended.

12.2 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) Municipal Forum held June 11th & 12th, 2015.
 - Municipal members from Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick were in attendance. Mayor Kahoot gave a presentation on the experience participating in the Site Selection Process, the impact on the local economy during Ear Falls' participation in the process, research information received including scientific and social science reports about the community and a breakdown on the expenditures made to date from the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund. A number of technological changes have been made to the proposed process as information and research continue to move forward. There are nine (9) communities that are still involved in the process and eight (8) of them are experiencing various challenges dealing with surrounding First Nation communities. Ignace is successfully working closely with Wabigoon First Nation; they also have a good working relationship with surrounding municipalities. The NWMO will continue to keep Ear Falls informed about the Site Selection Process. The next Municipal Forum meeting is in December 2015.
- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association Meeting
 - The Board discussed topics and content for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario delegations.

- The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) provided updates on the statistical analysis from the 2014 Municipal Election as well as some updates on Official Plan reviews that are underway in the Northwest region. MMAH will be holding a workshop at the 2015 Planning Conference that may be of interest for Council and staff to attend.
- Forestry issues were discussed at length.

13 CLOSED MEETING

N/A

14 CLOSED REPORT

N/A

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 193

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk