

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #09  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
June 20<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 four (4) members of the public.

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

None Declared.

## **4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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- 4.1 Suzanne Chartier-White, Ear Falls Public Library Board Chair
- Ear Falls Public Library and the Ear Falls Public School Library Community Hub Proposal.

Ms. Chartier-White advised that she has completed some research regarding three (3) countries on the combination of public and school libraries. Most of the research was compiled from the early 2000s to current.

Four points stood out in the research:

1. Dual-use libraries usually fail
  - Dual-use is a broad term that does not just mean a public and school library, but this is most commonly proposed as a co-location. This is the most common type dual-use failures. Failure is identified through the inability to provide improved levels of service and failure to reduce costs.
2. Not usually any cost savings
  - Minimal information was available on the identification of why cost savings do not materialize when moving to a dual-use library. This may be due to complications associated with insufficient advance planning.
3. They can be successful if the community has strong community and stakeholder support.
  - The research identified the factors that make dual-use libraries successful, however, even with the success criteria available

they do not seem to be easily applied.

4. The complexity of the planning is critical and needs to be detailed and exhaustive to address the legal and practical requirements.
  - The advance planning requirements are necessary and needs to be at an intensely detailed level. Speeding through the process will be a sure-fire way to make the dual-use facility fail.

Ms. Chartier-White reviewed a number of examples of these kinds of projects in Northwestern Ontario and the failures and challenges associated with them. Most people identified that these projects do not work.

Ms. Chartier-White closed by saying that the research does not support a dual-use library, and requested that Council consider the research associated with this issue in making this decision. In addition, a petition that was put out last Friday and collected today will be provided to Council, demonstrating that there does not appear to be significant support from the community.

Council thanked Ms. Chartier-White for her presentation and research information, but expressed some concerns about the manner in which the information was presented to business owners when it was dropped off.

Mayor Kahoot thanked Suzanne Chartier-White for her presentation and thanked her and the Board for their passion for the Library.

## **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.)

Clarification was requested on Item No. 7.1.1.

**RESOLUTION NO. 138**

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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 139

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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 June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

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5.2 Minutes of Committees.

None.

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5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

5.3.1 March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting #4 Minutes.

5.3.2 April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting #5 Minutes.

5.3.3 May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 140

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

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 June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

**6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

None.

**7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

7.1 Correspondence.

- 7.1.1 Email dated June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from the Northwestern Health Unit re: Health Protection and Promotion Act updates regarding electronic cigarettes and lighted medical cannabis.

Council discussed the lack of enforcement for this legislation and requested that feedback be provided to the Northwestern Health Unit in this regard.

RESOLUTION NO. 141

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 document numbered 7.1.1 at the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

- 7.2 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018) in accordance with By-Law No. 1635-11.

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- 7.3 Email dated May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 from Kevin Kahoot, Kenora District Municipal Association President re: Request for support to increase advocacy for issues that impact district municipalities.

RESOLUTION NO. 142

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Ear Falls supports the Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) in its efforts to increase advocacy for issues that impact district municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls hereby approves the request from KDMA for \$1,000 in one-time funding to support online communication activities in order to improve regional representation and advocacy.

Carried.

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- 7.4 Calculation of Approved Canada Summer Jobs Contribution Amount document (Project Number 015359342) regarding the Canada Summer Jobs Application for summer students funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 143

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer Administrator are authorized and hereby directed to execute the Calculation of Approved Canada Summer Jobs Contribution Amount document (Project Number 015359342).

Carried.

## **8 BY-LAWS**

8.1 By-Law No. 2161-18, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

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8.2 By-Law No. 2162-18, a By-Law to Enter into an Employment Agreement with Shannon Jeffries for the Position of Deputy Treasurer.

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8.3 By-Law No. 2163-18, a By-Law to Appoint a Deputy Treasurer.

P.F.

8.4 By-Law No. 2164-18, a By-Law to Amend a Personal Service Contract with Darlene Stone.

RESOLUTION NO. 144

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 2161-18, 2162-18, 2163-18, and 2164-18 as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

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9.1 Community Hubs / Ear Falls Public Library & Ear Falls Public School Library.

a. Report dated June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Community Hubs Proposal – Ear Falls Public Library and Ear Falls Public School.

b. 1983 Lease Agreement between The Kenora Board of Education and the Corporation of the Improvement District of Sioux Narrows.

c. 2015 Lease Agreement between Keewatin-Patricia District School

Board and Firefly.

- d. Letter dated June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from Suzanne Chartier-White, Chair of the Ear Falls Public Library Board.
- e. Letter dated May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 from Susan Cullen, Member of the Ear Falls Public Library Board.

Council discussed the collection of information from Administration, the Ear Falls Public Library Board, and Keewatin-Patricia District School Board and identified concerns regarding the timing associated with the project. In theory the idea of a community hub is a good idea, however, the driver is financial savings and the financial analysis does not identify short- or long-term improvement in this manner.

Council reviewed the Financial Analysis and discussed the potential expenses and revenues and identified that there does not appear to be significant cost savings to the municipality. Council also discussed the potential for reduction of services which could be detrimental to the community, particularly as it relates to scheduling of public access and service provision.

Council concurred that the Township of Ear Falls would not proceed with the proposed Community Hub for the Ear Falls Public Library and the Ear Falls Public School Library.

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9.2 Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) Energy Evaluations.

- Mass Flow Meter Proposal
- Detailed Design of Blower Installation

Council discussed the Energy Evaluation at the Waste Water Treatment Plant including a history of the Aeration System project. The Mass Flow Meter proposal was initially proposed to be electronically tied into the blower, however this may not be the case according to the proposal. The Mass Flow Meter proposal will be on hold at this point in order to clarify the requirement for the feedback loop. Council requested that additional pricing information be brought forward as well.

Council concurred that the detailed blower installation needs to proceed and that this will require OCWA to complete an inspection as required by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 820 Standard.

## 10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

### 10.1 Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Attended the Ear Falls Public School Grade 8 Graduation, on behalf of Council, with thirteen (13) graduates. It was an

enjoyable experience and it is nice to see them growing into good community leaders.

10.2 Councillor Jim Desmarais

- Attended the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Lake Anishinaape Pow Wow Circle. It was very well organized and nice to see so many people in attendance. Brought greetings on behalf of the Township of Ear Falls. Enjoyed the dances, drumming and the ceremony in memoriam of Mayor Phil Vinet.

10.3 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) Board Meeting – June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - Discussed the changes occurring in the Provincial Government and the impacts that this will have on municipalities in the region. NOMA's president will be meeting with area MPP Greg Rickford. There were a number of discussions about service cuts and changes in service delivery. Specific services that were discussed were land ambulance, regional transportation subsidies for local bus services, and reductions to Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund allocations. Additional information on this will be forthcoming. The Board is hoping that one of the regional MPPs is assigned the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry or Ministry of Northern Development and Mines portfolios. Discussed air ambulance services at length as there are a number of issues in the region. Noted that there is anticipated to be a 50-60% loss of experienced municipal Councillors in the province.
- Will be attending the Kenora District Municipal Association Meeting June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Day Care service costs will be on the Agenda due to some significant changes occurring in the region.

**11 CLOSED MEETING**

N / A

**12 CLOSED REPORT**

N / A

**13 ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 145

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:01 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk