

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #10
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
June 3rd, 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 Rob Eady, Councillor Tracey Simon, 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.)

Clarification was requested on Item Nos. 8.1.3 and 8.1.6.

RESOLUTION NO. 166

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

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 May 20th, 2015 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 167

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 June 3rd, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 April 29th, 2015 – Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 168

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

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 3rd, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 April 20th, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

5.3.2 April 20th, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.3 April 20th, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.4 April 21st, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.5 April 28th, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.6 May 11th, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.7 May 11th, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 169

Moved by Rob Eady. 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 5.3.7 at the June 3rd, 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 Workshop Report from Clerk Treasurer Administrator
Kimberly Ballance re: Amethyst Sector Meeting and Note
Taking Workshop held in Thunder Bay on May 21st, 2015.

7.1.2 Monthly Report from Day Care / Best Start Hub Coordinator
Marg Trippier – May.

RESOLUTION NO. 170

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the Reports from Departments numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.2 at the June 3rd, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

8.1 Correspondence:

A16-ON

8.1.1 Letter dated May 22nd, 2015 from Hydro One Networks Inc. re:
a Class Environment Assessment for a planned upgrade on a
115 kilovolt transmission line located between the Township of
Ear Falls and the City of Dryden.

A01-NO

8.1.2 Email dated May 27th, 2015 from the Northwestern Ontario
Municipal Association re: Invitation from the Common Voice
Northwest to join the Transportation Task Force and contribute
to the work of reviewing the Multi-Modal Study.

F11-AG

- 8.1.3 Letter dated May 28th, 2015 from the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat re: Notification that the application submitted to the Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant Program was not successful.

Clarification requested on any additional assistance to move this project forward.

A16-KE

- 8.1.4 Facsimile received May 29th, 2015 from the Ear Falls Public School re: Changes to start and dismissal times at the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board schools and changes to the school bus routes for the Red Lake / Ear Falls area schools for the 2015-2016 school year.

A16-MU

- 8.1.5 Email dated May 28th, 2015 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: a review of the Municipal Elections Act to provide municipalities the option to use ranked ballots in future municipal elections.

S08-NO

- 8.1.6 Email received May 26th, 2015 from the Northwestern Health Unit re: Resolution endorsing the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health that municipalities pass a by-law to make municipally owned beaches smoke-free.

Council discussed this request in light of the Northwestern Health Unit's recommendation, the potential impact on local events such as the Trout Forest Music Festival, and municipal enforcement requirements. Mayor Kahoot will touch base with the Trout Forest Music Festival Board and with the Kenora District Municipal Association municipalities to see what action they are taking on this request.

RESOLUTION NO. 171

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 8.1.1 to 8.1.6 at the June 3rd, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

D02-NW

- 8.2 Glenn Anderson's "NHL Legends of Hockey" Alumni game and Minor Hockey Skate Clinic.

RESOLUTION NO. 172

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

WHEREAS Council deems that the project identified on the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated June 3rd, 2015, complies with the Reserve Fund Criteria;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the project, in accordance with the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated June 3rd, 2015, as attached.

Carried.

T.P.

- 8.3 Letter dated May 11th, 2015 from Red Lake Pow Wow Committee Member Marney Vermette re: Invitation to the 12th Annual Pow Wow being held in Red Lake on Friday, June 12th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 173

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT Tracey Simon be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the 12th Annual Pow Wow being held in Red Lake on Friday, June 12th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried.

F00-SC

- 8.4 Amendment to the Schedule of Fees, Schedule “D-02” – Documents Fee Schedule.

RESOLUTION NO. 174

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the following addition to Schedule “D-02” – Documents Fee Schedule – Page 2:

Financial Services

Tax Property Ownership Change: \$40.00*

Additions to Tax Account: \$40.00*

Tax Arrears Notices: \$5.00*

Water/Sewer Ownership Change: \$40.00*

Water Arrears Notices: \$5.00*

Water Bill Duplication (Tenant Duplicate bills): \$5.00*

; and

FURTHER THAT these Fees shall come into effect January 1st, 2016.

Carried.

A.P.

- 8.5 Attendance to the Nuclear Waste Management Organization Municipal Forum being held in Toronto on June 11th and 12th, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 175

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Kevin Kahoot be hereby authorized attendance to the Nuclear Waste Management Organization Municipal Forum being held in Toronto on June 11th and 12th, 2015; and

FURTHER THAT all costs associated with the Nuclear Waste Management Organization Municipal Forum being held in Toronto on June 11th and 12th, 2015 shall be borne by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization.

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

- 9.1 By-Law No. 1953-15, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

T.C.

- 9.2 By-Law No. 1954-15, a By-Law to Adopt the Estimates of Municipal Sums Required During the Year and to Strike the Rates of Taxation for the Year 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 176

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 1953-15 and 1954-15 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

*M02-VO

- 11.1 Volunteer Appreciation Day.

Council concurred that a newspaper advertisement would be placed in the July 1st, 2015 paper. An announcement will also be made by the Mayor at the Canada Day Celebration.

11.2 Topics and format for the Town Hall Meeting.

Council discussed methods of increasing interaction with the public at Town Hall Meetings.

M01-NO

11.3 Special Meeting of Council re: Town Hall Meeting.

Council suggested a Meeting date could be tied to an upcoming Strategic Plan Meeting in early September.

L11-OM

11.4 Letter received May 26th, 2015 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and an email dated May 21st, 2015 from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario re: *Bill 8, Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act, 2014* to be proclaimed in effect on January 1st, 2016.

Council reviewed the information as presented and determined that the Township would not retain a Municipal Ombudsman.

L14-ON

11.5 Letters dated May 8th, 2015 from Ontario Clean Water Agency re:

- a. Energy Efficiency Proposal for High Lift Pumping System Upgrades at the Ear Falls Water Treatment Plant.
- b. Energy Efficiency Proposal for Aeration System Upgrade at the Ear Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Council discussed these projects as a priority for the community and recommended that a motion to proceed with both be brought forward at the next Meeting.

T.P.

11.6 The Association of Municipalities of Ontario Social Media Training being held Sunday, August 16th, 2015 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 177

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT Daniel Sutton be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Social Media Training Session being held Sunday, August 16th, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Carried.

D.C. / B.S.

11.7 Old Day Care Playground Equipment.

Council concurred that the playground equipment will be moved to

Calvin Fulford Park.

Council requested a report from the Day Care/Best Start Coordinator on a plan for the improvement of the Day Care Playground.

*F11-CA

11.8 Report to Council dated May 28th, 2015 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program 2015.

Council concurred that an Application for the Recreation Centre front entry project be submitted. Additional information will be brought back to Council for consideration.

12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.1 Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Kenora District Services Board (KDSB)
 - Had a discussion with Henry Wall, Executive Director of KDSB, regarding the social housing in Ear Falls. Local housing stock is currently being identified as chronically vacant at the Board Level, however the Board is not being made aware that there is also a waiting list in Ear Falls. This paradox exists because there are major renovations required to bring the vacant housing up to rental standards, which comes at a significant cost. Ensuring that the Board is aware of the waiting list is important in order to demonstrate that there remains a need for rental housing in the community.
 - Tomorrow is Staff Appreciation Day for KDSB. A service award for 25 years of service will be presented to Ursula DeKeyser.

12.2 Councillor Tracey Simon

- Family Safety Night
 - Assisted with the Township's Emergency Management Booth.
 - There was a good turnout at the event and lots of opportunities to let the public know more about making a 72-Hour Emergency Preparedness Kit.

13 CLOSED MEETING

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 178

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (b) – Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – To

review information received regarding the Ron Nichols’
Bursary Award.

Carried.

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

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
 - To review information received regarding the Ron Nichols’ Bursary Award.

13.2 RESOLUTION NO. 179

Moved by Tracey Simon. 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.

14 CLOSED REPORT

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator on the award of the Ron Nichols’ Bursary Award.

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 180

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:11 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk