

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #08
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
June 6th, 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 eight (8) members of the public.

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared.

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A16-ON

- 4.1 Commander Shaun Crabbe, Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.)
- General update on community statistics.

Sergeant Gord Ewald advised that he was presenting tonight on behalf of Commander Shaun Crabbe.

Sergeant Ewald reviewed the 2017 year end and 2018 first quarter statistics for the community as well as the distribution for the detachment responses for Ear Falls, Pikangikum and Red Lake. The review included Violent Crime, Property Crime, Drug Crime, Motor Vehicle Collisions, Fatalities, Criminal Code and Provincial Statute Charges, and Traffic Related Charges. Some of the trends identified were related to specific officer vacancies, such as the drug crime stats, rather than an actual decrease in these crimes.

Sergeant Ewald also identified some of the proactive initiatives that the OPP have undertaken including highway patrol, distracted driving and ride-checks. Fines and penalties are rising for some of these areas to deter people from these offences. Distracted driving has overtaken impaired driving for collisions/incidents. The changes to federal and provincial legislation regarding the legalization of cannabis will soon have impacts on additional enforcement. Training for officers in this capacity is underway.

Public education programs are underway on a variety of topic areas as a means of improving community safety.

Ear Falls has had a number of new recruits and are currently at a full

complement which will be helpful for the community's response time and service level. Red Lake is also at full complement.

Sergeant Ewald provided a summary on the Red Lake Situation Table. This is a coordinated and collaborative approach with the focus on effectively addressing the root causes of victimization and crime to improve overall community safety and well-being and the effectiveness of the Police.

Public Alert is a coalition of local partners attempting to prevent the misuse of substances by youth in the Red Lake District. This includes use of cigarettes, alcohol, inhalants, vaping, marijuana, and opioids. A total of fifty (50) presentations were made by the partners to four (4) different grade 7/8 classes over eleven (11) weeks.

Council requested clarification on the level of impaired driving statistics as these have decreased in the district.

Mayor Kahoot thanked Sergeant Ewald for his presentation and commended him and the officers for their hard work in the community to ensure local safety.

C12-BO

4.2 Len Hercun

- Local Citizen Advisory Committee (LCC) Update.

Mr. Hercun thanked Council for their appointment of him to the Committee last fall and offered to provide updates to Council upon request.

The LCC received an update from the South Bay Mine and plan to move forward on the project which is good to hear. This plan should address the local environmental issues associated with the site.

Whitefeather will be having a forest management audit however they haven't had any activities so the audit should be relatively simple.

The proposed Amendment No. 25 to the Trout Lake Forest Management Plan is due to be completed in April 2019, however the timing restrictions in the Plan do not align with the remaining time in the Plan. This essentially means that there are a lot of winter blocks to cut, but not enough time to do them and there not enough summer blocks. The Amendment has outlined additional summer blocks to balance the forest management units based on the blocks and tree types. Mr. Hercun reviewed some of the specific areas that are proposed to be cut in the Ear Falls vicinity. There are also additional proposals to address extensions to the Plan to 2021 in order to have additional time to prepare the next 10-year Plan.

Mr. Hercun offered to provide additional reports to Council on a quarterly basis if deemed appropriate. The Sawmill is doing really

well and is a very good benefit for the community.

Mayor Kahoot thanked Mr. Hercun for his presentation.

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.)

RESOLUTION NO. 120

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

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 May 16th, 2018 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.1.2 May 23rd, 2018 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 121

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 Meetings of Council numbered 5.1.1 to 5.1.2 at the June 6th, 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 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 122

Moved by Vic Robinson. 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 at the June 6th, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

*F18-GO

6.1 Request for Quote – Golf Course Clubhouse Flooring, Ramp and Deck – Ear Falls, Ontario.

RESOLUTION NO. 123

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Quote submitted by English River Home Improvements Ltd. for the Request for Quote – Golf Course Clubhouse Flooring, Ramp and Deck – Ear Falls, Ontario at a cost of \$14,375.00 plus applicable taxes as per the attached quote; and

FURTHER THAT the balance of the project shall be funded from the Contingency Reserve (GL60-6000-9711).

Carried.

*F18-HE

6.2 Tender – Helipad – Ear Falls, Ontario.

RESOLUTION NO. 124

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Proposal submitted by English River Home Improvements Ltd. for the Tender – Helipad – Ear Falls, Ontario at a cost of \$94,557.00 plus applicable taxes as per the attached quote; and

FURTHER THAT the financial penalty for the project being incomplete following the August 30th, 2018 deadline shall be \$300.00 / day.

Carried.

*F18-FI

6.3 Request for Proposals – Fire Truck, Mobile Water Supply Fire Apparatus (Pumper/Tanker – 1,700 Imperial Gallon)

RESOLUTION NO. 125

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Council deems it advisable to replace the 1972 GMC Pumper Truck (P2 / V202) with a new 1,700 Imperial Gallon Pumper/Tanker in order to provide appropriate Fire Protection Services for the Township of Ear Falls;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on the recommendation of Fire Chief, Darryl Desjardins, Council accepts the Proposal dated May 17th, 2018 from Fort Garry Fire Trucks Ltd. for the purchase of a 1,700 Imperial Gallon Pumper/Tanker at a cost of \$396,555.00 plus applicable taxes; and

FURTHER THAT a total of \$176,163.00 be funded from the Fire Department Reserve (XL60-6000-9722); and

FURTHER THAT that the balance be funded through a debenture.

Carried.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1 Correspondence.

*L11-FI

7.1.1 Letter dated May 8th, 2018 from Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services re: Three new Fire Safety Regulations under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act.

D07-CO / A16-NA

7.1.2 Letter dated May 8th, 2018 from the Honourable Nathalie Des Rosiers, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Cottage Lot Development and the Moose Project.

E00-EN

7.1.3 Letter dated May 8th, 2018 from the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario re: Provision of the following Reports:

- “Ontario’s Climate Act – From Plan to Progress” Annual Greenhouse Gas Progress Report 2017;
- “Ontario’s Climate Act – From Plan to Progress” Annual Greenhouse Gas Progress Report 2017 – Summary;

- “Making Connections – Straight Talk About Electricity in Ontario” 2018 Energy Conservation Progress Report, Volume One; and
- “Making Connections – Straight Talk About Electricity in Ontario” 2018 Energy Conservation Progress Report, Volume One – Summary.

RESOLUTION NO. 126

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.3 at the June 6th, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

S08-DO

- 7.2 Letter dated May 17th, 2018 from Wendy Gatrell, Executive Director of the Ear Falls Community Health Centre re: Community Sponsored Contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 127

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the letter from Executive Director Wendy Gatrell re: the 2018/2019 Budget for the Community Health Centre Inc.

Carried.

F00-SC

- 7.3 Amendment to the 2018 Schedule of Fees – Schedule “R-02” Remuneration Schedule.

RESOLUTION NO. 128

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the amendment to Schedule “R-02” Remuneration Schedule of the 2018 Schedule of Fees in accordance with the attached, effective June 1st, 2018.

Carried.

D02-NW

- 7.4 Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval List.

- a) Family Safety Night Request.

RESOLUTION NO. 129

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

WHEREAS Council deems that the projects identified on the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated June 6th, 2018, 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 6th, 2018, as attached.

Carried.

A.P.

- 7.5 Travel and attendance to the Sunset Country Museum Network Spring Meeting held in Fort Frances on May 10th, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 130

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Joyce Appel be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Sunset Country Museum Network Spring Meeting held in Fort Frances on May 10th, 2018.

Carried.

E07-WA

- 7.6 Response received from Wabauskang First Nation, Ryan Haines, Wabauskang Resource Office Manager re: the Waste Disposal Site – Application for Amendment to Environmental Compliance Approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 131

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 response received from Wabauskang First Nation, Ryan Haines, Wabauskang Resource Office Manager regarding the Waste Disposal Site – Application for Amendment to Environmental Compliance Approval.

Carried.

F00-TA

- 7.7 Report to Council dated May 25th, 2018 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Assessment Date Change – Ontario Budget Announcement – 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 132

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the Report to Council dated May 25th, 2018 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Assessment Date Change – Ontario Budget Announcement – 2018.

Carried.

H11-FI

7.8 Letter received May 25th, 2018 from Terry Robinson re: Resignation from his position as volunteer firefighter for the Ear Falls Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 133

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Terry Robinson from his position as Volunteer Firefighter for the Ear Falls Fire Department, be accepted with regrets, effective May 25th, 2018.

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2157-18, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L04-WA

8.2 By-Law No. 2158-18, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Hydro One Networks Inc. for Temporary Use of the Ear Falls Waste Disposal Site.

L07-LA

8.3 By-Law No. 2159-18, a By-Law to Authorize the Sale of Plan M635, Lot 24, PCL 6068 to East Coast Forestry Inc.

F22-TA

8.4 By-Law No. 2160-18, 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 134

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 Nos. 2157-18, 2158-18, 2159-18, and 2160-18 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

D02-CO

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

Council reviewed a draft Plan for the renovation of the Ear Falls Public School, potential costs, the strict timeline for making a decision on this matter, and whether the municipality could petition the relevant ministry for an extension for the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board for use of the Community Hubs funding.

Council discussed the potential for saving taxpayers money but did not have sufficient information to build a business case to evaluate this proposal.

Council has received two additional letters from the Ear Falls Public Library Board Members which were received after the Agenda closed, but will be reviewed and considered by Council.

F11-MA

- 9.2 Report to Council dated June 1st, 2018 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Main Street Funding – Eligible Projects.

Council considered the eligibility requirements under the funding program and concurred that implementing the Signage Plan would be the best project for the municipality.

F00-TA

- 9.3 Removal of 1/3 Tax Exemption for Municipal Councillors Report – requested at the May 16th, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

Council discussed the Report and the implications to the municipality and individual members of Council. Council requested that the Remuneration for Members of Council reflect the Same Net Pay model. This will be amended in the 2019 Schedule of Fees By-Law.

D07-CO

- 9.4 Letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry dated May 16th, 2018 re: Ear Falls Cottage Lot Final Feasibility Study (Whitewing Road).

Council discussed this response letter and concurred that Administration and the municipality's developer continue to move forward with this initiative.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.1 Councillor Jim Desmarais

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference – May 31st – June 3rd, 2018
 - The Conference had a number of great speakers including the Premier, President of FCM and the Mayor of Halifax. There were a number of good workshops including some on infrastructure, technology as a tool for public engagement, due-diligence and building stronger communities in the context of municipal, provincial and federal partnerships. The trade show had number of good vendors and lots of good opportunities for networking.

10.2 Mayor Kahoot

- Advised that the Township has been approved for approximately \$265,000 for the creation of a three-year Economic Development Officer position. This has not been formally announced but will be shortly. This will assist the municipality in moving forward some of the economic and community development projects for Ear Falls.
- Mayor Phil Vinet's passing has come as quite a sad moment for the district. Noted that the municipality has passed on its condolences to the municipality and the Vinet family.
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference – May 31st – June 3rd, 2018
 - Noted that Yolaine Kirlew was elected as the 3rd Vice-President for FCM.

11 CLOSED MEETING

Councillors Rob Eady and Daniel Sutton left the Meeting at this point.
Councillors Rob Eady and Daniel Sutton returned to the Meeting.

11.1 RESOLUTION NO. 135

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

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

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.
- Employment matter.

11.2 RESOLUTION NO. 136

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 8:41 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

12 CLOSED REPORT

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator regarding an employment matter.

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 137

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:41 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk