

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #04
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
March 1st, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Desmarais called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Acting Mayor Desmarais advised that Mayor Kevin Kahoot and Councillor Daniel Sutton were unable to attend the Meeting due to their attendance at Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Conference.

Acting Mayor Desmarais requested a moment of silence in respect of the passing of Councillor Eady's son, Christopher Eady.

Acting Mayor Desmarais provided condolences on behalf of the community and Council.

2 ROLL CALL

Acting Mayor Jim Desmarais, Councillor Rob Eady, Councillor Tracey Simon, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and two (2) 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.)

Council requested clarification on Item Nos. 7.1.4 and 7.7.

RESOLUTION NO. 046

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 – 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 February 15th, 2017 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 047

Moved by Tracey Simon. 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 March 1st, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

5.2.1 January 19th, 2017 – Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

5.2.2 January 9th, 2017 – Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 048

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 to 5.2.2 at the March 1st, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

5.3.1 December 13th, 2016 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Meeting #1 Minutes.

5.3.2 February 14th, 2017 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Meeting #3 Agenda.

5.3.3 December 20th, 2016 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

5.3.4 January 19th, 2017 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 049

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 5.3.4 at the March 1st, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1 Correspondence.

D05-TI

7.1.1 Notice received February 13th, 2017 from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) re: Whiskey Jack Forest (2012 – 2022) Forest Management Plan: Inspection of MNR – Approved Planned Operations for Phase II (2017 – 2022).

M06-ON

7.1.2 Newsletter dated February 13th, 2017 from Ontario News re: Statement from Minister Zimmer and Minister Murray on the English Wabigoon River.

A16-KE

7.1.3 Letter dated February 13th, 2017 from the Municipality of Machin: Thank you for contributions to the 76th Annual Kenora District Municipal Association Conference.

F11-ON

7.1.4 Letter dated February 21st, 2017 from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs re: Notice of Funding Application not being selected for the Water Treatment Plant – Low Lift Pumping Station Assessment and Rehabilitation Project.

Council discussed the letter and recommended that this issue be returned to the next Meeting with a draft letter in response.

A16-KE

7.1.5 Letter received February 23rd, 2017 from Kenora District

Services Board Chair Barry Baltessen re: Thank you for letter in support of the New Starts Women Shelter Second Stage Housing Project in Red Lake.

RESOLUTION NO. 050

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 documents numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.5 at the March 1st, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

- 7.2 Monthly Report from Day Care / Best Start Coordinator Marg Trippier – December.

RESOLUTION NO. 051

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 Report from Departments numbered 7.2 at the March 1st, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

A.P.

- 7.3 Travel and attendance for Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance to the Northwest Response Forum being held in Dryden from April 11th – 13th, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 052

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Northwest Response Forum being held in Dryden from April 11th – 13th, 2017.

Carried.

A.P.

- 7.4 Travel and attendance for Darryl Desjardins to the Amethyst Sector Meeting being held in Dryden on April 10th, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 053

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins be hereby

authorized travel and attendance to the Amethyst Sector Meeting being held in Dryden on April 10th, 2017.

Carried.

A.P.

- 7.5 Travel Approval Request Form from Day Care / Best Start Hub Coordinator Marg Trippier for Cassandra Matthews to attend the Resource Teacher Meeting being held in Kenora on April 26th and 27th, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 054

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Resource Teacher Cassandra Matthews be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Resource Teacher Meeting being held in Kenora on April 26th and 27th, 2017.

Carried.

A.P.

- 7.6 Travel and attendance for Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins to the Fire Code Part 2 and Part 6, and a portion of the Fire Inspector 1 Certification being held in Kenora from April 19th – 23rd, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 055

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Fire Code Part 2 and Part 6, and a portion of the Fire Inspector 1 Certification being held in Kenora from April 19th – 23rd, 2017.

Carried.

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- 7.7 To declare surplus the Township of Ear Falls Fire Department's old Breathing Air Compressor System.

Council requested clarification on the plan for this item if bids are non-existent or less than the minimum bid.

RESOLUTION NO. 056

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins recommended the replacement of the Township of Ear Falls Fire Department's Breathing Air Compressor System; and

WHEREAS Council authorized the purchase of a new Breathing Air Compressor System and that system is in the process of being installed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declares the Township of Ear Falls Fire Department's old Breathing Air Compressor System surplus and authorizes Administration to make it available for sale for a minimum bid of \$5,000.00.

Carried.

A.P.

7.8 Travel and attendance for Mayor Kevin Kahoot to the Mayor's Meeting held in Thunder Bay on January 5th, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 057

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Kevin Kahoot be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Mayor's Meeting held in Thunder Bay on January 5th, 2017.

Carried.

A.P.

7.9 Travel and attendance for an Arbitration Hearing being held in Thunder Bay on March 8th and 9th, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 058

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT that following be hereby authorized travel and attendance for an Arbitration Hearing being held in Thunder Bay on March 8th and 9th, 2017:

- Mayor Kevin Kahoot
- Councillor Rob Eady
- Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2067-17, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 059

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 2067-17 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

C12-BO

- 9.1 Representative to participate in the Red Lake District Resource Management Advisory Committee (LCC).

Council discussed participation on the Red Lake District Resource Management Advisory Committee since there are already three local residents that sit on the Committee. Council requested that the Minutes from the Committee Meetings be requested. The Ministry of Natural Resource's request for a municipal representative will be brought back to Council for review at a future Meeting.

F00-TA

- 9.2 Report to Council dated February 22nd, 2017 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Modifications to the Vacant Unit Rebate Policy and Vacant / Excess Land Subclasses By-Law(s) and a letter dated December 21st, 2016 from the Ministry of Finance re: Vacant Unit Rebate and Vacant / Excess Land Subclasses 2017 Property Tax Decisions.

Council concurred that a draft Policy and By-Laws be brought forward to Council for review prior to engaging the business community.

S08-CO

- 9.3 Report to Council dated February 22nd, 2017 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Ear Falls Figure Skating Club Request – Ice Show 2017.

Council reviewed the request and identified that appropriate insurance is required from the Skating Club in order to proceed with this request.

***S00-HE**

- 9.4 Proposed site for Helipad Location.

RESOLUTION NO. 060

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

WHEREAS Council supports the Ear Falls Community Health Centre / Family Health Team's project for the development of a helipad on

municipal property for use by Air Ambulance; and

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the Ornge Report, dated July 31st, 2015, regarding the assessment of potential local sites;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes and directs Administration to proceed with the development of a Helipad on the municipal property located at 2 Willow Crescent for use by Air Ambulance subject to funding being provided by the Ear Falls Community Health Centre / Family Health Team;

Carried.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.1 Councillor Tracey Simon

- Red Lake Margaret Cochenour Memorial Hospital Board Meeting – February 28th, 2017
 - Reviewed Policies and a Presentation titled “Putting Patients First” which ties into the Hospital’s Strategic Plan for 2016 – 2019. The presentation focused on five priorities:
 - Quality of Care;
 - Learning, Accountability and Wellness;
 - System Leadership;
 - Sustainability; and
 - Infrastructure Renewal and Growth

11 CLOSED MEETING

11.1 RESOLUTION NO. 061

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (b) – Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – Harassment in the Workplace incident.

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.
- Harassment in the Workplace incident.

11.2 RESOLUTION NO. 062

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

12 CLOSED REPORT

Council reviewed the information as presented regarding a Harassment in the Workplace incident.

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 063

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:46 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk