

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #05
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
March 19th, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Rob Eady called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor Rob Eady, Councillor Jim Desmarais, Councillor Vic Robinson, and Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance

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. 8.2.3, 8.9, and 8.10.

RESOLUTION NO. 078

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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 March 5th, 2014 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 079

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

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 19th, 2014 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 March 4th, 2014 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

5.3.2 January 17th, 2014 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

5.3.3 January 23rd, 2014 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 080

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 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations numbered 5.3.1 to 5.3.3 at the March 19th, 2014 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 Day Care / Parent Resource Coordinator Marg Trippier re: Traditional Knowledge for Front Line Workers Session held February 28th, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 081

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 Report from Departments numbered 7.1.1 at the March 19th, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

- 8.1 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated March 13th, 2014).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated March 13th, 2014) in accordance with By-Law 1635-11.

- 8.2 Correspondence

S08-NO

- 8.2.1 Letter dated February 24th, 2014 from the Northwestern Health Unit to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care re: Commending the Ministry for bringing forward Bill 131, Youth Smoking Prevention Act, 2013 to the Legislative Assembly.

L11-ON

- 8.2.2 Letter dated February 20th, 2014 from the Ontario Human Rights Commission re: New guide titled “Room for Everyone: human rights and rental housing licencing”, which describes the human rights risks that can arise in licencing and some best practices to eliminate those risks.

A08-SE

- 8.2.3 Letter dated March 4th, 2014 from ServiceOntario re: Steps taken to improve the quality of service delivery in its public and private operated offices.

Clarification was requested regarding the Township’s evaluation.

P03-EM

- 8.2.4 Letter dated February 18th, 2014 from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services re: Notification of compliance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act to provide a Municipal Emergency Management Program.

A01-MU

- 8.2.5 Email dated March 6th, 2014 from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario re: Announcement by Premier Kathleen Wynne of her intention to create new municipal accountability measures and assert greater Provincial oversight over Municipal government.

A04-ON

8.2.6 Letter dated March 3rd, 2014 from the Honourable David Oraziotti, Ministry of Natural Resources re: Thank you for meeting with Chief of Staff Michael Simpson at the 2014 Combined Conference of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) / Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA).

C09-GE

8.2.7 Letter dated March 5th, 2014 from Randy Pettapiece, MPP, Perth-Wellington re: Thank you for Resolution of Support on Joint and Several Liability.

L04-CH

8.2.8 Letter dated March 7th, 2014 from the Ministry of Education re: Thank you to those who provided insights and feedback on the Proposal to Amend Regulation 262 under the Day Nurseries Act.

RESOLUTION NO. 082

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 documents numbered 8.2.1 and 8.2.8 at the March 19th, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

M01-NO

8.3 Township property to be declared surplus – Plan M700, Lots 8 & 9.

RESOLUTION NO. 083

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the following be declared surplus to the needs of the Corporation:

- Plan M700 Lot 8
- Plan M700 Lot 9

and;

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

- Plan M700 Lot 8 - \$6,700
- Plan M700 Lot 9 - \$6,700

and;

FURTHER THAT Offers to Purchase will be accepted on a First Come, First Served basis beginning on Monday, April 14th, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Carried.

T.P.

- 8.4 Request for Training / Travel Approval for Jenna Dyck, Day Care Assistant Coordinator to attend the Journey of Discovery Conference being held in Kenora on April 8th & 9th, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 084

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT Jenna Dyck, Day Care Assistant Coordinator be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Journey of Discovery Conference being held in Kenora on April 8th & 9th, 2014.

Carried.

H11-DA

- 8.5 Letter dated February 26th, 2014 from Jenny Cowie re: Resignation from her position of Casual Call-In at the Child's View Day Nursery.

RESOLUTION NO. 085

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Jenny Cowie from her Day Care / Best Start Casual position for the Township of Ear Falls be accepted with regrets effective immediately.

Carried.

T.P.

- 8.6 Travel and attendance for Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins to the Kenora District Mutual Aid Association Meeting being held in Sioux Lookout on April 5th, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 086

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Kenora District Mutual Aid Association Meeting being held in Sioux Lookout on April 5th, 2014.

Carried.

E03-RE

- 8.7 Letter dated February 28th, 2014 from Ontario Clean Water Agency

re: 2013 Annual Summary Report for the Ear Falls Drinking-Water System.

RESOLUTION NO. 087

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby received and reviewed the following Report from Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA):

- 2013 Schedule 22 Annual Summary Report for the Ear Falls Drinking-Water System

Carried.

E03-WA

8.8 Letter dated February 21st, 2014 from Ontario Clean Water Agency re: the 2013 Annual Record of Water Taking Submission Confirmation.

RESOLUTION NO. 088

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby received and reviewed the following Report from Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA):

- 2013 Annual Record of Water Taking Submission Confirmation

Carried.

C09-GE

8.9 Submission of a letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne re: recommendation for the reform of Joint and Several Liability in Ontario.

Council discussed their support of this item.

RESOLUTION NO. 089

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be hereby authorized and directed to submit the attached letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding the Township of Ear Falls recommendation for the reform of Joint and Several Liability in Ontario.

Carried.

T.P.

- 8.10 Request for Training / Travel from Day Care / Parent Resource Coordinator Marg Trippier to attend the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Workshop being held March 26th & 27th, 2014 in Thunder Bay.

Clarification was requested on the purpose of and need for this training.

RESOLUTION NO. 090

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT Day Care / Parent Resource Coordinator Marg Trippier be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Workshop being held March 26th & 27th, 2014 in Thunder Bay.

Carried.

F01-RE

- 8.11 Remuneration and Expenses.

RESOLUTION NO. 091

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

WHEREAS Section 284 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, requires the Treasurer to provide Council with an itemized statement, on or before March 31st, on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby approves the Statement of Remuneration and Expenses paid to a Member of Council as a Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association Board Member (attached) for the period of January 1st, 2013 to December 31st, 2013.

Carried.

T.C.

- 8.12 Request for Reconsideration – Minutes of Settlement for the 2013 Tax Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 092

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Request for Reconsideration –

Minutes of Settlement for the 2013 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-002-08600-0000	25,450 CT 581,000 RT	25,350 CT 535,400 RT

Carried.

D.H.

8.13 Annual Employee Health & Safety Workshop.

RESOLUTION NO. 093

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls approves the closure of all Municipal Departments on May 22nd, 2014 for the purpose of education and training for all Municipal employees at the 2014 Employee Health and Safety Workshop.

Carried.

M.O.

8.14 Closure of Municipal Office for Christmas Holidays – 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 094

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls approves the closure of the Municipal Office from December 24th, 2014 – January 2nd, 2015 and that the staff will return to work on January 5th, 2015.

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

9.1 By-Law No. 1860-14, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L14-ON

9.2 By-Law No. 1861-14, a By-Law to Enter into a Temporary Licence Agreement with Ontario Power Generation (OPG).

L07-LE

9.3 By-Law No. 1862-14, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement with Kenora-Rainy River Districts Child and

Family Services.

CBO

9.4 By-Law No. 1863-14, a By-Law Respecting Construction, Demolition and Change of Use Permits and Inspections.

T.C.

9.5 By-Law No. 1864-14, a By-Law to Adopt Optional Tools for the Purposes of Administering Limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes.

T.C.

9.6 By-Law No. 1865-14, a By-Law to Adopt Optional Tools for the Purposes of Administering Limits for Eligible Properties Within the Meaning of Section 331 (New Construction) for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes.

RESOLUTION NO. 095

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 1860-14, 1861-14, 1862-14, 1863-14, 1864-14, and 1865-14 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

M01-RE

11.1 Report to Council dated March 12th, 2014 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Red Lake District Publicity Board.

The Red Lake District Publicity Board is working to maintain the services provided and is supported by the Chukuni Communities Development Corporation. Council recommended that this item be reviewed during budget deliberations.

F01-RE

11.2 Report to Council dated March 12th, 2014 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Council Remuneration and Benefits – Review.

Council concurred that there would not be a change in the remuneration or benefits provided to Council Members for the term of Council beginning in 2014.

12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.1 Councillor Rob Eady

- Museum
 - The Museum Working Group is continuing to work on the creation of displays.

12.2 Councillor Vic Robinson

- Kenora District Services Board (KDSB)
 - Ongoing debate regarding non-emergency patient transfers continues between KDSB and the Provincial Government. The Northwest Local Health Integration Network is failing to address this issue and will not recognize the need for resolution to the concerns raised by the KDSB.

13 CLOSED MEETING

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 096

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (d) and (f) – Labour relations or employee negotiations; and Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – 2014 Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement Negotiations.

Carried.

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

- Labour relations or employee negotiations; and
- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.
 - 2014 Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement Negotiations.

13.2 RESOLUTION NO. 097

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 8:06 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

14 CLOSED REPORT

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator regarding the 2014 Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 098

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:07 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk