

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #05  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
March 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 Jim Desmarais, Councillor Rob Eady, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, Public Service & Operations Supervisor Perry Dyck, and five (5) 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 Ontario Clean Water Agency – Ben Mikkelsen, Miles Brown
- Annual Water / Wastewater Reports
  - Standard of Care overview
  - Water and Wastewater Energy Report / Recommendations

Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) invited Council's questions about the Annual Water / Wastewater Reports that have been provided. Council requested information about the lead exceedances in the Annual Water Report and the action required by the municipality. Miles advised that these exceedances are not found within the distribution system, rather are likely due to lead solder at the connections of piping found in individual houses. Rather than introducing corrosion control chemicals into the water system, it is more efficient for residences with exceedances to implement the best practices of flushing their water lines or making physical changes to their pipes/faucets to remove lead from their homes. Utilizing a chemical, such as orthophosphate, as part of a corrosion control plan would not be the first choice for managing lead exceedances in Ear Falls.

Council requested clarification on their due diligence requirements in regard to their responsibilities for lead exceedances as it relates to the Standard of Care under the Safe Drinking Water Act. OCWA advised that Council would only have a requirement to act if lead exceedances were found within the distribution system. It is a homeowner's responsibility to manage their own pipes, however the Township and OCWA do provide information to people who own properties with lead exceedances. This includes information about who to call to get

more information on the health impacts of lead consumption, best practices on flushing their water lines and recommendations to change piping / faucets in their homes.

Ben reviewed the Energy Efficiency Technical Memo that OCWA has prepared for the Township of Ear Falls' Water Treatment Plant, Water Tower and Wastewater Treatment Plant. A walkthrough of the facilities was completed in October of 2014 and this memo is the first step in identifying plans for potential projects to improve energy efficiency in the facilities, including prioritization and potential funding sources. A second report will be forthcoming to ensure that quantitative data and return on investment figures will be presented to Council for decision making. This will be presented to Administration within two weeks for review.

Council discussed the Wastewater Aeration system opportunity and the need to expedite the presentation of the second report to capitalize on potential energy savings. The desire to implement energy efficiency projects is very important to the ongoing sustainability of the Water and Wastewater systems in Ear Falls and has a direct impact on the costs for providing these services to residents and businesses.

Ben presented a brief overview of the Standard of Care associated with the Safe Drinking Water Act. Council is legally responsible for the Water System because it is a body that exercises decision-making authority over the system. This requires a level of awareness, but does not require individual members of Council to be experts in areas of drinking water treatment and distribution. The Act allows Members of Council to rely on professionals to make decisions.

Mayor Kahoot thanked Miles and Ben for their presentation and the services that are provided by OCWA.

## **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 was requested on Item No. 6.1.

RESOLUTION NO. 087

Moved by Jim Desmarais. 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 March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 088

Moved by Rob Eady. 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 March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 089

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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 March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Meeting Agenda.

5.3.2 January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 090

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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 5.3.2 at the March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

## **6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

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### **6.1 Request for Proposals – Facilitation Services and Development of a Strategic Plan**

Clarification was requested regarding appointment of members to the Sub-Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 091

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls approves the creation of a Facilitation Services and Development of a Strategic Plan Sub-Committee; and

FURTHER THAT the following be appointed to the Facilitation Services and Development of a Strategic Plan Sub-Committee:

- Mayor Kahoot
- Councillor Sutton
- Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance
- Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell

Carried.

## **7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

C.O.

### **7.1 Reports from Departments.**

7.1.1 Monthly Report from Public Library Coordinator Becky Bergman – February.

RESOLUTION NO. 092

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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 February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

## **8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

- 8.1 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015) in accordance with By-Law No. 1635-11.

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- 8.2 Schedule of Fees Amendment – Remuneration Schedule.

RESOLUTION NO. 093

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the following amendments to Schedule “R-02” – Remuneration Schedule – Page 1:

1. Honorariums (Annual Rates)

Mayor	\$ 10,200.00
Deputy Mayor	\$ 6,720.00
Councillor	\$ 6,000.00
Fire Chief	\$ 4,000.00
2. Per Diem \$ 242.00
3. Travel Expense Allowable Maximum

Per Km.	\$ 0.575
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Carried.

T.P. / A.P.

- 8.3 Travel and attendance to the Amethyst Spring Sector Meeting being held in Thunder Bay on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 094

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Amethyst Spring Sector Meeting being held in Thunder Bay on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Carried.

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- 8.4 Ministry of Northern Development and Mines Summer Jobs Service Employer Application for 2015 re: Summer Students.

RESOLUTION NO. 095

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT an Application be submitted to the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines for funding under the 2015 Summer Jobs Service Program for seven (7) summer student positions.

Carried.

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8.5 Letter dated March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) re: 2014 Schedule 22 Annual Summary Report for the Ear Falls Drinking-Water System.

RESOLUTION NO. 096

Moved by Rob Eady. 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):

- 2014 Schedule 22 Annual Summary Report for the Ear Falls Drinking-Water System

Carried.

\*A09-CO

8.6 Report to Council dated March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Community Health Centre Fire Safety Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 097

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 Community Health Centre Fire Safety Plan at the March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

\*M09-FI

8.7 Report to Council dated March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Fire Department Logo.

RESOLUTION NO. 098

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of Administration and the Fire Department, the logo attached hereto become the Official Logo of the Ear Falls Fire Department with full copyright protection.

Carried.

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8.8 Proposed schedule for Regular Meetings of Council during the summer months.

RESOLUTION NO. 099

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the following Regular Meetings of Council be hereby cancelled:

- The second Regular Meeting of Council in July
- The second Regular Meeting of Council in August

; and

FURTHER THAT this schedule for the second Regular Meetings of Council in July and August remain in effect for the term of present Council.

Carried.

T.C.

8.9 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's response to an Application made under Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2014 Tax Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 100

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's Response to the Application made under Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2014 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-002-00500-0000	\$163,000 RT	\$50,000 RT

Carried.

T.C.

8.10 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's response to an Application made under Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2015 Tax Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 101

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's Response to the Application made under Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2015 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-002-00500-0000	\$163,000 RT	\$50,000 RT

Carried.

**9 BY-LAWS**

9.1 By-Law No. 1937-15, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 102

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. 1937-15 as passed.

Carried.

**PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

**10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

**11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

None.

**12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

12.1 Councillor Rob Eady

- Museum work continues.

12.2 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Northern Iron Meeting
  - Power availability continues to be a concern. Northern Iron will be putting forward an application for power access on site.
  - Dewatering of the North Pit will continue this summer, as well



as some drilling when the water level gets down to the appropriate level.

- The Minister of Transportation Meeting at the Rural Municipalities of Ontario (ROMA) / Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Conference indicated that the Chukuni River bridge project would be the only project scheduled on Highway 105 in 2015 but it appears that the paving work between Red Lake Road and Perrault Falls will also be completed during the summer of 2015.

## **13 CLOSED MEETING**

### **13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 103**

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (e) – Litigation or Potential Litigation, Including Matters before Administrative Tribunals, Affecting the Municipality or Local Board – Official Plan / Zoning By-Law Non-Conformance.
- Section 239 (2) (c) – A Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Municipality or Local Board – Plan 23R-7170, Part 3.

Carried.

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

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local Board.
  - Official Plan / Zoning By-Law Non-Conformance.
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.
  - Plan 23R-7170, Part 3.

### **13.2 RESOLUTION NO. 104**

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 8:05 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

**14 CLOSED REPORT**

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator regarding the Official Plan / Zoning By-Law Non-Conformance.

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator regarding the disposition of Plan 23R-7170, Part 3.

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 105

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:06 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk