

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #04
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
March 2nd, 2016 @ 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 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.)

RESOLUTION NO. 060

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

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 February 17th, 2016 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 061

Moved by Tracey Simon. 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 March 2nd, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

5.2.1 January 20th, 2016 – Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 062

Moved by Tracey Simon. 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 2nd, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

5.3.1 December 17th, 2015 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Meeting Minutes.

5.3.2 January 14th, 2016 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes.

5.3.3 January 13th, 2016 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 063

Moved by Daniel Sutton. 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 5.3.3 at the March 2nd, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

None.

7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

C.O.

7.1 Reports from Departments.

None.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

8.1 Correspondence.

*M06-ON

8.1.1 Email dated February 18th, 2016 from Ontario News re: News Release – Ontario to Introduce Legislation to Support First Responders with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

A16-NA

8.1.2 Email dated February 19th, 2016 from the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Approves changes to black bear management in Ontario.

M06-ON/F11-CO

8.1.3 Email dated February 22nd, 2016 from Ontario News re: Province expanding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund and Connecting Links Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 064

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 8.1.1 to 8.1.3 at the March 2nd, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

M02-PR

8.2 Email dated February 18th, 2016 from Keri Rafter, Canadian Red Cross: Request to proclaim “March is Red Cross Month” in the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 065

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the Canadian Red Cross Society has been engaged in preventing and alleviating human suffering across Canada and around the world for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Red Cross Society has helped thousands of Canadians through its Disaster Relief and Community Services, including our own citizens of Ear Falls; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Red Cross Society is a reflection of the Canadian spirit of generosity, caring and selflessness;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Deputy Mayor Tracey Simon, hereby proclaim March 2016 as Red Cross Month in the Township of Ear Falls and I urge all residents of Ear Falls to support the Canadian Red Cross Society and our community by regularly volunteering their time or by financially supporting Red Cross programs, across the world and across the street.

Carried.

H11-AS

- 8.3 Letter dated February 19th, 2016 from Jenna Dyck re: Resignation from her position as Day Care Assistant Coordinator for the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 066

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Jenna Dyck from her Day Care Assistant Coordinator position at the Child's View Day Nursery for the Township of Ear Falls be accepted with regrets effective April 22nd, 2016.

Carried.

T.P.

- 8.4 Travel request for Karen Climie-Desjardins to attend the Pre-Class NFPA 1035 Fire and Life Safety Educator I Course by the Ontario Fire College being held May 13th – 15th, 2016 in Dryden.

RESOLUTION NO. 067

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT Karen Climie-Desjardins be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Pre-Class NFPA 1035 Fire and Life Safety Educator I Course by the Ontario Fire College being held May 13th – 15th, 2016 in Dryden.

Carried.

F00-SC

- 8.5 Amendment to the 2016 Schedule of Fees – Schedule E “Equipment Rates Fee Schedule” (Internal).

RESOLUTION NO. 068

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the amendments to Schedule “E” – Equipment Rates Fee Schedule (Internal) of the Schedule of Fees as per the attached.

Carried.

F01-RE

8.6 Remuneration and Expenses.

RESOLUTION NO. 069

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

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 accepts the attached Statement of Remuneration and Expenses paid to Members of Council and the Appointed Board and Committee Members of the Township of Ear Falls for the period of January 1st, 2015 to December 31st, 2015.

Carried.

F01-RE

8.7 Remuneration and Expenses – Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA).

RESOLUTION NO. 070

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

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, 2015 to December 31st, 2015.

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

9.1 By-Law No. 2002-16, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 071

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 2002-16 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

T.P.

11.1 Travel and attendance to the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada Conference being held in Toronto from March 6th – 9th, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 072

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada Conference being held in Toronto from March 6th – 9th, 2016:

- Kevin Kahoot
- Kimberly Ballance

Carried.

E00-WA

11.2 The Township of Ear Falls Water System Financial Plan dated February 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 073

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Township of Ear Falls Water System

Financial Plan dated February 2016.

Carried.

T.P.

- 11.3 Invitation to the Regional Consultation Session Strategy for a Safer Ontario being held by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services in Kenora on March 29th, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 074

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Regional Consultation Session Strategy for a Safer Ontario being held by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services in Kenora on March 29th, 2016:

- Jim Desmarais

Carried.

12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.1 Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Day Care Ad Hoc Committee Meeting – February 29th, 2016
 - The Committee met to review use of the extended hours at the Day Care. There are a number of families that have been utilizing the service which is good to see. Since the extension of hours has been implemented Council members have noted that there have not been any more complaints about access to services.
- Kenora District Services Board (KDSB)
 - Provided information on his follow-up with KDSB regarding the funding available for Resource Teacher training. KDSB advised that funding has never been made available for Resource Teacher workshops.
 - Also advised that he had received some public inquiries about the availability of Social Housing and the information that KDSB provided on the waiting list and available units was unclear. Additional information has been requested.

12.2 Councillor Rob Eady

- Chukuni Communities Development Corporation (CCDC)
 - The broadband project has been signed off by the CCDC as the Ear Falls portion of the project has now been addressed. Councillor Eady advised that some upgrades have already been completed in the community and an additional upgrade is planned to improve service for the built-up area of Ear Falls. These upgrades will not impact service in the rural area of the

Township.

- Cathy Quesnel offered to attend the Community and Economic Development Committee Meetings in a guidance capacity.
- Previously reported that there was \$15,000 available for Ear Falls community projects, such as signage, but noted there have been reductions to this amount since it was initially made available. Current funding available is \$9,259.

12.3 Councillor Tracey Simon

- Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Conference
 - Provided a written report to Council regarding her participation at the OGRA Conference.
 - Noted that participation in the Small Town Forum at the Conference was quite good. This forum was a good opportunity to network with other people in similar situations. Many small communities are experiencing the same problems as Ear Falls, such as youth leaving communities, aging infrastructure, and economic development. Unfortunately there were a lot of problems in common but disappointingly not many positive solutions.

12.4 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Conference
 - Meetings with Ministers were very good.
 - Minister Gravelle, Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, was very interested in working with the Township, particularly on the Water Intake project. Another meeting with Minister Gravelle is being planned.
 - Minister Oraziatti, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services – discussed the Township’s proposal for ServiceOntario and emphasized that the Township’s Proposal is contingent on the province funding the service.
 - Minister Mauro, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – discussed the changes to the Moose Hunting Regulations and the impact that this is having in the community and the region. Also discussed Cottage Lot Development and the way that municipalities are turning this over to developers to complete the process. Under this process municipalities do not receive any revenue in the sale of land. They see revenue from subsequent taxation of the developed parcels.
- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) Meeting at the OGRA Conference
 - Met with seven ministers at the NOMA Meeting and provided Council with the NOMA presentation information for their perusal.
- Met with Mayor Wilson, City of Dryden to discuss operations and some challenges that they are facing.
- Scotiabank Economist presentation

- Extremely interesting information on commodity pricing and the impact that exports have on the Canadian economy. In particular there has been a significant impact on the fuel and oil industry. She projected that gold prices would rebound over the next eight months with ongoing increases over the next two to three years. Global economic trends looked good but Canadian economic trends look very good.

13 CLOSED MEETING

N/A

14 CLOSED REPORT

N/A

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 075

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:45 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk