

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #04  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
March 4<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, Councillor Tracey Simon, Councillor Daniel Sutton, 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. 8.3 and 8.5.

**RESOLUTION NO. 071**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 072

Moved by Rob Eady. 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Ear Falls Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 073

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 Minutes of Committees numbered 5.2.1 at the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Board of Management Meeting Minutes.

5.3.2 January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.3 January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

5.3.4 February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

5.3.5 February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.6 January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 074

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 5.3.6 at the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

**6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

None.

**7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

**8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

8.1 Correspondence:

L11-OM

8.1.1 Letter received February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Andre Marin, Ombudsman of Ontario re: Annual Report on Investigations of Closed Municipal Meetings and provision of the Sunshine Law Handbook.

F11-ON

8.1.2 Letter dated February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs re: Notification that the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Application for an engineering assessment and capital rehabilitation project at the Low Lift Pumping Station at the Ear Falls Water Treatment Plant has been rejected.

L11-ON

8.1.3 Letter dated February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) re: Information about various tools available to assist in housing, planning, licencing, and other municipal decisions.

RESOLUTION NO. 075

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 documents numbered 8.1.1 to 8.1.3 at the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

E03-WA

8.2 Letter dated February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Ontario Clean Water Agency re: 2014 Annual Record of Water Taking Submission Confirmation.

RESOLUTION NO. 076

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

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 Annual Record of Water Taking Submission Confirmation

Carried.

E03-RE

- 8.3 Letter dated February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Ontario Clean Water Agency re: 2014 Section 11 Annual Report for the Ear Falls Drinking-Water System.

Council requested additional information on the lead exceedances identified on Page 5 of 7. Ontario Clean Water Agency will be attending the next Regular Meeting of Council to present information in this regard.

RESOLUTION NO. 077

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

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 Section 11 Annual Report for the Ear Falls Drinking-Water System

Carried.

F01-RE

- 8.4 Remuneration and Expenses – Kenora District Services Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 078

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

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

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 Kenora District Services Board Member (attached) for

the period of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

Carried.

T01-LE

8.5 Completion of a desktop Energy Assessment through the Local Authority Services' Streetlight Replacement Program.

Council discussed the use of Local Authority Services versus other vendors for the completion of a Streetlight Replacement assessment and concurred that the determination for the vendor selection would be left to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator's discretion.

RESOLUTION NO. 079

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

WHEREAS Council deems it to be in the best interest of the community to investigate energy efficient services; and

WHEREAS the completion of an Energy Assessment is compliant with the 2014 – 2019 Township of Ear Falls' Energy Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the completion of a desktop Energy Assessment for a Streetlight Replacement Program.

Carried.

M02-PR

8.6 Letter dated February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from the Canadian Red Cross re: Request to proclaim "March is Red Cross Month" in the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 080

Moved by Daniel Sutton. 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, Mayor Kevin Kahoot, hereby proclaim March 2015 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.

F11-EX

8.7 Submission of an Application to the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration, International Trade and Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Sport for funding under the 2015 Summer Experience Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 081

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT an Application be made to the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration, International Trade and Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Sport for funding under the 2015 Summer Experience Program for one (1) Summer Student Position.

Carried.

F00-SC

8.8 Schedule of Fees Amendment – Rents and Lease Rate Schedule.

RESOLUTION NO. 082

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the following addition to Schedule “R-03” – Rents and Lease Rate Schedule of the Schedule of Fees:

Target Rate / Square Foot:

2016	2017	2018
\$17.69 (3%)	\$18.22 (3%)	\$18.77 (3%)

Carried.

**9 BY-LAWS**

Council requested that Item No. 9.4 be deferred.

9.1 By-Law No. 1934-15, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L07-LA

9.2 By-Law No. 1935-15, a By-Law to Authorize the Sale of Plan 23R-10536, Part 1 to Sean Peter Nichols and Aereal Sherrae O’Brien.

L07-LA

9.3 By-Law No. 1936-15, a By-Law to Authorize the Sale of Plan 23R-10536, Part 2 to Sean Peter Nichols and Aereal Sherrae O’Brien.

A09-SO

9.4 By-Law No. 1937-15, a By-Law to Establish and Adopt a Social Media Policy for the Township of Ear Falls.

Deferred.

RESOLUTION NO. 083

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 1934-15, 1935-15, and 1936-15 as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

### **11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

F01-RE

11.1 Report to Council dated February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Council Remuneration – Review.

Council discussed remuneration, benefit and per diem options, as well as the municipality's comparability with other similar sized municipalities in the district. Council requested that a motion be brought forward at the next Meeting to modify remuneration, per diem and mileage rates.

### **12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

12.1 Councillor Desmarais

- Chukuni Communities Development Corporation
  - Advised that he has been invited to a dinner following the Annual General Meeting.
- The Township has been working in coordination with Transfield, the Ministry of Transportation and a property owner to address a water line break that is causing water to cross Highway 657. The Township has turned off the water to the property at the curb stop, however there appears to be a secondary line servicing the property that is coming from an unmapped location. Historical information on the existence of a second line is scarce.

12.2 Councillor Sutton

- Kenora District Services Board passed its budget and all

municipalities, except Red Lake, will see a slight decrease compared to the 2014 levy amount.

- Councillor Sutton advised that he voted against a lease renewal for an ambulance base in Sioux Narrows Nestor Falls, although the motion passed. This is reflected in the Meeting Minutes.

#### 12.3 Councillor Eady

- Advised that he and Mayor Kahoot had met with a municipal representative and a vendor at the Ontario Good Road Association (OGRA) Conference to discuss a Streetlight Replacement Project for the municipality. It appears that it's having significant cost savings for municipalities.
- Attended a Social Media Policies and Practices presentation at OGRA that was hosted by Brian Lambie of Red Brick Communications. The speaker advised that there are a number of best and worst practices that municipalities should be aware of and be prepared to manage. Social Media Policies are important to ensure that staff and Council members have an understanding of the corporate position and direction of the municipality. Legal issues, human resource management and training were key aspects of the presentation.

#### 12.4 Mayor Kahoot

- 2015 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) / Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Annual General Meeting and Conference held in Toronto from February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015
  - Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association Meeting with Ministers
    - discussed a number of regional topics including the impact of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation on industrial assessments and energy planning for the district.
  - Attended a Union Gas Meeting with Councillor Eady and was surprised to hear from the Union Gas Area Representative that the Griffith Mine project was not on their radar for future development projects.
  - Ministry of Northern Development and Mines Delegation
    - Mayor Kahoot and Councillor Eady met with Minister Michael Gravelle and Bruce Strapp, Executive Director, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC), to discuss the 2014 NOHFC application denial re: Civic Centre project. The Municipality will be submitting another application to NOHFC for a tourism project.
  - Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)
    - Mayor Kahoot and Councillor Eady met with Minister Bill Mauro to discuss Ministry programs that could positively and negatively impact resource based tourist operators in our community and region. The pilot project for the Spring Bear Hunt was quite successful in the first year. The second year of the project is quickly approaching and the results will be forthcoming. The results will be indicative of whether the Ministry will expand or cancel the project. Proposed changes to the moose hunt including the limited 2-week calf

hunt were also discussed. There appeared to be significant uncertainty about how this change will be monitored or evaluated by the Ministry. This raises concerns about natural resource based tourism in the area and Mayor Kahoot requested that MNR ask for input from northern municipalities on this issue.

- Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO)
  - Mayor Kahoot and Councillor Eady met with Minister Steven Del Duca to discuss winter maintenance improvements. Summer maintenance work is planned for the Chukuni River Bridge. The Minister advised that paving projects on Highway 105 would follow the completion of the bridge work possibly in 2016. This is contrary to the notices that have been provided locally which indicate there will be some limited paving completed on Hwy 105 south of Perrault Falls in 2015.
  
- Northern Iron representatives have been in Ear Falls recently and will be back on March 12 for a meeting with Mayor Kahoot and Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance to discuss plans for summer work in 2015.
  
- Nuclear Waste Management Organization update
  - Creighton, SK and Schreiber, ON have been eliminated from the Site Selection process due to the geologic findings.

**13 CLOSED MEETING**

N/A

**14 CLOSED REPORT**

N/A

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 084

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:00 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk