

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #04
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
March 5th, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Rob Eady called the Meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor Rob Eady, Councillor Jim Desmarais, Councillor Vic Robinson, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins.

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.)

Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins requested clarification on Item No. 8.7.

RESOLUTION NO. 060

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 February 14th, 2014 – Special / Closed Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.1.2 February 19th, 2014 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 061

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 and 5.1.2 at the March 5th, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 January 29th, 2014 – Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 062

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 Minutes of Committees numbered 5.2.1 at the March 5th, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 January 20th, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.2 January 20th, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.3 February 10th, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 063

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 5th, 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 Clerk Treasurer Administrator
Kimberly Ballance re: Basic Emergency Management (BEM)
Training Session held in Dryden on February 12th & 13th, 2014.

7.1.2 Workshop Report from Day Care / Parent Resource
Coordinator Marg Trippier re: Rhymes that Rock Session held
February 19th, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 064

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 Reports from Departments numbered 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 at the March 5th, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

8.1 Correspondence

8.1.1 Letter dated February 3rd, 2014 from New Starts Women Shelter re: International Women's Day 8th Annual Luncheon being held on Friday, March 7th, 2014 at the Whispering Pines Seniors Centre from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

C11-MP

8.1.2 Letter dated February 20th, 2014 from the Minister of Energy re: Recent release of "Achieving Balance" which focuses on the unique needs of Northwestern Ontario.

RESOLUTION NO. 065

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 documents numbered 8.1.1 and 8.1.2 at the March 5th, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

M02-PR

- 8.2 Letter dated January 29th, 2014 from Lupus Foundation of Ontario re: Request to proclaim May 10th, 2014 as World Lupus Day and a request to proclaim October as Lupus Awareness Month.

RESOLUTION NO. 066

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

WHEREAS lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death; and

WHEREAS more than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and each year over one hundred thousand young women, men and children are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and

WHEREAS medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and

WHEREAS many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and

WHEREAS there is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and

WHEREAS there is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of lupus;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT May 10th, 2014 is hereby designated as World Lupus Day on which date lupus organizations around the globe call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus, targeted education programmes for health professionals, patients and the public, and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue; and

FURTHER THAT October 2014 is hereby designated as “October is Lupus Awareness Month”.

Carried.

T.P.

- 8.3 Letter dated February 24th, 2014 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Invitation to attend a Provincial Policy Statement Training Session being held in Thunder Bay at the Valhalla Inn on Wednesday, March 26th, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 067

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Provincial Policy Statement Training Session being held in Thunder Bay at the Valhalla Inn on Wednesday, March 26th, 2014.

Carried.

T.P.

- 8.4 Email dated February 24th, 2014 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Invitation to attend the Annual Planning Workshop being held in Thunder Bay at the Valhalla Inn on Thursday, March 27th, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 068

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Annual Planning Workshop being held in Thunder Bay at the Valhalla Inn on Thursday, March 27th, 2014.

Carried.

T.C.

- 8.5 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's (MPAC) Response to Application made under Section 357 for the 2013 Tax Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 069

Moved by Vic Robinson. 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 2013 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

	CURRENT PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT
ROLL NUMBER		
6042-000-001-26400-0000	\$31,500 RT	\$ 2,200 RT

Carried.

M03-DO

- 8.6 Letter dated February 19th, 2014 from the Ear Falls Skating Club re: Request to have the Ice Rental Fees waived for the dress rehearsal on Friday, February 28th and for the Annual Ice Show being held on Saturday, March 1st, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 070

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

WHEREAS the Ear Falls Skating Club has submitted a letter dated February 19th, 2014 requesting the waiving of the Ice Rental Fee for the day of the dress rehearsal (Friday, February 28th, 2014) and the day of the Annual Ice Show (Saturday, March 1st, 2014);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls agrees to waive the Ice Rental Fees for the day of the dress rehearsal on February 28th, 2014 and the day of the Annual Ice Show on March 1st, 2014 in support of this event.

Carried.

M02-PR

- 8.7 Letter dated February 24th, 2014 from the Canadian Red Cross re: Request to proclaim March as Red Cross Month in the Township of Ear Falls.

Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins requested clarification regarding the Motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 071

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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 Rob Eady, Deputy Mayor of the Township of Ear Falls hereby proclaim March 2014 as Red Cross Month here in 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.

F01-RE

8.8 Remuneration and Expenses.

RESOLUTION NO. 072

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

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, 2013 to December 31st, 2013.

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

9.1 By-Law No. 1857-14, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L14-GE

9.2 By-Law No. 1858-14, a By-Law to Enter into an Agreement with GEOMA, a Division of Geraldton Community Forest Inc., for the Provision of a Community Geographic Information System (GIS).

P03-EM

9.3 By-Law No. 1859-14, a By-Law to Appoint an Alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinator for the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 073

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. 1857-14, 1858-14, and 1859-14 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

CBO

- 11.1 By-Law Respecting Construction, Demolition and Change of Use Permits and Inspections – DRAFT.

Council discussed the Draft By-Law, new provisions, full cost recovery for Building Permit Fees and the movement of the Fees to the Schedule of Fees. The By-Law will be brought back to an upcoming Meeting for approval.

F02-SC

- 11.2 Fire Department Fee Schedule – DRAFT.

Council discussed the proposed Fee Schedule and requested input from Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins on Inspection Fees. Council discussed the need for a public education process on the proposed Fees, changes to current billing practices, recovery of Motor Vehicle Accident Fees from non-residents (in the event that they are not recoverable from the Ministry of Transportation), vulnerable occupancies, and the impact on firefighters. Council discussed the development of a multi-residential rate for inspections and an education plan for firefighters and the public.

CBO

- 11.3 Report to Council dated February 24th, 2014 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Fence Restrictions.

Council concurred with the Report and an increase to the side yard provisions to 2 meters. The amendment to the Zoning By-Law will be brought forward at an upcoming Meeting.

M03-DO

- 11.4 Email received February 27th, 2014 from Donna Thiessen re: Request for Donation for the English River Miners Awards Gala being held on March 8th, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 074

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Ear Falls authorizes a donation of the following in support of the English River Miners Awards Gala being held at the Cochenour Hall on March 8th, 2014:

- One (1) Fleece Blanket
- One (1) Logo Pen
- One (1) Umbrella
- One (1) Blue Water Bottle
- One (1) Blue Notepad
- One (1) Package of Golf Balls

- One (1) Eagle Toy
- One (1) Clear Tumbler

Carried.

12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.1 Councillor Jim Desmarais

- Chukuni Communities Development Corporation Meeting to be held March 11th, 2014

12.2 Councillor Rob Eady

- Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) / Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Combined Conference held in Toronto from February 23rd – 26th, 2014
 - Met with the Ministry of Natural Resources to discuss the Spring Bear Hunt. A trial run is underway but the Ministry needs to balance the needs of all stakeholders with best management practices.
 - Met with the Minister of Transportation Glen Murray at a roundtable breakfast to discuss Winter Road Maintenance levels, Maintenance Contracts, Contract Management and highway classification levels. The Meeting resulted in the Minister advising that the Ministry would be pursuing ongoing improvement in the area. Following this Meeting the Minister was quoted as saying that municipalities had told him that road maintenance was now remarkable and good. This was surprising to the municipal representatives that attended the Roundtable Meeting because it was contrary to the message that was conveyed at the Meeting. The municipalities clearly indicated that they were looking forward to the Ministry of Transportation making changes to the road maintenance conditions, but that conditions were still not adequate.
 - Met with Minister Michael Gravelle, Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry and Bruce Strapp, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation regarding the Township's Recreation Centre and they were very supportive of assisting with the Community Facility.

13 CLOSED MEETING

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 075

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 7:56 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (c) – A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board – Offer to Purchase – Plan M700, Lots 8 & 9.

Carried.

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

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board;
 - Offer to Purchase – Plan M700, Lots 8 & 9.

13.2 RESOLUTION NO. 076

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 8:08 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

14 CLOSED REPORT

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator regarding Plan M700, Lots 8 & 9.

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 077

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:09 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk