

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #08
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
May 18th, 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 four (4) members 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.)

Council requested clarification on Item No. 8.4.

RESOLUTION NO. 133

Moved by Rob Eady. 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 May 4th, 2016 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 134

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

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 May 18th, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

5.2.1 April 11th, 2016 – Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 135

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 of Committees numbered 5.2.1 at the May 18th, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

5.3.1 March 23rd, 2016 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

5.3.2 May 10th, 2016 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting #6 Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 136

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 from other Agencies / Organizations numbered 5.3.1 to 5.3.2 at the May 18th, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

C.O.

7.1 Reports from Departments.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 137

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

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 May 18th, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

8.1 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated May 13th, 2016).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated May 13th, 2016) in accordance with By-Law No. 635-11.

8.2 Correspondence.

A16-KE

8.2.1 Copy of letter dated April 27th, 2016 sent to the Honourable Minister Dr. Eric Hoskins by the Kenora District Services Board re: “Patients First: A Proposal to Strengthen Patient Centred Health Care in Ontario.”

D05-TI

8.2.2 Review received May 10th, 2016 from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Whiskey Jack Forest 2012-2022 Forest Management Plan – Review of the Proposed Operations for Phase II 2017-2022 Information Centre.

RESOLUTION NO. 138

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 documents numbered 8.2.1 to 8.2.2 at the May 18th, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

R01-CE

8.3 Letter received April 20th, 2016 from the Ear Falls Lions Club re: Requesting permission for placement of a bench at the Ear Falls &

District Cemetery.

RESOLUTION NO. 139

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls is supportive of the Ear Falls Lions Club's request to add an additional bench at the Ear Falls & District Cemetery; and

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls will identify the location and provide a concrete pad for the placement of the bench;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the purchase of a bench by the Ear Falls Lions Club for the Ear Falls Cemetery.

Carried.

T.C.

8.4 Letter dated May 10th, 2016 from Ross Roeck re: Purchase of Township Street Sweeper.

Council requested clarification on this item.

RESOLUTION NO. 140

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls held a public tender in 2015 as a means of selling surplus municipal equipment; and

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls did not receive any bids on the 1981 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper and it remains unsold and surplus to the needs of the Corporation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the bid from Ross Roeck for the purchase of the 1981 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper for \$909.50 including HST.

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

Council requested clarification on Item No. 9.2.

9.1 By-Law No. 2011-16, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

A09-LE

- 9.2 By-Law No. 2012-16, a By-Law to Amend the Leave of Absence Policy for the Township of Ear Falls.

Council requested clarification on the changes to this Policy.

T.C.

- 9.3 By-Law No. 2013-16, a By-Law to Establish Tax Ratios for Prescribed Property Classes for the Year 2016.

T.C.

- 9.4 By-Law No. 2014-16, a By-Law to Adopt the Estimates of Municipal Sums Required During the Year and to Strike the Rates of Taxation for the Year 2016.

F11-FI

- 9.5 By-Law No. 2015-16, a By-Law to Enter into an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, for the Provision of a FireSmart Community Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 141

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 2011-16, 2012-16, 2013-16, 2014-16, and 2015-16 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

A04-ON

- 11.1 End of the Ontario Good Roads Association / Rural Ontario Municipal Association (OGRA/ROMA) Combined Conference effective January 2017.

- a) Email dated April 28th, 2016 from Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).
- b) Heads Up Alert dated April 28th, 2016 from Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA).

Council discussed attendance at these conferences and determined that they will continue to attend the OGRA Conference, but will not be

attending the ROMA Conference in 2017.

A.P.

- 11.2 Letter dated April 12th, 2016 from the Red Lake Pow Wow Committee re: Invitation to the 13th Annual Pow Wow being held in Red Lake on Friday, June 10th at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, June 11th at 12:00 p.m., or Saturday June 11th at 6:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 142

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the 13th Annual Pow Wow being held in Red Lake on Saturday, June 11th at 12:00 p.m. at 6:00 p.m.:

- Tracey Simon

Carried.

- 11.3 Letter dated April 25th, 2016 from Ross Roeck re: Offer of cleaning up property in return for the scrap materials located at 26 Bannatyne Avenue.

Council requested that a scope of work for the clean-up project be compiled and that staff ensure that appropriate risk management procedures are in place to limit municipal liability. A report will be returned to Council for consideration.

A04-MU

- 11.4 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference Delegation Requests – 2016.

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Cottage Lot Development

Ministry of Northern Development and Mines – Water Treatment Plant Low Lift Pumping Station Project

Ministry of Infrastructure – Water Treatment Plant Low Lift Pumping Station Project

Ministry of Government and Consumer Services – ServiceOntario status

R03-CO

- 11.5 Letter received May 10th, 2016 from Joyce Appel for the Museum Working Group re: Various issues and requests regarding the Ear Falls Museum.

The Working Group held a meeting on Saturday and discussed a number of items and requested:

- Mileage/Travel expenses – for Joyce to attend the Regional

Museum Meeting if acceptable to Council

- Signage – understand that the Community and Economic Development Committee will be moving this forward. Requested that the plexiglass on the old sign at the beach be replaced.
- The Museum will be open Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. over the summer, statutory holidays excluded.

RESOLUTION NO. 143

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT Museum Working Group Member Joyce Appel be authorized travel and attendance to the Regional Museum Meeting being held in Stratton, Ontario on May 26th, 2016 at the Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre (Manitou Mounds).

Carried.

F11-ON

- 11.6 Letter to be submitted to the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities and the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure re: Water Treatment Plant Low Lift Pumping Station.

RESOLUTION NO. 144

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be authorized and directed to submit the attached letter regarding the Water Treatment Plant Low Lift Pumping Station Assessment and Rehabilitation Project to the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities and the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure.

Carried.

12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.1 Councillor Tracey Simon

- Ear Falls Public Library Board
 - The Board would like to increase hours for the casual staff to address the delivery of library services and succession planning. The Board would prefer to be given a lump sum total to be delivered from Council so that they would be responsible for administering the funds as they see fit.

Council requested that a Special Meeting be set to discuss this item.

12.2 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Attended a Red Lake Council Meeting with Councillor Simon on Monday evening to see a delegation regarding the English River

Miners (ERM). Jason Vinet, ERM Board President advised that the ERM would be moving to Red Lake full time for the 2016/17 season. Several issues were raised regarding the impact that this would have on user groups in the community.

- Noted that he found this presentation disappointing on a number of levels particularly because of the loss of an opportunity for this team to bring our communities together. Also there has been a lack of communication with the communities to let people know what direction the ERM is taking. In addition the ERM has not shown respect or appreciation for the numerous volunteers in Ear Falls that have supported the team.
- There were concerns raised by a Red Lake Councillor about the timeline for the completion of the roof renovation project and the requirement for early September ice time.
- Noted that the ERM Executive will be holding a public meeting in the near future to advise the public of the current plan for the team.
- Councillor Simon noted that this was a delegation made to the Red Lake Council, but that a decision of Council was not made at the Meeting.
- Mayor Kahoot advised that Council will need to consider the impacts of our 2016/17 ice season to ensure that sound financial decisions continue to be made regarding the administration of our Ice Scheduling Policy.

Council discussed setting up a Bi-Municipal Meeting with Red Lake Council to compare Strategic Plans and potential opportunities for aligning priorities.

13 CLOSED MEETING

N/A

14 CLOSED REPORT

N/A

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 145

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.

Mayor

Clerk