

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #09
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
May 20th, 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, Deputy Clerk Darlene Stone and five (5) members of the public.

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared.

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

M03-CA

- 4.1 Ear Falls Community Canada Day Committee – Bette Donovan
- Canada Day Events – 2015.

Mayor Kahoot welcomed Bette to the Meeting.

Bette Donovan requested use of the Recreation Centre on July 1st for Canada Day festivities in the event that it rains. Council concurred that the Recreation Centre could be utilized for the games.

Bette also requested the use of eight (8) tables, five (5) picnic tables to be spread around the Waterfront, lots of garbage cans and additional garbage bags. Bette would also like to have the horseshoe pits readied as she has had numerous people interested in playing.

Some of the festivities include the Kiddie's Bicycle Decorating Parade, kids games, two (2) blow-up castles, the Hospital Auxiliary will have a canteen, mini Bingo hosted by the Lions Club, horseshoes, cake cutting, Brianna Thompson will sing the national anthem, the Fire Department will have candy floss, fire truck rides and a bonfire from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., O.P.P. boat rides. Jim and his Boys will be playing music all afternoon as well as other local talent. Fireworks will be held at 10:30 p.m.

Mayor Kahoot thanked Bette for her 25 years of volunteering for the Canada Day Committee.

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. 147

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 May 2nd, 2015 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.1.2 May 6th, 2015 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 148

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 Meetings of Council numbered 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 at the May 20th, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 April 13th, 2015 – Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 149

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 May 20th, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 March 27th, 2015 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

5.3.2 May 12th, 2015 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Meeting #6 Agenda.

5.3.3 February 19th, 2015 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes.

5.3.4 March 26th, 2015 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes.

5.3.5 February 24th, 2015 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 150

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 5.3.5 at the May 20th, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

*F18-PA

6.1 Request for Quote – 2015 Paving Work

RESOLUTION NO. 151

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of Public Service & Operations Supervisor Perry Dyck Council of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Quote submitted by A.J. Positano Paving for the Request for Quote – 2015 Paving Work at a cost of \$26,040.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

C.O.

7.1 Reports from Departments

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

RESOLUTION NO. 152

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 Report from Departments numbered 7.1.1 at the May 20th, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

8.1 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated May 13th, 2015).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated May 13th, 2015) in accordance with By-Law No. 1635-11.

8.2 Correspondence:

S08-NO

8.2.1 Letter dated May 5th, 2015 from the Northwestern Health Unit re: Resolution to urge the Provincial Government to amend the Making Healthier Choices Act to include sodium labelling and to allow municipal by-laws to address additional nutrition information.

S08-NO

8.2.2 Letter dated May 1st, 2015 from the Northwestern Health Unit re: amendments to the Smoke-Free Ontario Regulation.

P03-EM

8.2.3 Letter dated May 6th, 2015 from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services re: Notification that there are no vulnerable occupancies in Ear Falls.

T06-HI

8.2.4 Letter dated May 4th, 2015 from the Ministry of Transportation re: Auditor General's Winter Highway Maintenance Report.

RESOLUTION NO. 153

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 documents numbered 8.2.1 to 8.2.4 at the May 20th, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

F00-SC

8.3 Amendment to the Schedule of Fees – Schedule “R-01” Recreation.

RESOLUTION NO. 154

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the following amendment to Schedule “R-01” – Recreation Schedule of the Schedule of Fees:

Delete:

Half Price Tuesdays (every Tuesday from June – September) all Green Fees for the day would be half price. (ie. June 2nd, 2015 would be half price Tuesday)

Add:

Half Price Mondays (every Monday from June – September) all Green Fees for the day would be half price. (ie. June 1st, 2015 would be half price Monday)

Carried.

C09-GE

8.4 Resolution of Support regarding stopping the sale of any part of Hydro One and maintain Hydro One Networks as a wholly owned public asset for the benefit of all Ontarians.

RESOLUTION NO. 155

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

WHEREAS the public electricity system in Ontario is a critical asset to the economy; and

WHEREAS much of the economy of the province, including Northwestern Ontario, hinges on a solid, sustainable and reliable electrical transmission and distribution system; and

WHEREAS Hydro One Networks has recorded profits of \$2.297 billion over the last three years and paid dividends to the Province of Ontario in the amount of \$588 million in 2012 and 2013 combined; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced that it will begin selling up to 60% of the value of Hydro One starting this fall; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has projected that it will receive \$9 billion as a result of the sale and that \$5 billion will go towards reducing outstanding debt and \$4 billion will be allocated

towards transit, transportation and other priority infrastructure projects across the province; and

WHEREAS the amount of \$4 billion represents less than 13% of the amount the Province has committed to investing in infrastructure over the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS the Province will have to borrow in order to pay for much of the remaining infrastructure costs; and

WHEREAS it has been estimated that Hydro One Networks see a return on investment in the range of 9 to 11% per year; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government is paying less than 3% on current borrowing; and

WHEREAS it does not make sense to turn over 60% of its profits of 9% to 11% to the private sector when it could retain 100% ownership of Hydro One Networks, and borrow at less than 3% to pay for necessary infrastructure with a life span of 20 to 40 years; and

WHEREAS the privatization, partial or whole, of electricity has led to higher rates and less control; and

WHEREAS both Progressive Conservative and Liberal Government have in the past cancelled plans to sell all or parts to electrical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the selling of all or part of Hydro One Networks to relieve a temporary fiscal shortfall is a short-sighted one time fix that will have a detrimental effect on the Citizens of Ontario forever;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Ear Falls calls on the Government of Ontario to stop the sale of any part of Hydro One, and maintain Hydro One Networks as a wholly owned public asset for the benefit of all Ontarians; and

FURTHER THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

- Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
- Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance
- Northwestern Ontario MPPs
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association

Carried.

D.C/P.R.

8.5 Closure of the Day Care for mandatory Staff Workshop, “How Does Learning Happen?” being held on Friday, May 29th, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 156

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Day Care employees have been mandated by the Ministry of Education to attend a workshop titled “How Does Learning Happen?”; and

WHEREAS attendance at the workshop necessitates the closure of the Day Care on Friday, May 29th, 2015;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls approves the closure of the Day Care on Friday, May 29th, 2015; and

FURTHER THAT the following are hereby authorized travel and attendance to the “How Does Learning Happen?” Workshop being held in Dryden on May 29th, 2015:

- Marg Trippier
 - Jenna Dyck
 - Michele Ross
 - Tracy MacDonald
- and;

FURTHER THAT all costs, including wages, associated with attendance at the workshop be borne by the Kenora District Services Board.

Carried.

H11-DI

- 8.6 Letter dated May 11th, 2015 from Tearyn Wiebe re: Resignation from his position as Disposal Site Attendant for the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 157

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Tearyn Wiebe from his position of Disposal Site Attendant for the Township of Ear Falls be accepted with regrets effective May 23rd, 2015.

Carried.

A.P.

- 8.7 Travel and attendance to the CANWARN Training Session being held on June 18th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dryden Fire Services Training Room.

RESOLUTION NO. 158

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT Community Emergency Management Coordinator Kimberly Ballance be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the CANWARN Training Session being held on June 18th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dryden Fire Services Training Room.

Carried.

*V02-BA

- 8.8 Report to Council dated May 14th, 2015 from Public Service & Operations Supervisor Perry Dyck re: John Deere Backhoe.

RESOLUTION NO. 159

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby authorizes the necessary repairs to the John Deere Backhoe by Nortrax in Dryden to an upset limit of \$13,000 plus applicable taxes as outlined in a Report to Council dated May 14th, 2015 from Public Service & Operations Supervisor Perry Dyck re: John Deere Backhoe.

Carried.

M01-NO

- 8.9 Special Meeting of Council to be held June 2nd, 2015 re: Strategic Planning Workshop.

RESOLUTION NO. 160

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT a Special Meeting of Council be held June 2nd, 2015 in the Municipal Council Chambers located at 2 Willow Crescent beginning at 7:30 p.m. re: Council's Strategic Planning Workshop.

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

Item No. 9.3 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for debate.

L04-CL

- 9.3 By-Law No. 1952-15, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Tax Arrears Extension Agreement Pursuant to Section 378 of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, as Amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 161

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 No. 1952-15 as passed.

Carried.

Councillor Simon requested a Recorded Vote.

Recorded Vote:

	Yeas	Nays
Jim Desmarais	X	
Rob Eady	X	
Kevin Kahoot	X	
Tracey Simon		X
Daniel Sutton		X

9.1 By-Law No. 1950-15, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

T.C.

9.2 By-Law No. 1951-15, a By-Law to Establish Tax Ratios for Prescribed Property Classes for the Year 2015.

L04-CL

9.3 By-Law No. 1952-15, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Tax Arrears Extension Agreement Pursuant to Section 378 of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, as Amended.

Otherwise dealt with.

RESOLUTION NO. 162

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 1950-15 and 1951-15 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

*M00-WE

11.1 Report to Council dated May 4th, 2015 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Website Redevelopment.

Council discussed the upcoming Strategic Plan and the impact it may have on revisions to our website. Council would like to hold off on redeveloping the website at this time and have this item be brought back to a future Regular Meeting of Council.

A04-MU

11.2 2015 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference Delegation Requests.

Council requested a Meeting with the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure regarding Water and Sewer Capital Funding for energy efficiencies. Council requested that this item be brought back to a future Regular Meeting of Council for additional discussion.

*M02-VO

11.3 Report to Council dated May 8th, 2015 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Volunteer Appreciation Day – Sunday, July 19th, 2015.

Council directed that this item be brought back to the next Regular Meeting of Council.

M03-DO

11.4 Letter dated May 11th, 2015 from Josh Cousineau re: Advertising sponsorship packages for the Glenn Anderson's "NHL Legends of Hockey".

Following a brief discussion Council concurred that waiving of the Ice Rental Fees for the Alumni Game and the Minor Hockey Skate Clinic would be an acceptable use of the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund. A motion will be brought back to the next Regular Meeting of Council.

11.5 Dog Park.

Following a discussion regarding the proposal of having a Dog Park in Ear Falls, Council concurred to place the Dog Park as a topic on the Town Hall Meeting Agenda.

D.C.

11.6 Old Day Care Playground Equipment.

Council discussed the locations where the Old Day Care Playground equipment could be utilized. Council directed that the Public Service & Operations Supervisor relocate this equipment to the Calvin Fulford Memorial Park on Birch Drive by no later than June 26th, 2015.

R03-AR

11.7 Report to Council dated May 15th, 2015 from Public Service & Operations Supervisor Perry Dyck re: Museum Plan – Exterior Artifacts.

RESOLUTION NO. 163

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council dated May 15th, 2015 titled Museum Plan – Exterior Artifacts.

Defeated.

F22-AS

11.8 Report to Council dated May 13th, 2015 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Tax Extension Agreement Proposal – Don Jaworenko.

Council discussed the proposal and requested that the Clerk Treasurer Administrator calculate revisions to the terms of the Tax Extension Agreement in accordance with the new procedures developed by Council.

11.9 Letter dated May 1st, 2015 from Reproductive Health Network re: Lack of bus services in the Ear Falls and Red Lake areas.

Council discussed the lack of bus services in our community and though this is not a municipal matter, Council may be willing to support an initiative to assist the organization subject to their agreement.

12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.1 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Advised that the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has requested his participation on their Municipal Forum as the Township was previously involved in the Site Selection Process. Will be attending a Meeting on June 11th & 12th, 2015 which will be fully funded and organized by the NWMO.

12.2 Councillor Tracey Simon

- Attended the Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting.
 - Very pleased with the new upgrades to the Website. The Library now has the ability to collect data with regard to which records the users are accessing. The Website is now compliant with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act standards.
 - The Logo Contest has been deferred to this coming fall.

13 CLOSED MEETING

N/A

14 CLOSED REPORT

N/A

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 164

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:28 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk