

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #08
Ear Falls Government Building Meeting Room
May 21st, 2014 @ 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 Fred Melanson, Deputy Clerk Darlene Stone, 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.)

Council requested discussion on Item No. 8.2.5.

RESOLUTION NO. 132

Moved by Jim Desmarais. 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 April 16th, 2014 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 133

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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 21st, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 March 19th, 2014 – Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

5.2.2 March 26th, 2014 – Ear Falls Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

5.2.3 April 14th, 2014 – Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 134

Moved by Jim Desmarais. 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 to 5.2.3 at the May 21st, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 March 17th, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.2 March 17th, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

5.3.3 April 14th, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.4 April 14th, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.5 April 14th, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.6 March 6th, 2014 - Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes.

5.3.7 March 26th, 2014 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

5.3.8 May 13th, 2014 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting #6 Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 135

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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 5.3.8 at the May 21st, 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 Monthly Report from Public Library Coordinator Becky Bergman – March.

7.1.2 Workshop Report from Day Care / Parent Resource Coordinator Marg Trippier re: Journey of Discovery Workshop held April 8th and 9th, 2014.

7.1.3 Monthly Report from Day Care / Parent Resource Coordinator – April.

7.1.4 Workshop Report from Day Care / Parent Resource Coordinator re: Child Care Resource Teacher Educational and Support Committee Meetings held April 30th and May 1st, 2014.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 136

Moved by Jim Desmarais. 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 to 7.1.5 at the May 21st, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

8.1 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated May 14th, 2014).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated May 14th, 2014) in accordance with By-Law 1635-11.

8.2 Correspondence

A04-ON

8.2.1 Heads Up Alert dated April 14th, 2014 from Ontario Good Roads Association re: Ontario Premier's announcement of Funding for transit and transportation infrastructure.

C11-MP

8.2.2 Letter dated April 14th, 2014 from the Ministry of Energy re: Update on the initiatives Government is undertaking to give municipalities more information and control to increase their effectiveness.

FYI

8.2.3 Letter dated April 17th, 2014 from the Beer Store, Office of the President re: To advise that large convenience store and gas station chains are lobbying the Government to permit them to sell beer, wine, and hard liquor in their stores.

A16-MU

8.2.4 Letter from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation re: Provision of the 2013 Annual Report and Financial Statements.

P10-BU

8.2.5 Letter dated April 26th, 2014 from the Cement Association of Canada re: Proposed changes to the Ontario Building Code to permit the construction of six-storey wood frame buildings.

Councillor Eady commented that one of the presenters at the Ontario Forest Industries Association Conference discussed Ontario's uses of wood and the proposed changes to Ontario's Building Code.

C11-MP

8.2.6 Email dated April 30th, 2014 from Ontario News re: News Release: Protecting Ontario's Firefighters.

RESOLUTION NO. 137

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 8.2.1 to 8.2.6 at the May 21st, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

T.P. / A.P.

- 8.3 Travel and attendance for Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell to the 2014 Northern Service Alliance Spring Workshop being held in Thunder Bay on Thursday, May 29th, 2014 at the Valhalla Inn.

RESOLUTION NO. 138

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the 2014 Northern Service Alliance Spring Workshop being held in Thunder Bay on Thursday, May 29th, 2014 at the Valhalla Inn.

Carried.

M02-PR

- 8.4 Email dated Children's Mental Health Week Proclamation.

RESOLUTION NO. 139

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

WHEREAS the citizens of the Township of Ear Falls value their health and mental health and that of their families; therefore, they are proud to support observances such as Children's Mental Health Week; and

WHEREAS addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families today is fundamental to the future of our community; and

WHEREAS the need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health services for children, youth and families places upon our community a critical responsibility; and

WHEREAS it is appropriate that a week should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts toward our children's mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS FIREFLY through its unique approach to serving children and adolescents, is effectively caring for the mental health needs of children, youth, and families in our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Kevin Kahoot do hereby proclaim May 4th – 10th, 2014 to be Ear Falls Children's Mental Health Week and urge our citizens and all agencies and organizations interested in meeting every child's mental health needs to unite this week in the observance of such exercises as will acquaint the people of Ear Falls with the fundamental necessity of

programming for children and youth with mental health needs and their families.

Carried.

A12-BO

- 8.5 Letter received April 16th, 2014 from Jenny Cowie re: Resignation from the Ear Falls Recreation Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 140

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Jenny Cowie for the Ear Falls Recreation Committee be accepted with regrets effective immediately.

Carried.

H11-FI

- 8.6 Letter dated April 1st, 2014 from Donald MacDonald re: Resignation from the Ear Falls Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 141

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Donald MacDonald from the position of Volunteer Firefighter for the Ear Falls Fire Department be accepted with regrets effective May 1st, 2014.

Carried.

H11-PU

- 8.7 Letter dated April 25th, 2014 from Cody Hando re: Resignation from his position as Public Service & Operations I.

RESOLUTION NO. 142

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Cody Hando from the position of Public Service & Operations I be accepted with regrets effective May 9th, 2014.

Carried.

M03-DO

- 8.8 Letter dated April 25th, 2014 from Giselle Kahoot, (Memory in Miles) re: Request for use of the Ear Falls Civic Centre lobby area and to waive the Rental Fee for use of lobby area on May 11th, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the annual Memory in Miles Walk.

RESOLUTION NO. 143

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the use of the Ear Falls Civic Centre lobby area for the annual Memory in Miles Walk on May 11th, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and

FURTHER THAT the Rental Fee for use of the Ear Falls Civic Centre lobby area be waived for the annual Memory in Miles Walk on May 11th, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Carried.

T.P. / A.P.

- 8.9 Travel and attendance to the Community Emergency Management Coordinator Training Session being held in Thunder Bay July 8th and 9th, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 144

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) for the Township of Ear Falls is required to complete the CEMC Course within one year of the date of appointment; and

WHEREAS training of the CEMC Alternate is recommended;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Community Emergency Management Coordinator Training Session being held in Thunder Bay July 8th and 9th, 2014:

- Kimberly Ballance
- Darryl Desjardins

Carried.

M02-PR

- 8.10 Letter dated April 14th, 2014 from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services re: Information regarding Emergency Preparedness Week from May 4th, to 10th, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 145

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls recognizes the importance of Emergency Management in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the goal of Emergency Preparedness Week is to raise community awareness and the need to prepare for the possibility of an emergency; and

WHEREAS the safety of our community is the responsibility of each and every one of us we must prepare now and learn how to secure a strong and healthy tomorrow;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Kevin Kahoot, do hereby proclaim the week of May 4th to 10th, 2014 to be EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK in the Township of Ear Falls and encourage all citizens to participate in educational activities on Emergency Preparedness.

Carried.

*F11-NO

- 8.11 Application to the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for the Strategic Economic Infrastructure Program Northern Community Capacity Building Program re: the Ear Falls Civic Centre Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 146

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls directs Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance to submit an Application to the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation under the Strategic Economic Infrastructure Program for the Ear Falls Civic Centre Project.

Carried.

D.C./P.R.

- 8.12 Travel Approval Request Form dated May 2nd, 2014 from Day Care / Parent Resource Coordinator Marg Trippier re: Supervisor's Meeting being held in Dryden on May 14th, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 147

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT Day Care / Parent Resource Coordinator Marg Trippier be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Supervisor's Meeting held in Dryden on May 14th, 2014.

Carried.

A.P.

- 8.13 Report to Council dated May 9th, 2014 from Public Service & Operations Supervisor Perry Dyck re: Ear Falls Waste Disposal Site (WDS) – Topographic Survey.

RESOLUTION NO. 148

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls directs that True Grit Consulting Ltd. be retained to complete a detailed topographical survey of the Ear Falls Waste Disposal Site at a cost of \$5,750.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

C09-GE

- 8.14 Email dated May 9th, 2014 from Kenora District Services Board re: Request for a Letter of Support to United Way's Homelessness Partnering Strategy Rural and Remote Communities Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 149

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be authorized and directed to submit the attached Letter of Support to the Kenora District Services Board in support of their submission of an Application to the United Way's Homelessness Partnering Strategy Rural and Remote Communities Program.

Carried.

F05-EX

- 8.15 Report to Council dated May 14th, 2014 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell re: Budget Matters – Expenses Report (in Accordance with O. Reg. 284/09).

RESOLUTION NO. 150

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council dated May 14th, 2014 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell re: Budget Matters – Expenses Report (in accordance with O. Reg. 284/09).

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

- 9.1 By-Law No. 1871-14, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.
- 9.2 By-Law No. 1872-14, a By-Law to Enter into a Municipal Funding Agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 151

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 1871-14 and 1872-14 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

D02-NW

11.1 Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Suggested Projects.

- a) Letter dated April 15th, 2014 from Joanne Kay.
- b) Letter dated May 15th, 2014 from the Trout Forest Music Festival.
- c) Email dated May 15th, 2014 from Kim Budweg and Denis Grenier, Pakwash Lake Camp.

Council reviewed the letters and suggestions as presented and indicated that there will be a Special Meeting held in the future to review and discuss all the suggestions.

R05-AR

11.2 Letter dated April 16th, 2014 from the Ear Falls and District Minor Hockey Association re: Request to switch their Dressing Room from Room 3 to Room 2 and request for permission to build lockers for equipment storage.

Council directed the Clerk Treasurer Administrator to arrange a Meeting with the Ear Falls and District Minor Hockey Association, the English River Miners, and Township staff to discuss options regarding use of Dressing Room 2.

M01-NO

- 11.3 Special Meeting of Council to be held at the Ear Falls Royal Canadian Legion for the Purpose of a Town Hall Meeting.

Council requested that this item be deferred to the next Regular Meeting of Council.

M01-NO

- 11.4 Special Meeting of Council to be held for the Purpose of Discussing the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund Proposed Projects and a Review of the Strategic Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 152

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Ear Falls hold a Special Meeting of Council to be held Tuesday, June 3rd, 2014 in the Ear Falls Council Chambers at 1:00 p.m. re: Discussion of the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund Proposed Projects received to date and a Review of the Strategic Plan.

Carried.

M03-DO

- 11.5 Report to Council dated May 12th, 2014 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell re: English River Miners Request dated May 9th, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 153

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Fred Melanson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls waives the Ice Rental Fees for the English River Miners for March and April 2014 in the amount of \$3,834.59.

Defeated.

L07-LA

- 11.6 Report to Council dated May 14th, 2014 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Municipal Land – Sale Price – 23R-10536 / Road Development.

Following their discussion, Council chose to select Option 2 of the Report to Council dated May 14th, 2014 re: Municipal Land – Sale Price – 23R-10536 with the addition of the total cost of the Easement Permit to be apportioned equally between the properties. Council directed the Clerk Treasurer Administrator to proceed with the Application for the Easement Permit through the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario. A name for the new road was not selected at this time.

R05-RE

11.7 Report to Council dated May 14th, 2014 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Ear Falls Civic Centre Project 2014.

Council directed the Clerk Treasurer Administrator to bring this item to the Special Meeting of Council being held Tuesday, June 3rd, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ear Falls Council Chambers.

12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.1 Councillor Rob Eady

- Advised that the Seniors held the first tour, during the Open House, of the Museum at its new location on May 3rd, 2014. The event was well attended.

13 CLOSED MEETING

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 154

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 7:45 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 – Plan M700, Lot 8 and Lot 9.
- Section 239 (2) (f) – Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – Employment matter.

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;
- Plan M700, Lot 8 and Lot 9

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

- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- Employment matter.

13.2 RESOLUTION NO. 155

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 8:07 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

14 CLOSED REPORT

14.1 RESOLUTION NO. 156

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Fred Melanson.

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be authorized to execute the Minutes of Settlement under the Labour Relations Act dated May 13th, 2014.

Carried.

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 157

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:08 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk