

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #06
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
April 3rd, 2013 @ 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 Vic Robinson, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, 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.)

Clarification was requested on Item Nos. 8.3, 8.5, 8.7, and 8.8.

RESOLUTION NO. 100

Moved by Vic Robinson. 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 March 20th, 2013 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 101

Moved by Rob Eady. 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 at the April 3rd, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

None.

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5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 February 7th, 2013 – Red Lake Margaret Cochenour Memorial Hospital Board of Governors Meeting Minutes.

5.3.2 January 24th, 2013 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

5.3.3 February 22nd, 2013 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

5.3.4 February 21st, 2013 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes.

5.3.5 February 19th, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.6 February 19th, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.7 March 4th, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.8 March 11th, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes

5.3.9 March 11th, 2013 - Municipality of Red Lake Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 102

Moved by Rob Eady. 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 5.3.9 at the April 3rd, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

C.O.

7.1 Reports from Departments

None.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

8.1 Correspondence

A01-NO

8.1.1 Letter dated February 28th, 2013 from Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) and the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce re: Media Release that NOMA's Executive Director, Charla Robinson has resigned and will serve as President for the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce effective Monday, April 29th, 2013.

D05-TI

8.1.2 Letter dated March 14th, 2014 from the Ministry of Natural Resources re: Whiskey Jack Forest 2013 – 2014 Annual Work Schedule.

D02-NU

8.1.3 Letter dated March 26th, 2013 from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission re: Invitation to the upcoming Open House on April 16th, 2013 in Ear Falls regarding Nuclear Safety.

S08-NO

8.1.4 Email received March 19th, 2013 from the Northwestern Health Unit re: the Northwestern Health Unit Position Paper on Public Health Funding Strategies.

RESOLUTION NO. 103

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 8.1.1 to 8.1.4 at the April 3rd, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

*F11-SU

- 8.2 Submission of Summer Jobs Service Employer Applications through the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines.

RESOLUTION NO. 104

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Applications be made to the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines for funding under the 2013 Summer Jobs Service Program for summer student positions.

Carried.

G.G. / A.P.

- 8.3 Request for Travel dated March 6th, 2013 from Gary Gazankas re: Kenora District Fire Mutual Aid Association Annual Spring Meeting being held in Dryden on April 6th, 2013.

Clarification was requested on this Request for Travel.

RESOLUTION NO. 105

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT Fire Chief Gary Gazankas be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Kenora District Fire Mutual Aid Association Annual Spring Meeting being held in Dryden on April 6th, 2013.

Carried.

D05-MI

- 8.4 Report to Council dated March 13th, 2013 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Northern Iron Corporation – One Window Coordination Process Meeting held March 13th, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 106

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby receives and files the following Report to Council titled Northern Iron Corporation – One Window Coordination Process Meeting held March 13th, 2013.

Carried.

E03-IN

- 8.5 Letter dated March 12th, 2013 from Ministry of the Environment re: Ear Falls Drinking Water System Inspection Report dated January 23rd, 2013.

Concerns were raised regarding the lack of reporting from Ontario Clean Water Agency on this Inspection.

RESOLUTION NO. 107

Moved by Vic Robinson. 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 the Ministry of the Environment:

- Ear Falls Drinking Water System Inspection Report dated January 23rd, 2013.

Carried.

M02-PR

8.6 Letter dated March 18th, 2013 from FIREFLY re: Request to declare the week of May 5th – 11th, 2013 as Children's Mental Health Week.

RESOLUTION NO. 108

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS children's mental health is a serious social and health issue in the Township of Ear Falls impacting one in five children in our Province; and

WHEREAS ensuring the mental health of our community's children is essential to their growth and development; and

WHEREAS FIREFLY wishes to raise awareness in the Township of Ear Falls that children and adolescents can be affected from various mental health problems, including depression, anxiety, inappropriate behaviour and eating and attention deficit / hyperactivity disorders; and

WHEREAS many young people who would benefit from mental health services are not receiving the help they need; and

WHEREAS learning to recognize the early warning signs of mental health problems and where to obtain necessary assistance and treatment gives children and youth better opportunities to lead full and productive lives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Kevin Kahoot of the Township of Ear Falls do hereby proclaim the week of May 5th - 11th, 2013 as Children's Mental Health Week in and for the Township of Ear Falls, and encourage all citizens to work together to raise awareness of the mental health needs of the children in our community.

Carried.

*F11-EX

- 8.7 Report to Council dated March 20th, 2013 from Recreation / Community Program Coordinator David Hoey re: Application to the Summer Experience Program – Ministry of Health Promotion.

Clarification was requested on the amended Report.

RESOLUTION NO. 109

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT an Application be made to the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, and the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport for funding under the 2013 Summer Experience Program for one (1) Summer Student Position.

Carried.

G.G. / A.P.

- 8.8 Request for Travel dated March 26th, 2013 from Fire Chief Gary Gazankas re: the Central Ambulance Communication Centre Meeting being held in Kenora on April 16th, 2013.

Clarification was requested on this Request for Travel.

RESOLUTION NO. 110

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT Fire Chief Gary Gazankas be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Central Ambulance Communication Centre Meeting being held in Kenora on April 16th, 2013.

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

Clarification was requested on Item No. 9.2.

- 9.1 By-Law No. 1790-13, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L07-LE

- 9.2 By-Law No. 1791-13, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Third Licence Extension and Amending Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Infrastructure.

Clarification was requested regarding the Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 111

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 1790-13 and 1791-13 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

P09-LA

11.1 Sludge Bed Land Use Permit #1205-1008529.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is seeking clarification on the Township's intention regarding this Land Use Permit (LUP) due to current non-use. Council requested that the Clerk Treasurer Administrator further investigate the termination of this LUP to ensure that the Township's interests are protected.

R.D. / A.R.

11.2 Request from Tania Cyr for a reduced Rental Rate for use of a Dressing Room at the Ear Falls Recreation Centre to provide Tabata Fitness Classes for members of the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 112

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

WHEREAS Tania Cyr has requested a reduced rental rate for use of a Dressing Room at the Ear Falls Recreation Centre in order to provide Tabata Fitness Classes for members of the Community; and

WHEREAS the current rental rate of \$26.50 / hour has been previously reduced to \$15.00 / month for other Fitness Class providers; and

WHEREAS the provision of the Tabata Fitness Classes makes available organized, physical activity programming within the Township of Ear Falls;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Tania Cyr to utilize a Dressing Room at the Ear Falls Recreation Centre at cost of \$15.00 / month subject to the following conditions:

1. That Tabata Fitness Classes be scheduled in accordance with

Township of Ear Falls Recreation Scheduling procedures to ensure maximization of full-fee paying rentals;

2. That Tania Cyr ensure that all participants of Tabata Fitness Class sign a Township approved waiver (which may be modified from time to time);
3. That Tania Cyr provide a copy of all waivers to the Recreation / Community Program Coordinator at the outset of each Tabata Fitness Class term;
4. That all participants attending the class be required to have a valid KinFit Gym Pass or Ultimate Pass; and
5. That this rate be in effect beginning in April 2013.

; and

FURTHER THAT this Monthly Rental Fee be in effect for the term of current Council.

Carried.

12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.1 Councillor Jim Desmarais

- Chukuni Communities Development Corporation (CCDC) Meetings
 - Indicated that he has been unable to attend CCDC Meetings recently due to work conflicts but that his attendance is set to improve.

12.2 Councillor Vic Robinson

- Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) Meeting
 - The Board has determined that the Social Housing units in Ear Falls will be divested subject to feasibility and the outcome of an application process to the Provincial Government. There are a number of factors that will need to be addressed and feasibility will continue to be reviewed in light of ever-changing vacancy rates.
 - The Board reviewed the recommended closure of the Nestor Falls Ambulance Base and the Closure Plan was discussed. The Board determined that at this point a closure is not in the best interest of the region. This will be open for further discussion in the future.

12.3 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Northern Iron Corp. / Griffith Mine Update
 - Will be meeting with Michael Hepworth, Vice-President

Corporate Development, in the next few weeks to discuss ongoing issues of concern as well as an upcoming delegation of investors from China that will be attending the site for a tour with Northern Iron Corp. representatives.

12.4 Councillor Rob Eady

- Museum Working Group Update
 - Requested that Council and the member of the public in attendance visit the Museum briefly to see the work that has been completed to date and to discuss a plan for building some displays.

Everyone in attendance at the Meeting walked to the Museum.

- Councillor Eady indicated that the Museum Working Group Volunteers have been diligently working on the inventory of artifacts and sorting items into specific categories (household, mining, hydro, natural environment etc.). At the working group session on April 3rd, 2013, Jan “Dutchie” Loman presented a suggested plan for the displays and the members in attendance were in agreement that the plan would address the immediate needs so that three specific displays could be initiated. The estimated cost of materials to construct the displays is slightly less than \$2,000.

Everyone in attendance at the Meeting returned to the Council Chambers.

Council concurred that the Working Group should be approved for the purchase materials for a cost that should not exceed \$2,000.

13 CLOSED MEETING

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 113

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (b) – Personal matters about an identified individual, including municipal or local Board employees – Operational / Job Responsibility Review.

Carried.

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

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees;

- Operational / Job Responsibility Review.

13.2 RESOLUTION NO. 114

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 8:41 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

14 CLOSED REPORT

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator regarding the Operational / Job Responsibility Review.

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 115

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:42 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk