

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #21  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 @ 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 Rob Eady, Councillor Fred Melanson, 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**

Councillor Robinson declared an interest in Item Numbers 8.4 and 11.4 due to business interests and Item Number 11.1 due to a spousal relationship with the nominee.

Mayor Kahoot declared an interest in Item Number 8.4 due to a family relationship with an account holder and Item Number 8.6 as this item is regarding a financial contribution for him.

## **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.)

Mayor Kahoot and Councillor Robinson left the Meeting at this point.

D.C. / T.C.

8.4 Report to Council dated December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell and Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: 2012 Uncollectibles and Write-Offs.

RESOLUTION NO. 395

Moved by Fred Melanson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT \$ 242.60 be written off in 2012 as per Schedule “A”; and

FURTHER THAT \$ 600,389.63 be set up as Allowance for Uncollectibles in 2012 as per Schedule “B”.

Carried.

Councillor Robinson returned to the Meeting at this point.

F00-SC

8.6 Amendment to the Schedule of Fees – 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 396

Moved by Fred Melanson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the following amendment to Schedule “R-02” – Remuneration Schedule of the Schedule of Fees:

- Cell Phone Allowance (Per Month)  
Mayor \$100.00

Carried.

Councillor Melanson requested a Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yeas	Nays
Rob Eady	X	
Fred Melanson		X
Vic Robinson	X	

Mayor Kahoot returned to the Meeting at this point.

Council requested clarification on Items No. 7.1.1 and 8.8.

RESOLUTION NO. 397

Moved by Fred Melanson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby adopts the Items in Sections 5 – 8.3, 8.5, and 8.7 – 8.8 of Part 1 – Consent Agenda.

Carried.

## **5 MINUTES**

5.1 The review and passing of the Minutes of the previous Meetings.

5.1.1 December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 398

Moved by Fred Melanson. 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 December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

None.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

5.3.2 December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting #1 Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 399

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 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations numbered 5.3.1 and 5.3.2 at the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 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.

Clarification was requested on current Library services and hours of operation.

7.1.2 Workshop Report from Recreation / Community Program

Coordinator David Hoey re: Part One of Certification Training  
(Basic Certification) for Joint Health & Safety Committees.

RESOLUTION NO. 400

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 Reports from Departments numbered 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 at the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

**8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

- 8.1 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012).

Council reviewed the Financial Operation Statement – year to date (dated December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012) in accordance with By-Law 1635-11.

- 8.2 Correspondence

A16-MU

8.2.1 Memorandum dated December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) re: Update on the work being done at MPAC.

RESOLUTION NO. 401

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 document numbered 8.2.1 at the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C09-GE

- 8.3 Email dated December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association re: Request for Resolution of Support regarding increased regional decision making for Northwestern Ontario on issues currently under Provincial jurisdiction.

RESOLUTION NO. 402

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby supports the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association in their efforts regarding an increase in regional decision

making for Northern Ontario on issues currently under Provincial jurisdiction including natural resources, energy, infrastructure, and land use planning.

Carried.

D.C. / T.C.

- 8.4 Report to Council dated December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell and Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: 2012 Uncollectibles and Write-Offs.

Otherwise dealt with.

M01-NO

- 8.5 Special Meeting of Council to be held Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the Municipal Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Official Plan Update and Zoning By-Law Review.

RESOLUTION NO. 403

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Ear Falls hold a Special Meeting of Council on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the Municipal Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Official Plan Update and Zoning By-Law Review.

Carried.

F00-SC

- 8.7 Amendment to the Schedule of Fees – 2013.

Otherwise dealt with.

A04-KE

- 8.7 Proposed Resolution for the 2013 Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Annual General Meeting re: Northwestern Ontario involvement needed in long term energy planning to support Economic Development initiatives.

RESOLUTION NO. 404

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Energy's current Energy Agencies and Corporations and related legislation and policies are hindering mining development activities in Northwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the report titled "Mining in Northwestern Ontario: Opportunities and Challenges" by Dr. Dadgostar Bahram et al (dated September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012) provides quantitative evidence that the mining sector provides significant economic stimulus to all Orders of

Government; and

WHEREAS “the current [energy] infrastructure is both limited and inadequate and has been a significant factor in hindering the development of the region’s mining potential.” (Bahram, 2012, 77); and

WHEREAS it is imperative that future economic development initiatives are not hindered due to insufficient energy infrastructure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls urges the Provincial Government to authorize a Northwestern Ontario Planning Committee to assist in the long-term planning for the energy needs of the region; and

FURTHER THAT the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association’s Energy Task Force be considered as the appropriate Planning Committee for this purpose.

Carried.

A04-KE

- 8.8 Proposed Resolution for the 2013 Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Annual General Meeting re: Funding parity within the Development Services system.

Clarification was requested on the purpose of this Motion and the impact on the municipalities of Ear Falls and Red Lake,

RESOLUTION NO. 405

Moved by Fred Melanson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the Developmental Services System in Ontario provides support for adults with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS service facilities that provide Developmental Services, such as the Harmony Centre for Community Living in Red Lake, receive funding through the Ministry of Community and Social Services for program delivery and the Ministry of Housing for facility maintenance; and

WHEREAS the methodology for individual assessments for services have varied province wide leading to inconsistent application of funding for program delivery; and

WHEREAS current regional facilities are at full capacity and funds are not available for development of new living facilities; and

WHEREAS regional facilities do not have adequate resources or capacity to provide support to adults in Northwestern Ontario with developmental disabilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls urges the Provincial Government to review the provincial funding model for Developmental Services System to ensure adequate and comparable levels of service are provided across Ontario.

Carried.

## 9 BY-LAWS

Council requested that Item No. 9.2 be pulled for debate.

Councillor Melanson requested a Recorded Vote

A09-NU

9.2 By-Law No. 1765-12, a By-Law to Amend the Nuclear Waste Community Committee Policy for the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 406

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 1765-12 as passed.

Carried.

Recorded Vote:

	Yeas	Nays
Rob Eady	X	
Kevin Kahoot	X	
Fred Melanson		X
Vic Robinson	X	

9.1 By-Law No. 1764-12, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

A09-NU

9.2 By-Law No. 1765-12, a By-Law to Amend the Nuclear Waste Community Committee Policy for the Township of Ear Falls.

Otherwise dealt with.

\*L04-LA

9.3 By-Law No. 1766-12, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Larocque Enterprises for Use of the Sludge Bed Located on the North Side of Waste Disposal Road.

\*L04-UN / D15-UN

9.4 By-Law No. 1767-12, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Union Gas Limited for a Pipeline Easement on Municipal Land.

L07-LA

9.5 By-Law No. 1768-12, a By-Law to Authorize the Sale of Unsurveyed Territory Situate in the Bruce Lake Area MC KRL34283, KRL34829, KRL34831, KRL36734, KRL37801, KRL41453, KRL41454, KRL44054 and Unsurveyed Territory Situate in the Bruce Lake Area PT MC KRL36578, KRL36579, KRL36580, KRL36581, KRL36582, KRL36583, KRL36729 to Northern Iron Corp.

RESOLUTION NO. 407

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Fred Melanson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 1764-12, 1766-12, 1767-12, and 1768-12 as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

### **11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

Councillor Robinson left the Meeting at this point.

\*M02-QU

11.1 2012 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Nomination.

Clarification was requested on the nomination process. Councillor Eady explained the process, including the Ear Falls Royal Canadian Legion's nominees.

RESOLUTION NO. 408

Moved by Fred Melanson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls authorizes the submission of a nomination for the 2012 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in accordance with the attached.

Carried.

Councillor Robinson returned to the Meeting at this point.

F11-MI

11.2 Submission of an Expression of Interest regarding the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative – Capital Program.



RESOLUTION NO. 409

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Ear Falls deems it to be in the best interest of the community to submit an Expression of Interest under the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative – Capital Program for the purpose of initiating the second phase of the Urban Street Resurfacing Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer Administrator be authorized and directed to submit an Expression of Interest under the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative – Capital Program for the purpose of initiating the second phase of the Urban Street Resurfacing Program; and

FURTHER THAT on behalf of Council, that the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer Administrator are authorized to make a declaration certifying that the information in the Expression of Interest is factually accurate and identifying the status of the Township's Asset Management Plan.

Carried.

D.C.

11.3 Establishing 2012 Reserves.

RESOLUTION NO. 410

Moved by Fred Melanson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Revenues for 2012 were greater than anticipated and Expenses in some areas were less than anticipated;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Reserves be established for 2012:

Contingencies Reserves	\$ 61,639.18
Cemetery Reserve	\$ 19,425.00
Disposal Site Reserve	\$ 83,209.40

Carried.

Councillor Robinson left the Meeting at this point.

L07-LE

11.4 Letter dated December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from Richard Robinson, Vice-President of Ear Falls Contracting re: Request for Resolution to permit the cancellation of the lease for the site on Mills Street known as the K-Var Timber Sawmill Site.

Council discussed the possible use of this site for municipal purposes,

concerns with environmental liability, and potential loss of revenue to the Township. Council is comfortable terminating the lease if and when the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) is satisfied with the condition of the site. The lease will stand until such a time that the MOE provides notice of this to the Township.

Councillor Robinson returned to the Meeting at this point.

\*D15-LA

11.5 Email dated December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from Andrea Langford re: Request for Consent Application for an Easement to access Goose Lake.

Council is not interested in pursuing an easement over the property or including the requirement for access to the minnow block as a condition of sale, however it is not anticipated that continued use of the road will be a concern with any potential new owners of the property. Council requested that a letter be sent to Ms. Langford regarding this matter.

## **12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

### 12.1 Councillor Rob Eady

- thanked Council for their dedication in the past year and wished everyone a happy holiday season

### 12.2 Councillor Fred Melanson

- wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

### 12.3 Councillor Vic Robinson

- Kenora District Services Board Meeting – December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012
  - The key issues discussed were the 2013 Budget, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Review Report and Update on the Land Ambulance Union Negotiations.
  - 2013 Budget
    - A correction to the 2013 draft budget that was presented November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 was made to remove amortization as an operating expense resulting in a reduction of \$410,000 from the budget
  - EMS Review Report
    - This review was completed and recommendations were presented to the Board. The review included things like call numbers etc. It was recommended that the Nestor Falls Ambulance Base be closed and that additional staff be hired in Kenora and Sioux Lookout. This would be at a net zero cost impact for 2013 if the closure in Nestor Falls was completed immediately.
    - The Board discussed the closure and the retention of the ambulance bases in Whitefish Bay and Sioux Narrows and deemed that an immediate closure would not be appropriate

and would not provide adequate time to adjust service arrangements for the area. A formal closure plan will be developed and implemented for the Nestor Falls Ambulance Base which will result in a cost of \$250,000 for 2013.

- Based on the 2013 Budget and EMS Review Report decisions, the region will see a 1.2% increase but a decrease in costs for Ear Falls of about \$4,900 bringing our total share to approximately \$132,000.
- Update on the Land Ambulance Union negotiations
  - Union Negotiations will be going to binding arbitration in 2013

12.4 Mayor Kevin Kahoot – Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Meeting

- Will be attending the KDMA Meeting on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Greg Rickford, Kenora MP will also be attending to discuss municipal concerns within the district.
- Will be meeting with Sarah Campbell Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to discuss a few local issues.

**13 CLOSED MEETING**

N/A

**14 CLOSED REPORT**

N/A

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 411

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Fred Melanson.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:00 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk