

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #05
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
March 20th, 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 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 that Item Nos. 8.5 and 8.8 be pulled from the Agenda for debate.

G.G. / A.P.

8.5 Request for Travel dated February 28th, 2013 from Gary Gazankas re: Northwest Response Forum being held in Dryden on from April 9th – 11th, 2013.

Deferred to the April 3rd, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

G.G. / A.P.

8.8 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.

Deferred to the April 3rd, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Council requested clarification on Item Nos. 5.2.1, 8.3, 8.6, and 8.7.

RESOLUTION NO. 082

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 – 8.4, 8.6 to 8.7, and 8.9 to 8.11 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 6th, 2013 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 083

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 March 20th, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 January 14, 2013 – Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

Council requested clarification regarding the joint initiative identified between Best Start and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries.

5.2.2 February 11th, 2013 – Nuclear Waste Community Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 084

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 of Committees numbered 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 at the March 20th, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 March 5th, 2013 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board
Regular Board Meeting #4 Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 085

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 at the March 20th, 2013 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 – January.

7.1.2 Monthly Report from Public Library Coordinator Becky Bergman – February.

7.1.3 Monthly Report from Day Care / Parent Resource Coordinator Marg Trippier – February.

RESOLUTION NO. 086

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 Reports from Departments numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.3 at the March 20th, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

8.1 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated March 14th, 2013).

Council reviewed the Financial Operation Statement – year to date

(dated March 14th, 2013) in accordance with By-Law 1635-11.

8.2 Correspondence

A01-NO

8.2.1 Letter dated February 28th, 2013 from Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association President Ron Nelson re: Introduction of a “REAL Treehugger” community support campaign to raise the profile of the importance of a successful forest industry.

A01-NO

8.2.2 Media Release dated March 1st, 2013 from the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association re: “REAL Treehugger” support campaign highlighting economic and social benefits of forestry.

A16-WH

8.2.3 Letter dated February 26th, 2013 from the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs re: Brochure titled, “Your Municipality Can Benefit From Snowmobiling...What if You Could Promise More Economic Growth for Your Municipality at Minimal Cost?”.

A01-NO

8.2.4 Email dated March 6th, 2013 from Brian Anderson, Chief Administrative Officer for the Municipality of Red Lake re: Update on the travel costs for the Energy Task Force Meeting attended by Bill Greenway.

D05-MI

8.2.5 News Release dated March 12th, 2013 by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency re: the Agency is seeking public comments on the Griffith Iron Ore Redevelopment Project by Northern Iron Corporation.

D05-MI

8.2.6 Public Notice dated March 12th, 2013 by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency re: the Agency is seeking public comments on the Griffith Iron Ore Redevelopment Project by Northern Iron Corporation which must be submitted by April 1st, 2013.

A16-MU

8.2.7 Survey results received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Results show an overwhelming majority of Ontario municipalities share services.

A16-TO

8.2.8 Email dated February 26th, 2013 from Karen Jones Consulting Inc. re: Undertaking of a Destination Development Plan by Tourism Northern Ontario regarding information sessions in the areas of investment attraction, workforce development and product development.

A08-CA

8.2.9 Letter dated March 1st, 2013 from Canada Post re: Notification that the Ear Falls Post Office will no longer be open on Saturdays; however they will be open an hour later on Thursdays effective April 7th, 2013.

A04-ON

8.2.10 Letter dated March 6th, 2013 from the Honourable Minister Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Energy re: Thank you for the delegation at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) / Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Combined Conference.

RESOLUTION NO. 087

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 8.2.1 to 8.2.10 at the March 20th, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

*F11-ON

8.3 Recommendation to Council dated February 27th, 2013 from Recreation / Community Program Coordinator David Hoey re: Recommendation to submit an Application to the Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund for the purchase of Floor Curling Equipment.

Clarification was requested regarding why this Application was submitted prior to Application approval, whether a financial contribution was required and what the funding would achieve if the Application was successful.

RESOLUTION NO. 088

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Recreation / Community Program Coordinator David Hoey be hereby authorized and directed to submit an Application to the Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund for funding to purchase Floor Curling Equipment.

Carried.

D02-NU / A.P.

8.4 Report to Council dated March 12th, 2013 from Nuclear Waste Administrative Assistant Michelle Briska re: Request for travel and attendance to the “Learn More” Event being held in Darlington from April 30th – May 2nd, 2013 and hosted by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization.

RESOLUTION NO. 089

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the “Learn More” Event being held in Darlington from April 30th – May 2nd, 2013 and hosted by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization:

- Bill Coulson
- Leone Loman

Carried.

G.G. / A.P.

8.5 Request for Travel dated February 28th, 2013 from Gary Gazankas re: Northwest Response Forum being held in Dryden on from April 9th – 11th, 2013.

Otherwise dealt with.

E03-RE

8.6 Letter dated February 22nd, 2013 from Ontario Clean Water Agency re: 2012 Performance Report for the Ear Falls Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Council noted that the population identified as 1026 on page 1 must be incorrect. This is the 2011 Statistics Canada population figure and is not truly representative of the population served by the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

RESOLUTION NO. 090

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 Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA):

- 2012 Performance Report for the Ear Falls Wastewater Treatment Facility

Carried.

G.G. / A.P.

8.7 Request for Travel dated March 6th, 2013 from Chief Building Official Gary Gazankas re: Sunset Chapter Meeting for Building Officials being held in Dryden on Tuesday, March 19th, 2013.

Council requested clarification on why this motion was being presented after the meeting had already occurred. Council requested additional information on plans for training on a going-forward basis,

the 2013 Budget and discussed a rotation of attendance for staff that attend annual/bi-annual/quarterly meetings.

RESOLUTION NO. 091

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Chief Building Official Gary Gazankas be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Sunset Chapter Meeting for Building Officials being held in Dryden on Tuesday, March 19th, 2013.

Carried.

G.G. / A.P.

- 8.8 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.

Otherwise dealt with.

C12-BO

- 8.9 Appointment to Municipal Boards / Committees.

RESOLUTION NO. 092

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT Patricia Spielmacher be appointed to the Ear Falls Recreation Committee; and

FURTHER THAT Jenny Cowie be appointed to the Ear Falls Recreation Committee as an alternate member; and

FURTHER THAT the appointments be for the term of the present Council.

Carried.

M03-DO

- 8.10 Letter dated March 5th, 2013 from the Ear Falls Figure Skating Club re: Request to have the Rental Fees waived for the Dress Rehearsal on March 1st and the Ice Show on March 2nd, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 093

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the Figure Skating Club has submitted a letter dated March 5th, 2013 requesting the waiving of the Ice Rental Fee for the day of the dress rehearsal (March 1st, 2013) and the day of the Annual Ice Show (March 2nd, 2013);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls agrees to waive the Ice Rental Fees for the day of the dress rehearsal on March 1st, 2013 and the day of the Annual Ice Show on March 2nd, 2013 in support of this event.

Carried.

F01-RE

8.11 Remuneration and Expenses - Kenora District Services Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 094

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Section 284 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, requires the Treasurer to provide Council with an itemized statement, on or before March 31st, on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby approves the Statement of Remuneration and Expenses paid to a Member of Council as a Kenora District Services Board Member (attached) for the period of January 1st, 2012 to December 31st, 2012.

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

Clarification was requested on Item No. 9.5.

9.1 By-Law No. 1785-13, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

*A09-CO

9.2 By-Law No. 1786-13, a By-Law to Establish and Adopt a Code of Conduct Policy for Council.

*A09-CO

9.3 By-Law No. 1787-13, a By-Law to Establish and Adopt a Code of Conduct Policy for Employees.

L07-LE

9.4 By-Law No. 1788-13, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Mark Legros O/A Fishy's Equipment Rental for the Provision of Golf Course Clubhouse Services.

S08-DO

9.5 By-Law No. 1789-13, a By-Law to Enter into a Rural and Northern Physician Group Agreement (RNPGA).

Council requested clarification on the Budget included in the Rural

and Northern Physician Group Agreement and the Budget request that would be discussed in Item 11.2 of the current Meeting's Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 095

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. 1785-13, 1786-13, 1787-13, 1788-13, and 1789-13 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

D02-FI

- 11.1 Report to Council dated February 27th, 2013 from Recreation / Community Program Coordinator David Hoey re: Lac Seul Fishing Derby Update.

Council discussed the proposed Fishing Derby and the creation of a Recreation Sub-Committee to serve as the group that spearheads the Derby. The Recreation / Community Program Coordinator will provide staff support for this Sub-Committee. Council concurred that Mayor Kahoot would attend the next Recreation Committee Meeting to make a presentation in this regard.

S08-DO

- 11.2 Letter dated March 7th, 2013 from the Executive Director of the Community Health Centre Inc. re: the Community Sponsored Contract Budget request.

Council reviewed the request and will consider it as part of the 2013 Budget process. Council expressed the challenge they are facing with balancing the Budget while concurring on the importance of ensuring the availability of primary health care services in Ear Falls.

L07-LA / LR

- 11.3 Property to be declared surplus – Plan M537, Blk R, Pcl 4912.

RESOLUTION NO. 096

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the following be declared surplus to the needs of the Corporation:

- PLAN M537, BLK R, PCL 4912

; and

FURTHER THAT based on the Opinion of Value provided in accordance with By-Law No. 1325-07, the minimum bid price will be set as follows:

- PLAN M537, BLK R, PCL 4912 – \$15,000

; and

FURTHER THAT Offers to Purchase will be accepted on a First Come, First Served basis beginning on April 4th, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Carried.

L01-AS

11.4 Assessment Reconsideration for Roll Number 6042-000-001-00100-0000.

Council discussed the options for appealing the 2013 assessment and determined that at this point a reactive approach to assessment changes is the best option for the Township.

Council discussed the options available regarding the Assessment Review Board appeal for 2006-12 and will await further information from Municipal Tax Equity in this regard.

12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.1 Councillor Vic Robinson

- Kenora District Services Board Meeting March 21st, 2013
 - The Board will be considering selling some of the social housing units in Ear Falls in order to address the ongoing high vacancy rates and the needs for social housing units in other areas with long waiting lists to access housing in the region.
 - They will also be considering the Ambulance Base closure in Nestor Falls.

13 CLOSED MEETING

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 097

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (c) – A proposed or pending acquisition or

disposition of land by the municipality of local Board – Plan 23R-10536, Part 1.

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 23R-10536, Part 1

13.2 RESOLUTION NO. 098

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 8:34 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

14 CLOSED REPORT

Council provided the Clerk Treasurer Administrator with direction on the proposed disposition of land identified as Plan 23R-10536, Part 1.

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 099

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:35 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk