

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #04  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
March 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 Fred Melanson, Councillor Vic Robinson, and Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance

## **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 clarification on Item Nos. 6.1, 8.2, and 8.3.

RESOLUTION NO. 066

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 February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.1.2 February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 067

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Fred Melanson.

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 March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 068

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 at the March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.2 January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.3 February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.4 February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

5.3.5 January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes.

5.3.6 January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 069

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 5.3.6 at the March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

## **6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

F18 – RE

6.1 Request for Proposal – General Insurance and Risk Management Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 070

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Fred Melanson.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Proposal submitted by Frank Cowan Company for the provision of the Township of Ear Falls' 2013 Insurance at an Annual Premium not to exceed \$63,693 plus applicable taxes subject to the following amendments:

- increase the deductible on Property Insurance and Boiler and Machinery Maintenance from \$5,000 to \$10,000
- increase the deductible on Municipal Liability, Errors and Omissions Liability and Owned Automobile (all perils) from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Carried.

## **7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

C.O.

7.1 Reports from Departments

None.

## **8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

8.1 Correspondence

P03-EM

8.1.1 Letter dated February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services re: Letter of congratulations for completing the mandatory Emergency Management Program elements required under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and Ontario Regulation 380/04 for 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 071

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 8.1.1 at the March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

D05-MI / C09-GE

8.2 Letter dated February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from Gold Canyon Resources Inc. re: Notice of Completion, Opportunity to Inspect the Final Environmental Study Report.

Clarification was requested on previous letters of support regarding this project.

RESOLUTION NO. 072

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Fred Melanson.

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be authorized and directed to submit a letter to the Ministry of Natural Resources in Red Lake in support of the Final Environmental Study Report submitted by Gold Canyon Resources Inc.

Carried.

E03-RE

8.3 Letter dated February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from Ontario Clean Water Agency re: 2012 Annual Summary Report for the Ear Falls Drinking-Water System.

Clarification was requested on lead occurrences in the system, treatment of water and PH levels.

RESOLUTION NO. 073

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 Schedule 22 Annual Summary Report for the Ear Falls Drinking-Water System

Carried.

H11-FI

8.4 Document dated February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 from Eric Valade re: Resignation

from the Ear Falls Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 074

Moved by Fred Melanson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Eric Valade from the position of Volunteer Firefighter for the Ear Falls Fire Department be accepted with regrets effective February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

Carried.

H11-FI

8.5 Volunteer Firefighter Application for the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 075

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the following individual, as recommended by Fire Chief Gary Gazankas, be approved as a Volunteer Firefighter subject to the submission of an acceptable medical recommendation:

- Todd Anthony

Carried.

F01-RE

8.6 Remuneration and Expenses.

RESOLUTION NO. 076

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Fred Melanson.

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby accepts the attached Statement of Remuneration and Expenses paid to Members of Council and the Appointed Board and Committee Members of the Township of Ear Falls for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Carried.

F01-RE

8.7 Remuneration and Expenses – Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association.

RESOLUTION NO. 077

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 31<sup>st</sup>, on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year;

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 Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association Board Member (attached) for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Carried.

T.P.

- 8.8 Travel and attendance to the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) Zone 9 Spring Meeting and Conference being held in Thunder Bay on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Airlane Hotel and Conference Centre.

RESOLUTION NO. 078

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the AMCTO Zone 9 Spring Meeting and Conference being held in Thunder Bay on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Airlane Hotel and Conference Centre:

- Kimberly Ballance
- Paulette Covell

Carried.

M02-PR

- 8.9 Letter dated February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from the Canadian Red Cross re: Request to proclaim the month of March as Red Cross Month.

RESOLUTION NO. 079

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

WHEREAS the Canadian Red Cross Society has been engaged in preventing and alleviating human suffering across Canada and around the world for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Red Cross Society has helped thousands of Canadians through its Disaster Relief and Community Services,

including our own citizens of Ear Falls; and

WHEREAS, the Canadian Red Cross Society is a reflection of the Canadian spirit of generosity, caring and selflessness;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Kevin Kahoot, Mayor of The Township of Ear Falls hereby proclaim March as Red Cross Month here in Ear Falls. I also urge all residents of Ear Falls to support the Canadian Red Cross Society and our community by regularly volunteering their time or by financially supporting Red Cross programs, across the world and across the street.

Carried.

## **9 BY-LAWS**

Clarification was requested on Item No. 9.5.

9.1 By-Law No. 1780-13, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

F11-MIII

9.2 By-Law No. 1781-13, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

L07-LE

9.3 By-Law No. 1782-13, a By-Law to Authorize Entering into a Lease Agreement with Dr. Aaron Khan for the Property Located at 107 Birch Drive.

L04-FI

9.4 By-Law No. 1783-13, a By-Law to Authorize the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as Represented by the Minister of Natural Resources – Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement.

L04-FI

9.5 By-Law No. 1784-13, a By-Law to Adopt the 2013 – 2018 Ear Falls Fire Management Plan.

Clarification was requested regarding fire suppression charges from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

**RESOLUTION NO. 080**

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. 1780-13, 1781-13, 1782-13, 1783-13, and 1784-13 as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

### **11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

A09-CO

11.1 Council and Employee Code of Conduct Policies – Draft.

Council was satisfied with the drafts as presented.

P.F.

11.2 Report to Council dated February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell and Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Tax Extension Agreement Request – Roll Number 6042-000-002-08600-0000.

Council discussed penalty rates within the municipality, the impact of selectively eliminating penalties for a single property and setting precedents for properties in this situation. Council discussed the impact on this local business, and the impacts on other local businesses that have current tax accounts.

Council requested the production of a similar payment schedule with the inclusion of penalties.

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

12.1 Councillor Rob Eady

- Museum Working Group Meeting held February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013
  - About twelve (12) people came out to the brainstorming session and generated some good ideas and direction. This subsequently led to a work party on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 where the group did some general sorting.
  - Inventory process is underway for items with a couple of evenings spent on it so far. One more has been planned.
  - The working group also set up a Camera Display in the display cases in the Multiplex lobby. Work on displays inside the Museum will be ongoing. The group will need some supplies in the future but they are not sure exactly what they need at this point.
  - There appear to be quite a few artifacts that are well beyond their best before date and members of the working group have had a number of questions about disposing of assets. They will need direction on this issue going forward.



## 12.2 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Ontario Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) / Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Combined Conference
  - Mayor Kahoot attended the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) delegation with Premier Kathleen Wynne and a number of Ministers. The group discussed a variety of topics including: mining development, infrastructure investment, energy needs and economic development, the new Northern Cabinet Committee, Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) and social housing costs, the health field direction regarding aging in place, Forestry and Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario, and regional labour requirements. Confederation College appears to be the target to receive funding for trades training. The Premier stressed that a prosperous north was critical to the Provincial Government's mandate.
  - Meeting with the Ministry of Natural Resources Parliamentary Assistant Joe Dickson regarding the Forestry sector and impacts of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Discussed the Ear Falls Sawmill and local wood rights. Also discussed Duty to Consult requirements and the need to clarify the responsibilities of municipalities that are working on natural resource development projects.
  - Meeting with Environment Minister Bob Chiarelli regarding energy required for local and regional resource development projects. The Minister indicated that there is a short and long-term plan in place and that by 2015 there should be no concerns from mining companies about power availability.
  - Meeting with Northern Development and Mines Minister Michael Gravelle regarding labour requirements in the forestry sector and needs for local and regional training for tradespeople.

Council requested clarification on whether trade ratios were discussed as part of the problem. Mayor Kahoot indicated that ratios were not discussed but that he will raise the issue at the next NOMA Meeting.

- Meeting with the Parliamentary Assistant and Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Laurie LeBlanc regarding Duty to Consult requirements and the need to clarify the responsibilities of municipalities that are working on natural resource development projects. The Parliamentary Assistant indicated that this issue had been highlighted by many municipalities and was planned for inclusion in the one-window planning process set out by the Province.
- Councillor Desmarais and Mayor Kahoot also met with Dryden Mayor Craig Nuttall and City Manager Joe van Koevreden about the drastic reduction in assessment that the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation has provided for regional mills. They provided the municipality with a Legal Opinion on

the steps that can be taken by municipalities to address this change and discussed the formation of a community coalition with a number of communities to proactively address the reassessments of mills. Dryden is taking the lead on this and will be billing Ear Falls, and other communities for a portion of the legal costs associated with this defense (~\$600 – \$700).

- Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) Annual General Meeting
  - Presentation on the forestry industry about the long-term economics and industry trends.
  - Councillor Desmarais and Mayor Kahoot also met with EACOM Vice-President, Brian Nicks. They are still anticipating a September start-up for the sawmill in Ear Falls. Their major concern is labour availability in the community, particularly tradespeople. They will be looking at incentives to attract qualified people where there may be gaps in local skills. The short and long term market looks good for a start-up with the current market price at \$416/mbf (thousand board feet).
- There were a lot of conversations at the OGRA Conference regarding budgetary restrictions and what municipalities are doing to address the issue.
- NOMA has launched a “Tree hugger” Campaign and media on this issue is getting some positive traction. More information will be forthcoming on this.

## 12.2 Councillor Jim Desmarais

- Ontario Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) / Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Combined Conference
  - Lots of positive responses from the Minister Meetings on the issues that we talked about. Mayor Kahoot has put Ear Falls back on the map and did a very good job representing the community in the sessions and at the Conference. Indicated that they had an opportunity to chat with Premier Wynne during some of the networking events, which was very nice.
  - Attended a Succession Planning session which was quite good. The information was quite useful and will assist in the development of the Township’s succession planning process.
- Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) Annual General Meeting
  - Lots of good information on the impact of Endangered Species Act (ESA) on the industry. Discussion and concerns about protectionism versus sustainable logging was a key topic. There was also significant discussion on the importance of forestry in Northwestern Ontario.

## 13 CLOSED MEETING

N/A

**14 CLOSED REPORT**

N/A

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 081

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:30 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk