

# **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS**

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #19  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
November 21<sup>st</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 Jim Desmarais, Councillor Rob Eady, Councillor Vic Robinson, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and two (2) members of the public

## **3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None Declared.

## **4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

C12-NU

4.1 Gerald Kleist, Nuclear Waste Community Committee Chair

- Nuclear Waste Community Committee / Council – Proposed Communications Procedure

Gerald Kleist advised that in addition to the presentation on the method selected to improve Council and Committee communications he would be providing a brief overview of the Committee's recent activities.

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012, a Meeting was held with Mayor Kahoot, Councillor Robinson and three members of the Committee. A number of options were discussed to improve communication between Council and the Committee. The group realized that there were misconceptions about information delivery and clarified the process for information delivery between the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), Council and the Committee. The group also discussed the potential for a Council member to sit on the Committee or having presentations from the Committee to Council.

At the November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Nuclear Waste Community Committee (NWCC) Meeting, the Committee discussed the suggestions and are requesting that a member of Council sit on the Committee in a non-voting capacity. This member would attend Meetings, participate in the discussions and report to Council on the Committee's activities, but would not be included in quorum or be permitted to vote. The primary purpose of this representative would be to improve communications between Council and the Committee.

In as far as current activities, the Committee has developed a number of methods for educating the community about Adaptive Phased Management. This includes the distribution of placemats to local restaurants, the development of a Nuclear Waste Community Committee website, and the development of a quarterly newsletter. Sub-Committees will be utilized for the development of content for these communication methods.

The Committee has had some issues meeting quorum requirements at the Meetings, and are attempting to remedy this problem. The Committee's next Meeting will be in January.

The NWMO will be permitting the Township of Ear Falls to select eight members to participate in the Learn More Process, similar to the experience had by a majority of members of Council and the Committee. The Committee will be sending letters to specific organizations to request their participation in this process. These include the local offices for Northwestern Health Unit, Ontario Provincial Police, Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Services. Three spots will be reserved for the Nuclear Waste Administrative Assistant, the NWCC Youth Representative and the new NWCC member, once selected. The Committee will make recommendations for these selections to Council for approval.

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) attended the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 NWCC Meeting. Despite not having quorum for this Regular Meeting the CNSC representatives gave a presentation to those in attendance. The presentation was a condensed version of what Council and the Committee heard in Ottawa which outlined the role of the CNSC. The Committee will be working with the CNSC to make arrangements for a public presentation. This is anticipated to occur in April 2013.

The Committee's Meeting schedule has changed for 2013. Meetings will now be held on the second Monday of each month; except where the second Monday is a holiday, and then the meetings will be held on the following Tuesday.

Council indicated that they were comfortable with the Committee selecting the members who would be attending the Learn More trip in 2013 and would pass a motion approving the selections.

Council indicated that they will respond to the Committee's request for a Council representative prior to the Committee's January Meeting.

Mayor Kahoot thanked Mr. Kleist for his report.

## **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 Numbers 5.1, 6.1, 6.2, and 8.11.

Item Number 8.4 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for debate.

M03-DO

8.4 Letter dated November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from Amy Rolfe, Amie Hoey, and Chantelle St. Pierre (Benefit Social Committee) re: Request for donation to contribute to the Benefit Social being held in memory of Dwight Silander.

RESOLUTION NO. 355

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls authorizes the following donation for the Benefit Social in memory of Dwight Silander:

- Two (2) Camping Chairs
- Two (2) Eagle Toys
- Two (2) Water Bottles
- Two (2) Fleece Blankets

Defeated.

RESOLUTION NO. 356

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 – 8.3 and 8.5 – 8.14 of Part 1 – Consent Agenda.

Carried.

## **5 MINUTES**

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

5.1.1 November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

Clarification was requested on the Resolution from the previous Meeting regarding Councillor Eady's attendance at the Red Lake Seniors Christmas Dinner. Mayor Kahoot will now be able to attend the event.

RESOLUTION NO. 357

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 November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 358

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 of Committees numbered 5.2.1 at the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting #10 Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 359

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 at the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

**6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

\*F18-RF

6.1 Request for Quote – Third Party Expert’s Preliminary Review of the Technical Design and Scientific Factors Associated with Adaptive Phased Management.

Council concurred with the Nuclear Waste Community Committee’s

recommendation to not pursue this project at this time.  
Administration will provide notice of this decision to the proponents  
and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization.

\*F18-RF

6.2 Request for Proposals – Official Plan Review and Zoning By-Law  
Update.

Clarification was requested on the evaluation process for the selection  
of the recommended proponent.

RESOLUTION NO. 360

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township  
of Ear Falls accepts the proposal submitted by FOTENN Consultants  
Inc. for provision of the Official Plan Review and Zoning By-Law  
Update for the Township of Ear Falls at an upset cost limit of \$36,265  
plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

**7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

C.O.

7.1 Reports from Departments

7.1.1 Workshop Report from Clerk Treasurer Administrator  
Kimberly Ballance re: Municipal Tax Equity – Northern  
Service Alliance Fall Workshop held October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in  
Thunder Bay.

7.1.2 Workshop Report from Clerk Treasurer Administrator  
Kimberly Ballance re: The Association of Municipal Clerks and  
Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) Labour Relations Webinar  
held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

7.1.3 Monthly Report from Public Library Coordinator Becky  
Bergman – October.

7.1.4 Monthly Report from Recreation / Community Program  
Coordinator David Hoey – October.

RESOLUTION NO. 361

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 to 7.1.4 at the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 Regular Meeting  
of Council.

Carried.

## 8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

- 8.1 Financial Operation Statement – year to date (dated November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012).

Council reviewed the Financial Operation Statement – year to date (dated November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012) in accordance with By-Law 1635-11.

- 8.2 Correspondence

F00-SC

- 8.2.1 Letter dated October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: Renewal of the annual membership and update on various key areas of interest for the coming year.

A01-MU

- 8.2.2 Redbrick Communications Inc. dated Fall 2012 Edition re: Municipal Social Media Survey.

RESOLUTION NO. 362

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 documents numbered 8.2.1 and 8.2.2 at the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C09-GE

- 8.3 Trout Lake River Hydroelectric Project – Resolution of Support.

RESOLUTION NO. 363

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby supports Horizon Hydro in their proposed construction of a 3 to 4 MW hydroelectric project at Big Falls on the Trout Lake River within the Unorganized Township of Gerry in Northwestern Ontario.

Carried.

M03-DO

- 8.4 Letter dated November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from Amy Rolfe, Amie Hoey, and Chantelle St. Pierre (Benefit Social Committee) re: Request for donation to contribute to the Benefit Social being held in memory of Dwight Silander.

Otherwise dealt with.

C12-BO

- 8.5 Letter received November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from Ron Bergmann Sr. re: Resignation from the Nuclear Waste Community Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 364

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the resignation of Ron Bergmann Sr. from the Nuclear Waste Community Committee effective immediately.

Carried.

C09-GE

- 8.6 Email received November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls re: Request for Resolution of Support to petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to suspend plans to cancel overnight camping in ten provincial parks in Northern Ontario.

RESOLUTION NO. 365

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby supports the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls in their effort to petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to immediately suspend their plans to cancel overnight camping at ten provincial parks in Northern Ontario at the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls, Fushimi Lake, Greenwater, Ivanhoe Lake, Mississagi, Obatanga, Rene Brunelle, Springwater, The Shoals and Tidewater.

Carried.

H11-FI

- 8.7 Volunteer Firefighter Application.

RESOLUTION NO. 366

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

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:

- Corey Marino

Carried.

H11 - FI

8.8 Volunteer Firefighter Application.

RESOLUTION NO. 367

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:

- Kyle Saunders

Carried.

H11-FI

8.9 Volunteer Firefighter Application.

RESOLUTION NO. 368

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

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:

- Aodhan Climie

Carried.

D.C.

8.10 Unexpended Funding to be transferred to a Reserve / Reserve Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 369

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS funding agencies may advance funds for future expenditures to the Township of Ear Falls; and

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls is unable to expend these funds by year end of the current year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls approve the transferring of the unexpended funding into a Reserve / Reserve Fund for the current year.

Carried.

D.C.

8.11 Expenditures for 2012 in excess of the 2012 Budget.



Clarification was requested on the use of this motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 370

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

WHEREAS expenditures for purchases in 2012 may have exceeded the 2012 approved Budget; and

WHEREAS the excess of expenditure must be authorized by Council as to where the source of revenue is to be recorded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reserve / Reserve Funds be the source of revenue for the remainder of the excess expenditure.

Carried.

T.P. / A.P.

- 8.12 Travel and attendance to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's Subdivision and Condominium training being held in Emo on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 371

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance is hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's Subdivision and Condominium training being held in Emo on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Carried.

T.C.

- 8.13 Request for Reconsideration – Minutes of Settlement for the 2012 Tax Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 372

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Request for Reconsideration – Minutes of Settlement for the 2012 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

	CURRENT PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT
ROLL NUMBER		

6042-000-002-00600-0000	43,300 CT	0 CT
	181,700 RT	145,000 RT

Carried.

T.C.

8.14 Request for Reconsideration – Minutes of Settlement for the 2012 Tax Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 373

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Request for Reconsideration - Minutes of Settlement for the 2012 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-002-00501-0000	160,000 CT	119,000 RT

Carried.

## **9 BY-LAWS**

9.1 By-Law No. 1762-12, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 374

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 1762-12 as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

Council requested clarification on the current complement of Fire Department officers.

### **11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

D02-NU

- 11.1 Email dated November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from Nuclear Waste Watch re: Open Letter to Communities under Investigation for Nuclear Waste Burial and a copy of a letter sent to the Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Natural Resources regarding an introduction to Nuclear Waste Watch.

The Committee would like to post this letter on the Township's website. Council concurred that this was acceptable.

A01-KE

- 11.2 Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) – Alternate Member.

RESOLUTION NO. 375

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the following members of Council be appointed as an Alternate to attend the Kenora District Municipal Association Meetings in accordance with the following timeline:

- Councillor Jim Desmarais – December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Councillor Rob Eady – December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Carried.

T.P. / A.P.

- 11.3 2013 ROMA / OGRA Combined Conference being held in Toronto from February 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 376

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the 2013 ROMA / OGRA Combined Conference being held in Toronto from February 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013:

- Mayor Kevin Kahoot
- Councillor Jim Desmarais

Carried.

L07-LA / L.R.

- 11.4 Property to be declared surplus.

RESOLUTION NO. 377

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

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

- Unsurveyed Territory Situate in the Cristene Lake Area RP 23R-9750, Parts 1, 2, and 3, PCL 28150 DKF

; and

FURTHER THAT Offers to Purchase will be accepted through the submission of a Proposal beginning on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. local time.

Carried.

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

### **12.1 Councillor Rob Eady**

- Kenora District Municipal Association
  - Municipalities presented issues that they are currently addressing including:
    - Dryden's recent sale of Dryden Municipal Telephone System (DMTS) to TBayTel which has resulted in job losses in the range of 22 – 25 people;
    - Pickle Lake's concerns with the operation of the Water Treatment Plant as well as the community's interest in the Environmental Assessments regarding the new power line route;
    - Red Lake's recent meeting with Hydro, Ontario Power Authority and mining companies regarding hydro line development.
  - There was also a lengthy discussion on the power distribution issues in the region and the concerns that Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) have been lobbying on. This issue is much larger than the Kenora District and calls for regional cooperation.
  - The 2013 Annual General Meeting will be focused on the Economic Development theme "Are we ready?". Potential speakers and topics were identified and include a focus on mining and energy concerns.

### **12.2 Mayor Kevin Kahoot**

- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) Meetings
  - A report on NOMA Meetings was provided by Councillor Fred Melanson at the previous Regular Meeting of Council. The NOMA Board is paying close attention to the candidates for Premier particularly in regard to the strength of their northern policy. A leadership debate is planned and may be hosted by NOMA.
  - Mayor Kahoot indicated that his time spent in Thunder Bay recently was good as it provided an opportunity to participate in

a number of meetings that he would not have typically attended, including meetings with Minister Gravelle and NOMA. He also met on occasion with Mayor Keith Hobbs discussing issues that Ear Falls has which are seemingly magnified in Thunder Bay. Mayor Kahoot indicated that he is glad to be home and thanked Council for their assistance and attendance at various events during his absence.

**13 CLOSED MEETING**

N/A

**14 CLOSED REPORT**

N/A

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 378

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:05 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk