

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

**MINUTES** Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #18  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

## **1 CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Fred Melanson called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **2 ROLL CALL**

Deputy Mayor Fred Melanson, Councillor Rob Eady, Councillor Vic Robinson, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and five (5) 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

This delegation was postponed to the next Regular Meeting of Council.

## **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. 5.2.1, 8.1.3, 8.4, 8.5, and 8.9.

RESOLUTION NO. 333

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 October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 334

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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

Clarification was requested regarding the requirement for the Public Library Bank Account.

5.2.2 September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Nuclear Waste Community Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 335

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 and 5.2.2 at the November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting #8 Minutes.

5.3.2 September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.3 September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular

Meeting of Council Minutes.

- 5.3.4 October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.
- 5.3.5 October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.
- 5.3.6 October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.
- 5.3.7 October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Municipality of Red Lake Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.
- 5.3.8 September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.
- 5.3.9 September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 336

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 to 5.3.9 at the November 7<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 – September.

RESOLUTION NO. 337

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 Report from Departments numbered 7.1.1 at the November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

## 8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

### 8.1 Correspondence

A16-ON

8.1.1 Letter dated September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from the Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner Chris D. Lewis re: Notification and information regarding the Municipal Policing Cost-Recovery Formula which has been updated and will be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

D05-TI

8.1.2 Letter dated October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from the Ministry of Natural Resources re: Update regarding the recent changes in the management of the Lac Seul Forest.

FYI

8.1.3 Letter dated October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from Horizon Hydro Inc. re: Document available for the public to view entitled “Trout Lake River Hydroelectric Project, Notice of Inspection of the Environmental Report (Projects on Unmanaged Waterways) and Preliminary Water Management Plan”.

Council requested a motion in support of this project for the next Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 338

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 8.1.3 at the November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

M02-PR

8.2 Letter dated October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from the New Starts Women’s Shelter re: Request for proclamation to declare the month of November as Woman Abuse Prevention Month.

RESOLUTION NO. 339

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Township of Ear Falls proclaim the month of November as “**Woman Abuse Prevention Month**” in the Township of Ear Falls.

Carried.

C.O.

- 8.3 Memorandum dated October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from Administration re: Council Quarterly Travel Cost Update: January – September, 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 340

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Memorandum dated October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from Administration titled Council Quarterly Travel Cost Update: January – September, 2012 be accepted.

Carried.

D02-NU

- 8.4 Report to Council dated October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from Nuclear Waste Community Committee re: Posting of the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Special Meeting Video to the Website.

Clarification was requested on this recommendation in as far as whether additional requests from the Committee would be required to video record future Meetings. The Clerk Treasurer Administrator advised that the Committee has devised a procedure for making video/audio recordings of Public Meetings that will be forthcoming for Council's consideration.

RESOLUTION NO. 341

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Nuclear Waste Community Committee Council of the Township of Ear Falls approves the posting of the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Special Meeting Video to the Nuclear Waste Community Committee Website.

Carried.

R02-LI / M04-SU

- 8.5 Report to Council dated September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from the Ear Falls Public Library Board re: Public Library Hours of Operation.

Clarification was requested on the survey methodology and number of people who submitted completed surveys. Council recommended that a mail-out for this type of survey would have been preferred. Hours of operation on Friday evenings were discussed.

RESOLUTION NO. 342

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Report to Council dated September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from the Public Library Board re: Public

Library hours of operation titled Public Library Board Meetings.

Carried.

D.C.

8.6 Transfers to Reserves for future year expenditures.

RESOLUTION NO. 343

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Departments of the Township of Ear Falls within the 2012 Budget Year process have identified transfers to the Reserves for future year expenditures:

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

Equipment Reserves	\$ 10,000.00
Wastewater Treatment Plant Reserves	\$ 12,636.00
Water Treatment Plant Reserves	\$ 18,954.00
Waste Disposal Site Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Residential Development Reserves	\$ <u>1,336.00</u>
Total Transfer to Reserve	\$ 52,926.00

Carried.

D05-MI

8.7 Letter dated October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from Gold Canyon Resources Inc. re: Request for letter of support regarding the Springpole Exploration and Access Corridor Project Draft Environmental Study Report.

RESOLUTION NO. 344

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the Springpole Exploration and Access Corridor Project Draft Environmental Study Report from Gold Canyon Resources Inc. dated October 2012; and

WHEREAS Council recognizes the positive economic impacts that this project would have for the community of Ear Falls and the region;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection and supports Gold Canyon Resources Inc. in the Springpole Exploration and Access Corridor Project Draft Environmental Study Report.

Carried.

D05-MI

8.8 Letter of support for Northern Iron Corporation re: the Proposed

Redevelopment of the Griffith Iron Ore Mine Report dated September 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 345

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the Proposed Redevelopment of the Griffith Iron Ore Mine Report from Northern Iron Corporation dated September 2012; and

WHEREAS Council recognizes the positive economic impacts that this project would have for the community of Ear Falls and the region;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection and supports Northern Iron Corporation in the Proposed Redevelopment of the Griffith Iron Ore Mine Report.

Carried.

A.P.

- 8.9 Letter dated October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from Leah Gentes, Committee Coordinator re: Invitation to the Red Lake District 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Seniors' Christmas Dinner to be held on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Red Lake Canadian Legion at 6:00 p.m.

Councillor Eady confirmed that he was able to attend the event.

RESOLUTION NO. 346

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Red Lake District 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Seniors' Christmas Dinner to be held on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Red Lake Canadian Legion at 6:00 p.m.:

- Councillor Rob Eady

Carried.

C12-BO

- 8.10 Letter dated October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from Margaret Harland re: Resignation from her position as Northwestern Health Unit Board Representative for Ear Falls and Red Lake.

RESOLUTION NO. 347

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of

Ear Falls accepts the resignation of Margaret Harland from her position as Northwestern Health Unit Board Representative for Ear Falls and Red Lake effective December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Carried.

F00-SC

8.11 Amendment to the Schedule of Fees – 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 348

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the following addition to Schedule “E” – Equipment Fees Schedule of the Schedule of Fees:

<b>VEHICLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>RATE / HR</b>
E028	2012 John Deere 997 – Z Track	\$11.75 / hour

Carried.

## **9 BY-LAWS**

9.1 By-Law No. 1761-12, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 349

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. 1761-12 as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

### **11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

T.P. / A.P.

11.1 Letter received October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 from Tracey Simon, Executive Secretary of the Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) re: Invitation to the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kenora District Municipal Association Conference and Annual General Meeting being held in Dryden from February 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 350

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kenora District Municipal Association Conference and Annual General Meeting being held in Dryden from February 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013:

- Kevin Kahoot
- Jim Desmarais
- Rob Eady
- Fred Melanson
- Vic Robinson
- Kimberly Ballance
- Paulette Covell

Carried.

#### A04-KE

#### 11.2 Proposed Motions for the 2013 Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Annual General Meeting.

Two issues were raised for further consideration:

- Electricity Distribution
- Funding / Service Expansion for the Harmony Centre in Red Lake.

#### D00-AC

#### 11.3 Proposed Lot Development by J.F.T. Developments Ltd.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 351

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Ear Falls discussed waterfront development within the municipality; and

WHEREAS the Township has received a presentation from J.F.T. Developments Ltd. on the Ministry of Natural Resources document titled the “Acquisition of Crown Land to Support Municipal Economic Development Guide”; and

WHEREAS J.F.T. Developments Ltd. has proposed to investigate opportunities for waterfront development within the Township of Ear Falls; and

WHEREAS Council deems it to be in the best interest of the community to pursue a waterfront development project(s);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council permits the following actions regarding waterfront development within the Township of Ear Falls:

1. That J.F.T. Developments Ltd. is authorized to communicate with the Ministry of Natural Resources to determine if waterfront properties are available for transfer to the Township of Ear Falls under the “Acquisition of Crown Land to Support Municipal Economic Development Guide”; and
2. That the Ministry of Natural Resources be requested to begin the process of initial screening to determine whether all or parts of applicable waterfront properties can be made available to the Township of Ear Falls for cottage lot development and to identify any issues affecting the properties as detailed in the “Acquisition of Crown Land to Support Municipal Economic Development Guide”; and
3. That upon positive results from the Ministry of Natural Resources, Council will determine how it will proceed with development and the extent of the involvement of third party developers; and
4. That all cost and work associated with Item Nos. 1 - 2 be borne by J.F.T. Developments Ltd.

Carried.

D.C.

11.4 2013 Budget.

Council discussed the ongoing loss of government funding and the requirement to make up for these losses through the budget. Council also requested an operational cost comparison between the Multiplex and the old municipal facilities.

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

### **12.1 Councillor Rob Eady**

- Lac Seul Advisory Committee – Conference Call
  - The Meeting was held as a conference call due to provincial budget cuts. Currently the Committee does not have any funds to operate and there does not appear to be support from the District Manager, based on his lack of attendance at the last two years of Meetings. Despite not having a quorum for the Meeting, the Committee reviewed the items on the Agenda.
  - The Committee discussed Ontario Power Generation’s draw on the system, changes to the operation of the Lake of the Woods Control Board, research being completed on the pelican population, forestry licence changes, and management of the lake for whitefish. An Enforcement Report was not available.

### **12.2 Councillor Vic Robinson**

- Met with Mayor Kahoot and three members of the Nuclear Waste

Community Committee (Gerald Kleist, Ursula DeKeyser and Frank Ray) regarding the communications process between Council and the Committee. The Meeting helped to identify options for improving reporting procedures between Council and the Committee. The Committee will be discussing the options and will be reporting back to Council in the near future.

- Kenora District Services Board Meeting
  - Non-emergency patient transfers have been a longstanding concern of the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB). A new Policy will be implemented in November, 2012 that will require hospitals to pay for these types of transfers. A Meeting was held with representatives from KDSB, hospitals, Local Health Integration Network, ORNGE, and other regional District Social Services Boards about the new Policy. All Meeting participants agreed that this issue needs to be addressed at the provincial government level.
  
- Public Advisory Group Meeting – November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012
  - Currently completing the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Certification process for the Trout Forest. Wabigoon has already been certified to this standard. The SFI certification is very similar to the previous CSI standard. The Dryden mill is generating power, but hasn't yet been able to get that power back on the grid for the purpose of revenue generation. They are also working on a project to use waste chips in their digesters for additional power generation. There was also a brief discussion about the Ear Falls Sawmill regarding current market conditions.
  - Also spoke with Domtar representatives Dave Cobb and Bonny Skene regarding Northern Iron's request for use of the railbed. They recognize that there are benefits for both parties and are continuing to work on this issue.

12.3 Deputy Mayor Fred Melanson – presented a report on behalf of Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Mayor Kahoot attended a Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) Meeting in Thunder Bay on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.
  - Discussion around the Premier's resignation
    - New leader possibilities and the announcement of Kathleen Wynne running for the leadership of the Liberals
    - There was a lot of concerns on projects that may be in limbo as well as Ministers being unable to move things ahead or start initiatives
  - The Generating Station Conversion in Thunder Bay
    - The project has been put on hold even with the government's support of this project in recognizing the need the mining industry has for additional power.

- Minister Gravelle and the Minister of Energy still believe in this project and will continue to work with the Ontario Power Authority and Ontario Power Generation to conquer any issues that they both may have.
- Northern Ontario School of Medicine
  - Arie Hoogenboom made a presentation proposing to reduce members on their Board from 32 to 19. No concerns from Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) as long as NOMA still has seat on the Board.
  - Concerns were raised by the Board that Northwestern Ontario students are being turned away while students from across Canada are getting into the school. Also discussed that graduates should be required to spend first 6 months in our area prior to leaving for permanent positions.
- Forestry and Mining
  - the need to continue to push government into working with forestry and mining companies to enable them to see fewer barriers to “doing business” in Northwestern Ontario.
- Meeting with Minister Gravelle
  - Discussed Provincial Park Closures (only 1 of 8 is in the north) Caliper Lake and options like what was done with Pakwash Provincial Park.
  - Discussed Thunder Bay Generating Station and the government’s support of the project.
  - Revisiting Bear Wise and Species at Risk Legislation.

## **13 CLOSED MEETING**

### **13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 352**

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (b) – Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – Employee Conduct.
- Section 239 (2) (c) – A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board – 6042-000-001-00101-0000 Unsurveyed Territory Situate in the Cristene Lake Area RP 23R-9750, Parts 1, 2 and 3, PCL 28150 DKF; 6042-000-002-19000-0000 Unsurveyed Territory Situate in the Bruce Lake Area MC KRL34283, KRL34829, KRL34831, KRL36734, KRL37801, KRL41453, KRL41454, KRL44054; 6042-000-002-21801-0000 Unsurveyed Territory Situate in the Bruce Lake Area PT MC KRL36578, KRL36579,

KRL36580, KRL36581, KRL36582, KRL36583, KRL36729

- Section 239 (2) (c) – A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board – Assorted Crown Land Parcels within the Township of Ear Falls.

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;
  - Employee Conduct

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;
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  - 6042-000-002-21801-0000 Unsurveyed Territory Situate in the Bruce Lake Area PT
  - MC KRL36578, KRL36579, KRL36580, KRL36581, KRL36582, KRL36583, KRL36729

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;
  - Assorted Crown Land Parcels within the Township of Ear Falls.

### 13.2 RESOLUTION NO. 353

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 8:31 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

## 14 CLOSED REPORT

Council reviewed information regarding Employee Conduct.

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator regarding the proposed disposition of land.

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator regarding the proposed acquisition of land.

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 354

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:32 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk