

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #18  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 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 Tracey Simon, Councillor Daniel Sutton, 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**

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### **4.1 Councillor Carol Baron**

- Northwestern Health Unit Update.

Mayor Kahoot welcomed Councillor Baron to the Meeting.

Councillor Baron thanked Council for her initial appointment to the Northwestern Health Unit Board during the last term of Council and for the continued support from both the Red Lake and Ear Falls' Councils during this term.

The Northwestern Health Unit has been quite busy promoting the new law to prohibit smoking around sports fields and playgrounds. Non-smoking signs have been posted throughout the region and there have not been any complaints or non-compliance issues reported to the Northwestern Health Unit about the Ear Falls or Red Lake area.

The flu season is upon us and the Northwestern Health Unit is again advising residents to get the flu shot this year. The Northwestern Health Unit offers flu shots, free of charge, to protect against the influenza virus. A new shot is required each year because there are several types of influenza virus and the viruses mutate or change over time. A new vaccine is developed each year to protect people against the flu virus that is most likely to cause disease in Canada for the coming winter. Protection lasts up to one year and you cannot get the flu from the vaccine because it does not contain live virus. There are a number of new options for locations that you can get the vaccine including some larger pharmacies in the region.

The Northwestern Health Unit has received a grant from the Unincorporated Area through the Kenora District Services Board. The Northwestern Health Unit Board has determined that these funds will be distributed back to municipalities as a rebate. Municipalities should be receiving letters and their rebates shortly.

Council requested clarification on the enforcement of the new non-smoking laws for sports fields and playground areas. Councillor Baron advised that the Northwestern Health Unit has inspectors in the region, but they have been primarily focused in the larger centres. The Inspectors are initially focusing on educating the public about the new rules; however some fines have been issued to repeat offenders.

## **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. 8.2, 8.4, and 8.5.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 297**

Moved by Tracey Simon. 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 298**

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

**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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

5.2.1 September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

5.2.2 October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 299

Moved by Daniel Sutton. 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 to 5.2.2 at the November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

5.3.1 October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 300

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 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 Becky Bergman, Public Library Coordinator – September.

RESOLUTION NO. 301

Moved by Tracey Simon. 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

## **8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

### **8.1 Correspondence**

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8.1.1 Letter dated October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation re: the Final Results of the 2014 Enumeration Process.

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8.1.2 Letter dated October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario re: The Federal Gas Tax Fund, 2014 Annual Expenditure Report – Part 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 302

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 8.1.1 to 8.1.2 at the November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

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8.2 Special Meeting of Council to be held Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. re: Strategic Plan Draft Presentation.

Clarification was requested on the timing of this Meeting and the Regular Meeting of Council; the Special Meeting will be held prior to the Regular Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 303

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT a Special Meeting of Council be held Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. re: Strategic Plan Draft Presentation.

Carried.

D.C.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 304

Moved by Daniel Sutton. 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.

8.4 Expenditures for 2015 in excess of the 2015 Budget.

Clarification was requested regarding the status of the 2015 Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 305

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

WHEREAS expenditures for purchases in 2015 may have exceeded the 2015 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.

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8.5 Report dated October 2015 from Paul Hicks, FOTENN Planning + Design re: As We Heard It, Consultation Summary – Ear Falls Strategic Plan.

Council discussed the next steps associated with the Strategic Plan and potential opportunities for coordination with Red Lake if similar strategic priorities exist in their Plan once completed.

RESOLUTION NO. 306

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report dated October 2015 from Paul Hicks,

FOTENN Planning + Design entitled As We Heard It, Consultation Summary – Ear Falls Strategic Plan at the November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

## **9 BY-LAWS**

9.1 By-Law No. 1977-15, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

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9.2 By-Law No. 1978-15, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Barrens Northern Transportation for Temporary Use of the Ear Falls Waste Disposal Site.

RESOLUTION NO. 307

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 1977-15 and 1978-15 as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

### **11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

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11.1 Letter dated October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Approval, with modifications, of the new Official Plan for the Township of Ear Falls.

Council discussed the changes made to the Official Plan. A revised, consolidated version will be created and made available for municipal and public use.

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

12.1 Councillor Desmarais

- The Trout River Bridge project should be completed by next week following the removal of the bridge pilings. The rest of the Highway 105 paving work south of Ear Falls will be completed next year.

12.2 Councillor Tracey Simon

- Volunteered with the Hospital Auxiliary Fashion Show last week

which made some money for the Hospital. The event was well attended.

- Recently received a request from a member of the public to make Agenda items available for people that attend the Council Meeting, because it is sometimes difficult for the public to understand what has been passed as part of the Consent Agenda. Talked to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator earlier in the week about some alternatives to the current process; requested Council Members input into a proposed change to the process.

#### 12.3 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Domtar Public Advisory Group Meeting
  - Discussed a number of topics including forestry practices, road management in the short- and long-term, and cut blocks close to traplines, bait blocks, and tourist outfitters. Discussed work on both the Trout and Wabigoon Forests.

### 13 CLOSED MEETING

#### 13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 308

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (c) – A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board – Crown Land Purchase.

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;
  - Crown Land Purchase.

#### 13.2 RESOLUTION NO. 309

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 7:30 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

**14 CLOSED REPORT**

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator on the Crown Land Purchase.

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 310

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:31 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk