

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #17  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
November 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 Rob Eady, Councillor Vic Robinson, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and one (1) 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 clarification on Item Nos. 7.1.2, 8.1.1, 8.1.3, 8.1.5, and 8.4.

RESOLUTION NO. 295

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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 296

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

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 297

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

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes.

5.3.2 August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Revised Minutes.

5.3.3 September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.4 September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.5 October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.6 October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.7 October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

5.3.8 September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 –Keewatin-Patricia District School Board  
Regular Board Meeting #8 Minutes.

5.3.9 September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular  
Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 298**

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 5.3.9 at the November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 – September.

7.1.2 Workshop Report from Clerk Treasurer Administrator  
Kimberly Ballance re: the Ontario Provincial Police Municipal  
Policing Billing Review Session held in Dryden on October  
29<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Council requested clarification on the trend anticipated for  
future policing costs.

7.1.3 Workshop Report from Clerk Treasurer Administrator  
Kimberly Ballance re: WSIB Safe Communities Incentive  
Program (SCIP) held in Red Lake on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
2013.

**RESOLUTION NO. 299**

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

Carried.

## 8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

### 8.1 Correspondence

#### C11-MP

8.1.1 Letter dated October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from the Honourable Greg Rickford, P.C., M.P. re: Information regarding a Call for Proposals for community based-pilot projects under the New Horizons for Seniors Program.

Council discussed the Program's eligibility requirements and potential suitability for the Whispering Pines Seniors' Club to submit an Application.

#### A16-EA

8.1.2 Letter dated October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from the Municipality of Red Lake re: Letter of congratulations regarding the recent Sawmill announcement.

#### F11-SR

8.1.3 Letter dated October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Ministry of Rural Affairs re: Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund – Capacity Funding eligibility.

Clarification was requested on the acceptance and use of this funding. The Clerk Treasurer Administrator advised that the funds were accepted, as the deadline was October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 and that funds will be used to supplement the Township's Asset Management Plan, including GIS mapping.

#### A08-CA

8.1.4 Letter dated October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers re: Request for Resolutions of Support regarding the future of Canada Post.

#### \*F11-NE

8.1.5 Letter dated March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from the Government of Canada re: Approval of the Application for Funding for the Museum Displays and Development Project.

Council discussed the status of the Museum working group and determined that a Meeting would be advertised and set.

### RESOLUTION NO. 300

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

Carried.

H11-RE

8.2 Letter dated October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from Amber Desserre re: Resignation from her position as Resource Centre Assistant for the Ear Falls Best Start Hub.

RESOLUTION NO. 301

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Amber Desserre from the position of Resource Centre Assistant for the Ear Falls Best Start Hub be accepted with regrets effective October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Carried.

T.C.

8.3 Request for Reconsideration – Minutes of Settlement for the 2013 Tax Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 302

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

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 2013 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-002-01000-0000	20,325 CT 635,175 RT	20,325 CT 624,175 RT

Carried.

D.C.

8.4 Transfers to Reserves for future year expenditures.

Clarification was requested on the purpose of the Reserve for Surplus Inventory.

RESOLUTION NO. 303

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Departments of the Township of Ear Falls within the 2013 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 2013:

Working Fund Reserves	\$140,669.00
Asset Management Plan Reserve	\$ 6,919.00
Equipment Reserves	\$ 10,000.00
Wastewater Treatment Plant Reserve	\$ 12,888.00
Water Treatment Plant Reserve	\$ 19,332.00
Waste Disposal Site Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Medical Centre Reserve	\$ 8,456.00
Dental Equipment Reserve	\$ 1,000.00
Residential Development Reserve	\$ 1,141.00
Federal Gas Tax Reserve	<u>\$ 70,737.00</u>
 Total Transfer to Reserve	 <u>\$281,142.00</u>

Carried.

## **9 BY-LAWS**

Clarification was requested on Item No. 9.2.

9.1 By-Law No. 1828-13, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L07-LA

9.2 By-Law No. 1829-13, a By-Law to Authorize the Sale of Plan M653, Lot 55, Part Lot 55, RP 23R-11593, Parts 2 to 5, to Jason Lee Martin.

Council requested verification of the lot location.

A09-HE

9.3 By-Law No. 1830-13, a By-Law to Amend the Municipal Health & Safety Program Policy and Procedures Manual for the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 304

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. 1828-13, 1829-13, and 1830-13 as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

## **11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

F02-WA

### **11.1 Water / Sewer Rate Review.**

Council discussed the water / sewer system expenditures and the distribution of the costs over all the properties connected to the system.

Council discussed the B cycle increase that was put in place in 2011 and whether any changes would be made to retroactively reduce the rate. Council determined that no changes would be made to the B cycle due to the requirement for the municipality to meet legislated requirements as identified in the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 and the Water Opportunities Act, 2010.

Council requested additional water / sewer rate review information be brought forward to address proposed budget parameters.

T.P.

### **11.2 ROMA / OGRA Combined Conference – 2014 being held in Toronto from February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 305**

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

**RESOLVED THAT** the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the ROMA / OGRA Combined Conference – 2014 being held in Toronto from February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014:

- Kevin Kahoot
- Rob Eady

Carried.

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

### **12.1 Councillor Rob Eady**

- Lac Seul Advisory Committee Meeting
  - Meeting was held at the Best Western because it was cheaper to hold the Meeting there compared to the cost of having lunch catered to the Government Building.
  - Sioux Lookout Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) District Manager advised that there will be more MNR field staff in the District because the MNR is centralizing administrative staff in Thunder Bay and providing the districts with additions field staff resources.
  - Discussed Forestry Modernization Tenure.
  - The physical condition of Billy B's landing (south of Ear Falls on Highway 105) is in pretty rough shape but isn't part of the Sioux Lookout management area. The Sioux Lookout District

Manager will be working with the Kenora District Manager on this.

- Tourist Operators raised concerns about the level of commercial fishing on Lac Seul, however the MNR advised that they have been actively monitoring activity and haven't identified any concerns with the licence compliance.
- A creel census may be done in the next year by MNR staff.

12.2 Councillor Vic Robinson

- Kenora District Services Board Preliminary Budget Meeting will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013
  - Will be addressing the need for housing units in Ear Falls due to the Sawmill announcement.

12.3 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Confederation College – Education and Training Planning Meeting
  - The session was attended by representatives from municipalities, the school board, Goldcorp, and EACOM. The participants discussed training needs for the region.
  - Confederation College is currently entering into an Agreement with the Red Lake District High School to move into a wing of the High School.
  - Confederation College and EACOM are working together to establish pre-employment training (WHMIS, First Aid, CPR, etc.) as well as the need to locally address apprenticeship requirements.

## 13 CLOSED MEETING

### 13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 306

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 7:56 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 – Assorted Crown Land Parcels within the Township of Ear Falls.

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

### 13.2 RESOLUTION NO. 307



Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 8:06 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

**14 CLOSED REPORT**

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator regarding assorted Crown Land Parcels within the Township of Ear Falls.

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 308

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:06 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk