

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #14  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 @ 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**

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- 4.1 Ear Falls Community Health Centre – Wendy Gatrell
- Ear Falls Community Health Centre Helipad Project

Mayor Kahoot welcomed Wendy Gatrell to the Meeting.

Wendy introduced the Ear Falls Community Health Centre (CHC) Helipad Project that would be serviced by Ornge (Air Ambulance). The community is currently serviced by Air Ambulance occasionally with the helicopter landing at various locations including the Community Health Centre parking lot, Ear Falls Public School sports field, the golf course and the plaza parking lot. These locations are not ideal but have been manageable in emergency situations. The Ornge Manager in Kenora has estimated a helipad project to cost approximately \$60,000. The property would need to be serviced by a fenced, paved pad, solar lights, and reflective cones.

The Ornge service would be a 24 hour service thereby improving the speed for residents to access patient care.

The first step in developing a helipad would be to identify a location for it. Ornge staff have agreed to assist the Community Health Centre Inc. to complete a site assessment if a number of sites were identified for potential evaluation. Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has agreed to permit the evaluation of the site across the highway from the OPG office building (the old Hydro Colony), however they indicated that the property is leased which may be a concern for development. EACOM Timber has agreed to consider the property at the old Training Centre, which is an old helipad site and may not require much upgrading.

The two municipal properties that Wendy would also like to consider are:

- The old Municipal Office Property (adjacent to the ambulance base)
- Property next to the Municipal Government building (between the Fire Hall and Birch Drive)

These two sites are less ideal because of the proximity to hydro lines. After a location is secured, the next step would be to look for funding to develop the helipad. There may be federal funding available if the helipad was on municipal property. If the site was identified on non-municipal lands, the CHC would be looking for about \$10,000 from each OPG, EACOM, and the Township, with the CHC contributing as well. The balance could then be levied through fundraising or other sources.

Council concurred that a helipad would be helpful for improvement of emergency patient care. Clarification was requested regarding whether property zoning had or would be considered as well as the need for a detailed cost analysis, additional information on site location, maintenance requirements, and funding availability. Concern regarding the proximity of a helipad and residential properties was identified.

Wendy will provide additional information after Ornge reviews the proposed sites.

## **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.)

### **RESOLUTION NO. 242**

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

**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 September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 243

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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 October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 244

Moved by Jim Desmarais. 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 October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.2 August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.3 September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.4 September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 245

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 5.3.4 at the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

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

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6.1 Request for Quote – Building Demolition and Complete Site Clean-Up.

RESOLUTION NO. 246

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the Quote submitted by Shewchuk Enterprises Ltd. for the Request for Quote – Building Demolition and Complete Site Clean-Up at a cost of \$14,500.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

## **7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

C.O.

7.1 Reports from Departments.

7.1.1 Monthly Report from Public Library Coordinator Becky Bergman – June.

7.1.2 Monthly Report from Public Library Coordinator Becky Bergman – July.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 247

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 Reports from Departments numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.3 at the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

## **8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

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8.1 Focus of Municipal Provincial Land Tax Discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. 248

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario committed to reforming the Provincial Land Tax (PLT) in the 2014 Provincial Budget; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has initiated and intends to complete consultations on the PLT in 2014; and

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls is participating in the Ministry of Finance's Municipal Reference Group on PLT issues;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls hereby endorses the Provincial Land Tax recommendations submitted by the Municipal Finance Officers Association which includes the following:

- Properties in unincorporated areas should cover the cost of provided services for those areas on the basis of current value assessment, including the full cost of providing District Social Services Administration Board services (child care, affordable housing, Ontario Works, land ambulance and social services), Ontario Provincial Police, public health, homes for the aged and Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) services and should be recovered through PLT rate increases as soon as possible. The education tax levy should be applied to all properties in unincorporated areas.
- Residents and businesses in unincorporated areas benefit from and regularly use many municipal services and proximity to municipal infrastructure contributes to property values in unincorporated areas. The cost of providing municipal roads, bridges, airports, solid waste and recycling services should be recognized and addressed in the PLT review process.
- Other municipal services benefit unincorporated areas as well and the PLT review process should determine the most effective way of ensuring beneficiaries contribute financially.

; and

FURTHER THAT the Township of Ear Falls strongly supports the notion that provincial land use planning legislation, including the Building Code, should be enforced in unincorporated areas; and

FURTHER THAT the Township of Ear Falls will continue to participate in the Government of Ontario's PLT consultation process in order to determine the most appropriate vehicle for sharing the cost of tax supported municipal infrastructure services with unincorporated areas.

Carried.

## **9 BY-LAWS**

Clarification was requested regarding Item No. 9.2.

- 9.1 By-Law No. 1900-14, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

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- 9.2 By-Law No. 1901-14, a By-Law to Authorize to Enter into a Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement with Unifor and its Local 324-4.

Council discussed the Conciliation process that was undertaken in the development of this Agreement.

T.C.

- 9.3 By-Law No. 1902-14, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Tax Arrears Extension Agreement Pursuant to Section 378 of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, as Amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 249

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 Nos. 1900-14, 1901-14, and 1902-14 as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

### **11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

D02-NW

11.1 Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval List.

- a) Letter dated August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from Frank Ray, Chairperson of the Ear Falls Handgun Club.
- b) Letter dated March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 from Tim Neidenbach, President of the Ear Falls Lions Club.
- c) Memo dated September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from Public Library Coordinator Becky Bergman re: Ear Falls Public Library computers including a quote from Amanda Lewis, Wilson's Business Solutions.
- d) Email dated August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from Wendy Gatrell, Executive Director of the Ear Falls Community Health Centre / Family Health Team.

- e) Email dated September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from Curtis Webb, President of the Ear Falls Royal Canadian Legion Branch #238 including a quote for the upgrade of the Sound System.

RESOLUTION NO. 250

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

WHEREAS Council deems the projects identified on the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, comply with the Reserve Fund Criteria;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves projects, in accordance with the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, as attached; and

FURTHER THAT Council directs the Clerk Treasurer Administrator to formalize the payment procedures to ensure that funds are spent in accordance with the request received and the Township of Ear Falls' Accountability and Transparency Policy.

Carried.

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- 11.2 Report to Council dated September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Administrator Paulette Covell re: Federal Gas Tax Project Proposal.

Council concurred that the Township should apply in accordance with the Report to Council.

**12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

No Reports.

**13 CLOSED MEETING**

N/A

**14 CLOSED REPORT**

N/A

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

- 15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 251

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:55 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk