

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #16  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
October 7<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 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**

### **4.1 Ed Wetendorf**

- Noisy trucks and vehicles.

Mayor Kahoot welcomed Mr. Wetendorf to the Meeting. Mr. Wetendorf advised that the highway trucks have been better lately since he had spoken with the sawmill staff about letting the forestry contractors know about not using jake breaks in town. The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) should be but are not dealing with the use of jake breaks in town.

Mr. Wetendorf requested that the Township install signs advising that using jake breaks is not permitted, particularly on Highway 657. Even regular vehicles, trucks and motorcycles are noisy and this should be addressed because they do not have proper mufflers. The Township should talk to the OPP to get them to enforce the rules so that people will drive appropriately and limit noise levels.

Council thanked Mr. Wetendorf for his comments.

## **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 No. 8.1.2.

**RESOLUTION NO. 270**

Moved by Daniel Sutton. 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 September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 271**

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

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 272**

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 at the September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.2 August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.3 September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.4 September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 273**

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

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

Carried.

**6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

F18-AN

6.1 Expression of Interest – Animal Control Officer / Pound Keeping Services.

The Expression of Interest has been reposted with a closing date of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

C.O.

7.1 Reports from Departments

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 274**

Moved by Jim Desmarais. 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 to 7.1.3 at the October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

## 8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

### 8.1 Correspondence

#### C12-BO

- 8.1.1 Letter dated August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Johanna White re;  
Resignation from the Ear Falls Public Library Board.

#### M04-CO

- 8.1.2 Letter dated September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Lloyd Campbell re:  
Thank you letter for naming the road “Campbell’s Wynd” after  
his family.

Council discussed putting forward Lloyd Campbell and Bruce McCallum’s names as potential keynote speakers for the next Kenora District Municipal Association Conference and Annual General Meeting held in Ear Falls.

#### C09-GE

- 8.1.3 Letter dated September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Sandra Boyko, Chair of  
the Board of Directors of the Dryden Regional Health Centre  
re: Copy of letter of support sent to Minister Steven Del Duca  
regarding access to affordable, dependable, and timely public  
transportation.

#### A16-NA

- 8.1.4 Letter dated September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Kathleen McFadden,  
Assistant Deputy Minister of the Forest Industry Division of the  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: process being  
undertaken leading up to the review of the Ontario forest tenure  
models.

#### A16-CH

- 8.1.5 Notice from Chukuni Communities Development Corporation  
and the Northwest Business Centre re: Marketing Re-defined:  
Relationship Marketing for Small Business Workshop and  
Seminar being held November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 8:00 to 10:00  
a.m. at the Trillium Motel.

#### A04-MU

- 8.1.6 Letter dated September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 from Marie-France Lalonde,  
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic  
Development re: Thank you for delegation at the 2015  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in  
Niagara Falls.

#### A16-UN

- 8.1.7 Email dated September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Union Gas Limited re:  
Application to increase the natural gas rates effective January  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

A16-KE

8.1.8 Letter dated September, 2015 from the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board re: Request for donation to the Ear Falls Public School Breakfast Program.

C11-MP

8.1.9 Letter dated September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Announcement for being one of fifteen winners of the Financial Information Return Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 275

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 8.1.1 to 8.1.9 at the October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

L04-CH

8.2 2016 Child Care Budget to be submitted to the Kenora District Services Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 276

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the 2016 Child Care Budget in the amount of \$373,500.00 be submitted to the Kenora District Services Board for approval; and

FURTHER THAT within the 2016 Child Care Budget, any shortfall in revenue shall be borne by the Kenora District Services Board.

Carried.

C09-GE

8.3 Resolution of Support re: fair pricing of E-Books for Public Libraries.

RESOLUTION NO. 277

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

WHEREAS public libraries provide residents with a community space where they can freely access a wide variety of information in both print and digital format; and

WHEREAS municipal governments are key funders of public libraries, appoint public library boards and work in partnership with

public library boards to deliver library services that are responsive to community needs; and

WHEREAS electronic books (e-books) are becoming an increasingly preferred medium for library users to access content and information; and

WHEREAS major multi-national publishers are charging public libraries significantly higher costs to purchase e-books for their collections than they charge consumers; and

WHEREAS imposing unreasonably high costs on public libraries to purchase e-books is not an appropriate solution to the publishing industry's concerns regarding the evolution of digital technology, including piracy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Ear Falls requests the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport work with the federal and the other provincial and territorial governments to find a solution that will allow public libraries to purchase e-books from publishers at a fair and reasonable price; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried.

D.C.

8.4 Transfers to Reserves for future year expenditures.

RESOLUTION NO. 278

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Departments of the Township of Ear Falls within the 2015 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 2015:

Elections Reserve	\$	594.00
Water / Sewer Connection Fee / Road Reserves	\$	19,266.00
Wastewater Treatment Plant Reserve	\$	14,205.00
Waterline Reserve	\$	2,900.00
Water Treatment Plant Reserve	\$	21,307.00
Equipment Reserve	\$	14,474.00
Waste Disposal Site Reserve	\$	58,246.00
Garbage Collection Reserve	\$	11,465.00
Medical Centre Reserve	\$	10,147.00

Dental Equipment Reserve	\$ 1,000.00
Emergency Measures – Phone Line Reserve	\$ 500.00
Residential Development Reserve	\$ 943.00
Working Fund Reserve	\$ 93,483.00
Corporate Tangible Capital Asset – New / Replacement Reserve	<u>\$ 152,697.00</u>
Total Transfer to Reserve	<u>\$ 401,227.00</u>

Carried.

D02-NW

8.5 Ron Nichols’ Bursary Award – Community Well-Being Reserve Fund Top-up.

RESOLUTION NO. 279

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

WHEREAS Council deems that the project identified on the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, complies with the Reserve Fund Criteria;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the project, in accordance with the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, as attached.

Carried.

T.C.

8.6 The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation’s response to an Application made under Section 357 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

RESOLUTION NO. 280

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation’s Response to the Application made under Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2015 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-001-17126-0000	\$129,750 RT	\$2,018 RT

Carried.

**9 BY-LAWS**

9.1 By-Law No. 1971-15, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L04-WA

9.2 By-Law No. 1972-15, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Facca Inc. for Temporary Use of the Ear Falls Waste Disposal Site.

L14-SH

9.3 By-Law No. 1973-15, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement Between the Township of Ear Falls and Morneau Shepell Ltd. for the Shepell Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for the Ear Falls Fire Department Volunteer Firefighters.

RESOLUTION NO. 281

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 1971-15, 1972-15, and 1973-15 as passed.

Carried.

**PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

**10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

**11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

F02-WA

11.1 Water / Sewer Rate Review and Operating Budget.

Council discussed current and proposed water and sewer rates, the operating budget and affordability for residents and local businesses. The expenses associated with operating the plants and the system and anticipated energy savings will be included in the 2016 operating budget, however the Clerk Treasurer Administrator advised that this savings would not be directly recognized as Council had requested that the energy savings be allocated back into the Reserve Funds. It was also noted that the \$10,000 for general facility repairs that was discussed at the April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Council Meeting had not been included in the 2015 budget but has been included in the draft 2016 budget.

Continued review of the water and sewer rates and movement to full cost recovery is necessary however Council will need to closely consider tax increases in light of the increases to water and sewer rates.

H11-FI

11.2 Volunteer Firefighter Application.



**RESOLUTION NO. 282**

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the following individual, as recommended by Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins, be approved as a Volunteer Firefighter subject to the submission of an acceptable medical recommendation and Vulnerable Reference Check:

- Matthew Beaudry

Carried.

**H11-FI**

**11.3 Volunteer Firefighter Application.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 283**

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the following individual, as recommended by Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins, be approved as a Volunteer Firefighter subject to the submission of an acceptable medical recommendation and Vulnerable Reference Check:

- Skyler Blanchard

Carried.

**12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**12.1 Councillor Dan Sutton**

- Clarification was requested on the proposed KinFit Expansion project, and the installation of flagpoles and Fire Department signage.

**12.2 Mayor Kevin Kahoot**

- Attended the Ear Falls Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 238's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. It was quite nice. The presence of the Legion and its volunteers have made it a community hub which is very important to the Township and members of the community.
- Had an opportunity to meet with Mayor Brian Bowman, City of Winnipeg yesterday evening and had a good discussion on a number of municipal issues.

**13 CLOSED MEETING**

N/A

**14 CLOSED REPORT**

N/A

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 284

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:29 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk