

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #15  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Rob Eady called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2 ROLL CALL**

Deputy Mayor Rob Eady, Councillor Tracey Simon, Councillor Daniel Sutton, 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.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 255**

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.1.2 September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 256

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Minutes of the previous Meetings of Council numbered 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 at the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

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5.2 Minutes of Committees

None.

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5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

5.3.2 July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Board of Management Meeting Minutes.

5.3.3 July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.4 July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.5 August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.6 August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

5.3.7 August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.8 September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting #8 Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 257

Moved by Daniel Sutton. 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 to 5.3.8 at the September 16<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 Marg Trippier, Day Care / Best Start Coordinator – August.

RESOLUTION NO. 258

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

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 September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

## **8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

### **8.1 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015).**

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015) in accordance with By-Law No. 1635-11.

### **8.2 Correspondence**

C11-MP

8.2.1 Letter dated August, 2015 from Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon re: Thank you for expressing an interest in her private member's bill, Bill 56 – the *Aggregate Recycling Promotion Act*.

A16-UN

8.2.2 Letter dated August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Union Gas re: Update on the TransCanada Pipeline's Energy East Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 259

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township

of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 8.2.1 to 8.2.2 at the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

F11-BU

- 8.3 Expression of Interest to be submitted to the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure under the New Building Canada Fund Small Communities Fund – Intake 2 re: Waste Disposal Site Enhancement Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 260

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Clerk Treasurer Administrator be hereby authorized and directed to submit an Expression of Interest to the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure under the New Building Canada Fund Small Communities Fund – Intake 2 re: Waste Disposal Site Enhancement Project.

Carried.

F00-SC

- 8.4 Memo dated August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Public Library Coordinator Becky Bergman re: Request to add Rogers Magazine Service to the Subscription and Membership List for 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 261

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Subscriptions and Memberships Listing for 2015 be amended by adding the following:

Public Library	Amount
Rogers Magazine Service	\$268.97
G771-0771-2710	
Best Health	\$22.96
Canadian House & Home	\$26.50
Canadian Living	\$19.95
Cottage Life	\$29.75
Outdoor Canada	\$19.95
Owl	\$29.95
Reader's Digest	\$32.96
Red Book	\$21.00
Seventeen	\$19.50
Today's Parent	\$16.95
Travel & Leisure	\$29.50

Carried.

F.C.

- 8.5 Travel and attendance for Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins to the Fire Safety Planning Seminar being held at the Dryden Fire Service on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 and the Fire Safety Inspection Order Seminar being held at the Dryden Fire Service on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 262

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Fire Safety Planning Seminar being held at the Dryden Fire Service on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 and the Fire Safety Inspection Order Seminar being held at the Dryden Fire Service on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

Carried.

C09-GE

- 8.6 Email dated August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Kristen Oliver, Executive Director of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association re: the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario consultation on Inter-City bus and an email from Iain Angus re: Greyhound Bus Service Cuts in the Northwest.

RESOLUTION NO. 263

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Transportation is examining how people travel between communities by intercity bus; and

WHEREAS this review may result in changes to the regulations that govern the operation of intercity bus services across the Province and in particular in Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS although intercity bus service is an essential service for many residents of Northwestern Ontario, successive governments have allowed the service to be reduced and in some areas eliminated as the regulations moved away from a concept of cross subsidization whereby operators on a particular route used the profits from the more lucrative routes to subsidize the service to the more remote parts of the province; and

WHEREAS only Minaki, Sioux Lookout, Collins, Armstrong, Nakina, Longlac and Hornepayne have scheduled VIA Rail passenger service; and

WHEREAS only Fort Frances, Kenora, Dryden, Red Lake, Sioux Lookout, Nakina and Thunder Bay have scheduled air passenger service (other than the remote First Nation communities); and

WHEREAS residents without a personal vehicle must rely on family, friends or in many cases non-urgent transportation by Emergency Medical Service paramedics for transportation to major centres particularly for health reasons as intercity bus service is either inadequate or non-existent; and

WHEREAS the same Ministry of Transportation has been conducting an analysis of the multi-modal transportation needs of Northern Ontario for the past three years and is approximately one year away from completing the study and recommending a plan for Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association has requested that the Ontario Government set aside future infrastructure funds for the implementation of the Multi-modal Transportation Study; and

WHEREAS it would be prudent for the Northern Ontario portion of the current study of intercity bus service to be suspended and referred to the Multi-modal Transportation Study for incorporation into the long term plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls calls on the Ministry of Transportation to refer all matters related to any reform of the intercity bus transportation regulations applicable to Northern Ontario to the Northern Ontario Multi-modal Transportation Study; and

FURTHER THAT the Ministry of Transportation Multi-modal Transportation Study pay particular attention to the manner in which all modes of passenger transportation can be enhanced throughout Northwestern Ontario; and

FURTHER THAT copies of this Resolution be filed with the EBR, and copied to the Minister of Transportation for Ontario, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Sara Campbell, MPP for Kenora-Rainy River, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce, and the Common Voice Northwest Transportation Task Force.

Carried.

D.C/B.S

8.7 Travel and attendance for Day Care / Best Start Coordinator Marg Trippier to the “How Does Learning Happen?” session being held in Thunder Bay on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Valhalla Inn.

RESOLUTION NO. 264

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT Day Care / Best Start Coordinator Marg Trippier be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the “How Does Learning Happen?” session being held in Thunder Bay on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Valhalla Inn; and

FURTHER THAT all travel, meals, and accommodation costs associated with the “How Does Learning Happen?” being held in Thunder Bay on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Valhalla Inn be borne by the Ministry of Education.

Carried.

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- 8.8 Application to be submitted to FedNor under the Community Investment Initiative for Northern Ontario re: Economic Development Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 265

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Clerk Treasurer Administrator be hereby authorized and directed to submit an Application to FedNor under the Community Investment Initiative for Northern Ontario re: Economic Development Officer.

Carried.

## **9 BY-LAWS**

- 9.1 By-Law No. 1969-15, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

A09-SO

- 9.2 By-Law No. 1970-15, a By-Law to Establish and Adopt a Social Media Policy for the Township of Ear Falls.

Council indicated that they were pleased with the Policy and requested clarification on administration of social media sites.

RESOLUTION NO. 266

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 1969-15, and 1970-15 as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

## **10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

## **11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

P00-FI

11.1 Report to Council dated September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Fire Department Enactment By-Law.

Council reviewed the general terms of the By-Law. A draft will be forthcoming for Council's consideration.

D02-NW

11.2 Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Suggested Projects.

- a) Letter dated September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 from the Royal Canadian Legion Ear Falls Branch No. 238 re: Request for financial assistance for the replacement of the main entrance doors of the Hall and the installment of automatic door openers.

Council concurred with sending a letter of support for the project. Additional information was requested on the scope and cost of the project and copies of the quotes were requested.

- b) Ron Nichols Bursary Top-up.

Council discussed a top-up to the Bursary with funds coming from the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund. A number of options were discussed and Council requested that for the next three years the bursary be topped up to \$500 from the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund.

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

12.1 Councillor Tracey Simon and Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Met with the Day Care subcommittee and indicated that a number of issues were discussed. One issue that Council may wish to consider from a lobbying perspective is the option to modify the terms of day care licencing conditions to allow day cares to address the gap between 12 months and 4 years old.
- The subcommittee is also reviewing options for a separate before-and after-school program and hours of operation.

## **13 CLOSED MEETING**

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 267

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township



of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 7:21 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (f) – Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – Legal Opinion – Land Ownership.
- Section 239 (2) (b) – Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Chief Building Official Position.

Carried.

Section 239 (2) (f) of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended.

- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.
  - Legal Opinion – Land Ownership.

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.
  - Chief Building Official Position.

#### 13.2 RESOLUTION NO. 268

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 7:33 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

### 14 CLOSED REPORT

Council reviewed the Legal Opinion and provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator.

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator regarding the Chief Building Official position.

### 15 ADJOURNMENT

#### 15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 269

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:34 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk