

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #13  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kevin Kahoot called the Meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

**2 ROLL CALL**

Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Council Jim Desmarais, Councillor Rob Eady, Clerk Treasurer Administrator, and five (5) members 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.)

Clarification was requested on Item Nos. 8.4 and 8.6.

**RESOLUTION NO. 230**

Moved by Jim Desmarais. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 231

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

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

None.

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5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting #8 Agenda.

5.3.2 July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.3 July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.4 August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.5 August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.6 August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

5.3.7 July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 232

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 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations numbered 5.3.1 to 5.3.7 at the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

None.

## **7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

C.O.

7.1 Reports from Departments.

7.1.1 Monthly Report from Day Care / Parent Resource Coordinator  
Marg Trippier – August.

RESOLUTION NO. 233

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

## **8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

8.1 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014) in accordance with By-Law 1635-11.

T05-HI

8.2 News Release dated August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from the Ministry of Transportation re: Northern Ontario Drivers Get Studded Tire Extension.

RESOLUTION NO. 234

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls authorizes and hereby directs the Mayor to submit a letter to the Ministry of Transportation requesting information regarding additional changes to improve winter road maintenance for the 2014/15 season.

Carried.

M02-PR

8.3 Letter dated August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Ontario re: Request to proclaim October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day.

RESOLUTION NO. 235

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

WHEREAS years of research confirms the benefits of high quality child care for young children’s intellectual, emotional, social and physical development and later life outcomes; and

WHEREAS child care promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of parents, child care workers and the broader community by supporting quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the economic and social life of their community; and

WHEREAS many studies show trained and knowledgeable Early Childhood Educators and child care staff are the most important element in quality child care, and that good wages and working conditions are associated with higher job satisfaction and morale, lower staff turnover which leads to high quality education and care;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 be designated the 14<sup>th</sup> annual “Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day” in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community.

Carried.

L14-US / A.R.

8.4 Letter dated September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from the Royal Canadian Legion Ear Falls Branch #238 re: Request to reduce the rate for the provision of bar services for special events from \$42.50/hour to \$42.50/game.

Clarification was requested on the fees received for the 2013/14 season.

RESOLUTION NO. 236

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the rental rate for the Second Floor of the Arena (with an S.O.P.) is \$42.50/hour; and

WHEREAS the Ear Falls Royal Canadian Legion Branch #238 has proposed a rental rate of \$42.50/hockey game (estimated at 3.5 hour duration);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls hereby accepts the proposal from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #238 to rent the Second Floor of the Arena (with an S.O.P) at a rate of \$42.50/game for the 2014/15 season; and

FURTHER THAT the remaining hourly rental rate be waived for the 2014/15 season.

Carried.

H03-TE

- 8.5 Email dated September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from Megan Armstrong re:  
Resignation from her position of Casual Call-In at the Childs' View  
Day Nursery.

RESOLUTION NO. 237

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Megan Armstrong from her  
Day Care / Best Start Casual position for the Township of Ear Falls be  
accepted with regrets effective immediately.

Carried.

D.C.

- 8.6 Transfers to Reserves for future year expenditures.

Clarification was requested on the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve.

RESOLUTION NO. 238

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Departments of the Township of Ear Falls within the  
2014 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 2014:

Equipment Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve	\$ 996,000.00
Wastewater Treatment Plant Reserve	\$ 13,528.00
Waterline Reserve	\$ 2,175.00
Water Treatment Plant Reserve	\$ 20,292.00
Waste Disposal Site Reserve	\$ 28,827.00
Garbage Collection Reserve	\$ 11,128.00
Medical Centre Reserve	\$ 9,664.00
Dental Equipment Reserve	\$ 1,000.00
Recreation / Arena / Parks Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Residential Development Reserve	\$ 920.00
Federal Gas Tax Reserve	\$ 59,417.00
Total Transfer to Reserve	<u>\$1,162,951.00</u>

Carried.

## 9 BY-LAWS

- 9.1 By-Law No. 1897-14, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by  
Council.

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9.2 By-Law No. 1898-14, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen Right of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

T.C.

9.3 By-Law No. 1899-14, 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. 239

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. 1897-14, 1898-14, and 1899-14 as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

L11-PR

10.1 Focus of Municipal Provincial Land Tax Discussion.

Council discussed the Provincial Land Tax position as presented and were satisfied with the proposed terms. A motion will be brought back to the next Meeting.

### **11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

R06-EN

11.1 Report to Council dated September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: SIJHL – English River Miners Hockey Request 2014 – KinFit Gym Passes.

Council concurred that the current rates identified in the Schedule of Fees will stand.

D02-NW

11.2 Report to Council dated September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing.

RESOLUTION NO. 240

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Resolution No 177-14, dated June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014, approved projects that would be funded under the Community Well-Being

Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS the attached project listing has been amended; and

WHEREAS Council deems that the projects identified on the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014, comply with the Reserve Fund Criteria;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves projects in accordance with the attached Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014; 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's Accountability and Transparency Policy; and

FURTHER THAT Resolution No. 177-14 is hereby repealed.

Carried.

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

### **12.1 Councillor Jim Desmarais**

- Chukuni Communities Development Corporation Meeting will be held Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

### **12.2 Councillor Rob Eady**

- Museum
  - Retrieving some artifacts from the Katimavic Building for work this winter.
  - Purchased two (2) glass display cabinets for \$25/each on Shop and Swap which are now in the museum.

### **12.3 Mayor Kevin Kahoot**

- NOMA
  - Provincial Land Tax Reform
  - Hydro Upgrades – energy issues
  - Election timeline has stalled some lobbying during this time.

## **13 CLOSED MEETING**

N/A

## **14 CLOSED REPORT**

N/A

## **15 ADJOURNMENT**

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 241

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:28 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk