

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #14
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
September 2nd, 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 Tracey Simon, Councillor Daniel Sutton, Day Care / Best Start Coordinator Marg Trippier, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and six (6) members of the public.

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Eady declared an interest in Item No. 6.1 A due to a business involvement with one of the bidders.

Councillor Sutton declared an interest in Item No. 11.5 due to a potential business involvement in the project.

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. 5.3.6, 8.9 and 8.10.

Councillor Eady left the Meeting at this point.

*F18-EQ

6.1 Equipment Tender – Surplus Equipment of the Public Service & Operations Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 228

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the bid from Tom Williams for the purchase of the 1967 Caterpillar Grader 12F for \$12,100 plus HST.

Carried.

Councillor Eady returned to the Meeting at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 229

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby adopts the Items in Sections 5 to 5.3.8, 6.1 B to 8.8, and 8.10 to 8.14 of Part 1 – Consent Agenda.

Carried.

5 MINUTES

5.1 The review and passing of the Minutes of the previous Meetings.

5.1.1 August 5th, 2015 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 230

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

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 2nd, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 July 29th, 2015 – Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 231

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 of Committees numbered 5.2.1 at the September 2nd, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 June 22nd, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.2 June 22nd, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.3 July 6th, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.4 July 13th, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.5 July 13th, 2015 – Municipality of Red Lake Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

R03-CO

5.3.6 June 5th, 2015 – Sunset Country Museum Network Meeting Minutes.

Council discussed the information contained in the Minutes noting that neither Ear Falls nor Red Lake had representation which may limit exposure for the local area. Council noted that funding opportunities and volunteer work were discussed at length, and that there may be a desire to become involved in this Network in the future.

5.3.7 June 30th, 2015 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

5.3.8 June 18th, 2015 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 232

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 5.3.8 at the September 2nd, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

*F18-EQ

6.1 Equipment Tender – Surplus Equipment of the Public Service & Operations Department.

Item No. 6.1 A – Otherwise dealt with.

Item No. 6.1 B

RESOLUTION NO. 233

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the bid from Cori Klassen for the purchase of the 1983 Caterpillar Loader IT 18B for \$2,650 plus HST.

Carried.

*F18-GO

6.2 Request for Quote – Golf Course Clubhouse Renovations, 35 Chestnut Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 234

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls budgeted \$20,000 to complete the Golf Course Clubhouse Roof Project; and

WHEREAS the quote for completion of the work for the Roof Project is \$20,950 plus applicable taxes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls accept the quote from English River Home Improvements Ltd. for the completion of the Golf Course Clubhouse Roof Project at a cost of \$20,950 plus applicable taxes; and

FURTHER THAT the balance of the project shall be funded from the Reserve for Capital (XL60-6000-9797).

Carried.

7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

C.O.

7.1 Reports from Departments

7.1.1 Monthly Report from Marg Trippier, Day Care / Best Start Coordinator – July.

RESOLUTION NO. 235

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 Report from Departments numbered

7.1.1 at the September 2nd, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

8.1 Correspondence

A16-MU

8.1.1 Letter dated August 12th, 2015 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Thank you to municipal leaders, individuals, and organizations who provided input to the Premier's Special Advisor and Advisory Group on Community Hubs.

A16-MU

8.1.2 Email dated August 17th, 2015 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: News Release regarding the New Disaster Recovery Assistance Program.

A16-KE

8.1.3 Email dated August 18th, 2015 from the Kenora District Services Board Chief Administrative Officer Henry Wall re: Annual Progress Report on the Ten Year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

FYI

8.1.4 Invitation from the Ear Falls Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 238 re: 60 Anniversary Diamond Dinner & Dance being held on Saturday, October 3rd, 2015 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 236

Moved by Tracey Simon. 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 8.1.4 at the September 2nd, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

V01-DI

8.2 Declare the LaFrance Pumper and the Wild Fire Unit surplus.

RESOLUTION NO. 237

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Fire Chief, Darryl Desjardins, Council declares the following items surplus to the needs of the Corporation:

- LaFrance Pumper – minimum bid – \$5,500 plus HST
- Wild Fire Unit – minimum bid – \$4,000 plus HST

and;

FURTHER THAT all funds from the sale of these items be placed in the Fire Department Equipment Reserve (XL60-6000-9722).

Carried.

F11-RU

- 8.3 Ear Falls 2015 Business Retention + Expansion Project Report (Final) prepared by The Chukuni Communities Development Corporation.

RESOLUTION NO. 238

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Ear Falls 2015 Business Retention + Expansion Project Report (Final) prepared by The Chukuni Communities Development Corporation.

Carried.

M01-NO / P11-SP

- 8.4 Special Meeting of Council to be held September 9th, 2015 at the Ear Falls Government Building in the Municipal Council Chambers and the Foyer beginning at 6:00 p.m. re: an Open House.

RESOLUTION NO. 239

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT a Special Meeting of Council be held Wednesday, September 9th, 2015 at the Ear Falls Government Building in the Municipal Council Chambers and the Foyer located at 2 Willow Crescent beginning at 6:00 p.m. re: an Open House; and

FURTHER THAT this event will be of significance as it will provide the residents of Ear Falls an opportunity to meet with their Council and ask questions and provide input on various issues within the community; and

FURTHER THAT Resolution No. 192-15, dated June 17th, 2015 authorizing a Special Meeting of Council be held Wednesday, September 9th, 2015 in the Royal Canadian Legion Hall located at 41 John Street beginning at 6:00 p.m. re: Town Hall Meeting is hereby repealed.

Carried.

M02-PR

- 8.5 Proclamation to proclaim November 3rd, 2015 as Health and Safety Day in the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 240

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) was established in 1979, to provide guidelines and a legal framework that set out the rights and responsibilities of all parties in the workplace; and

WHEREAS the proclamation of Occupational Health and Safety Day in the Township of Ear Falls and Northwestern Ontario is intended to draw awareness to and support the Ontario Ministry of Labour's province-wide Safe at Work strategy to protect workers' health and safety on the job; and

WHEREAS for the past 33 years, community volunteers and health and safety associations have presented Forum North, a regional Health and Safety Conference to Northwestern Ontario and guests from surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS Forum North has become the biggest and longest-standing conference of all the Regional Health and Safety Conferences in Ontario and is one of the largest regional conferences in North America;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Kevin Kahoot, on behalf of the Council of the Township of Ear Falls, do hereby proclaim November 3rd, 2015 as Occupational Health and Safety Day in the Township of Ear Falls and Northwestern Ontario.

Carried.

L04-CH

- 8.6 Letter dated August 6th, 2015 from the Kenora District Services Board re: the 2015 Child Care Service Contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 241

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls the 2015 Child Care Service Contract from the Kenora District Services Board as attached.

Carried.

A.P.

- 8.7 Letter dated August 5th, 2015 from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Invitation to attend the Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre in support of the Pimachiowin Aki Nomination for inscription as a World Heritage Site on Monday, August 24th, 2015 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 242

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Kevin Kahoot be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre in support of the Pimachiowin Aki Nomination for inscription as a World Heritage Site held Monday, August 24th, 2015 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Carried.

L07-LA

- 8.8 Request from Tony and Debra Denham re: Purchase of 66' of Crown shoreline reservation adjacent to the property described as 490 Highway 105.

RESOLUTION NO. 243

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to Tony and Debra Denham purchasing 66' of Crown shoreline reservation adjacent to the property described as 490 Highway 105; and

FURTHER THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to send a letter to that effect.

Carried.

F00-SC

- 8.9 Recommendation to Council dated August 20th, 2015 from Day Care / Best Start Coordinator Marg Trippier re: Amendment to the Schedule of Fees Day Care Fee Schedule – 2015.

Council discussed the proposed fee increases. The Motion was deferred to after Item No. 11.6.

A07-EQ

- 8.10 Report to Council dated August 20th, 2015 from Public Service & Operations Supervisor Perry Dyck re: Arena Dehumidifier.

Council requested clarification on the electrical requirements for the installation of a new dehumidifier.

RESOLUTION NO. 244

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council dated August 20th, 2015 from Public Service & Operations Supervisor Perry Dyck re: Arena Dehumidifier.

Carried.

M01-NO

8.11 Re-Scheduling of the December 16th, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council to Monday, December 14th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 245

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

WHEREAS Section 5.2.1 of By-Law No. 1637-11 provides that the Regular Meetings of Council shall be held in the Municipal Council Chambers as follows:

- on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.; or
- on such other day and place as may be determined by a majority of Council upon the passing of a Resolution; or
- when the day for a Regular Scheduled Meeting of Council falls on a Holiday, Council shall meet at the established hour on the next following day which is not a Holiday, Saturday nor Sunday; and

WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to move the Council Meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for Wednesday, December 16th, 2015 be re-scheduled to Monday, December 14th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Carried.

L07-LE

8.12 Report to Council dated August 26th, 2015 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell re: Golf Course Clubhouse – Lease Subcommittee.

RESOLUTION NO. 246

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Council is seeking a proponent to operate the Golf Course Clubhouse at the Township of Ear Falls Golf & Country Club;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints the following members to the Golf Course Clubhouse – Lease Subcommittee:

- Kevin Kahoot
- Daniel Sutton
- Kimberly Ballance
- Paulette Covell

; and

FURTHER THAT the Committee is hereby responsible for recommending a proponent for the operation of the Golf Course Clubhouse for the 2016 season; and

FURTHER THAT this recommendation shall include a Rental Agreement executed by the proponent for Council's consideration.

Carried.

T.C.

8.13 Notice of Vesting Property – taxes / penalties / write-offs – Roll Number 6042-000-001-37400-0000.

RESOLUTION NO. 247

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 373 (1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, as amended, a Tax Arrears Certificate was registered on May 6th, 2014 against Roll No. 6042-000-001-37400-0000; and

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls has completed the Sale of Land for Tax Arrears process and was unable to find a successful purchaser;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amount of \$7,506.34 be written off from Roll No. 6042-000-001-37400-0000 in accordance with Section 354 (2) and (3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, as amended; and

FURTHER THAT the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and register in the name of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls, an Acknowledgement and Direction regarding the registration of a Notice of Vesting, Statement of Compliance and Land Transfer Tax Statements for Roll No. 6042-000-001-37400-0000 in accordance with Section 379 (5) (b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, as amended; and

FURTHER THAT the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to charge back to the School Boards its proportionate share of the unpaid taxes that are written off in accordance with Section 353 (3) of the

Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, and

FURTHER THAT the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the building on the property following the transfer of ownership to the Township of Ear Falls.

Carried.

F00-SC

8.14 Addition to the Schedule of Fees By-Law.

RESOLUTION NO. 248

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the following addition to Schedule of Fees By-Law:

Schedule “C-02” Culvert Fee Schedule

1. Entrance Permit Fee \$100.00

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

Council requested that Item No. 9.3 be pulled for debate separately and Councillor Simon requested a recorded vote on the matter.

F22-TA

9.3 By-Law No. 1966-15, 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 Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 1966-15 as passed.

Carried.

Recorded Vote:

	Yeas	Nays
Jim Desmarais	X	
Rob Eady	X	
Kevin Kahoot	X	
Tracey Simon		X
Daniel Sutton	X	

9.1 By-Law No. 1964-15, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

T00-ST

9.2 By-Law No. 1965-15, a By-Law to Name an Unnamed Road Within the Jurisdiction of the Township of Ear Falls.

F22-TA

9.3 By-Law No. 1966-15, 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.

Otherwise dealt with.

*T05-CU

9.4 By-Law No. 1967-15, a By-Law to Regulate the Installation of Culverts Placed on Municipal Road Allowances and to Provide Access Therefrom to Private Abutting Lands.

L07-LE

9.5 By-Law No. 1968-15, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Recreation Centre Canteen Lease Agreement with Mark Legros.

RESOLUTION NO. 250

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. 1964-15, 1965-15, 1967-15, and 1968-15 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

C07-EL

11.1 Report to Council dated August 5th, 2015 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Election 2018 – Ranked Ballots / Alternative Voting Method.

Council will consider the option of utilizing Ranked Ballots and requested that the item be returned to a future meeting for a determination.

T.P.

- 11.2 33rd Annual Northwestern Ontario Regional Conference “Innovate, Integrate, Inspire” being held in Thunder Bay at the Victoria Inn from September 23rd – 25th, 2015.

Council concurred that no one will attend the Conference.

C00-ZO

- 11.3 Memo dated August 6th, 2015 from Charles Tarrant, Chief Building Official re: Zoning By-Law Amendment.

Council concurred with the amendment as proposed. The amendment will be made in the draft Zoning By-Law that will be forthcoming to Council for consideration.

S08-CO

- 11.4 Report from Ornge received by Wendy Gatrell, Executive Director of the Community Health Centre Inc. re: Ear Falls Proposed Helipad Sites.

Council discussed the potential use of municipal property for the purpose of a Helipad. Additional detailed information on the project was requested including cost and funding information, a site plan, and information regarding liability to the municipality. Council discussed the use of the land as the municipality’s in-kind donation to the project.

Councillor Sutton left the Meeting at this point.

L04-CH

- 11.5 Report to Council from Day Care / Best Start Coordinator Marg Trippier re: Proposed Playground Project.

Council discussed the proposed playground and concurred that further review will be completed during budget review. Council discussed the potential use of Community Well-Being Funds to supplement this project, and requested information on other potential funding sources. Administration will present additional information on this project during budget review.

Councillor Sutton returned to the Meeting at this point.

L04-CH

- 11.6 Report to Council dated August 21st, 2015 from Day Care / Best Start Coordinator Marg Trippier re: Day Care Program – Consultation Responses.

Council discussed the scenario options identified in the Report following the receipt of responses to the Day Care Program Consultation process.

RESOLUTION NO. 251

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls appoints the following members to the Ad Hoc Day Care Service Review Committee:

- Councillor Tracey Simon
- Councillor Daniel Sutton
- Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance
- Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell
- Day Care / Best Start Coordinator Marg Trippier

; and

FURTHER THAT the Committee is hereby responsible for recommending a course of action to Council regarding Day Care Service Provision.

Carried.

Mayor Kahoot returned to Item No. 8.9 which had been deferred from the Consent Agenda.

F00-SC

8.9 Recommendation to Council dated August 20th, 2015 from Day Care / Best Start Coordinator Marg Trippier re: Amendment to the Schedule of Fees Day Care Fee Schedule – 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 252

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the following addition to Schedule “D01” – Day Care Fee Schedule of the 2015 Schedule of Fees:

Delete:

After School	\$ 9.00*
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Add:

After School	\$ 14.00*
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and;

FURTHER THAT this amendment come into effect October 1st, 2015.

Carried.

12.1 Councillor Jim Desmarais

- Transfield Services is no longer in operation in the region as the highway maintenance contractor. The new contractor is Emcon Services Inc. They are based out of British Columbia however, their regional head office is in Dryden. There will be more equipment on the highways this year and some operational changes have been put in place such as shorter cycle and application times, which should improve winter maintenance.

12.2 Councillor Rob Eady

- Chukuni Communities Development Corporation (CCDC)
Meetings have been pretty smooth but there are currently no applications for funding for business development. Councillor Eady requested that those who were in attendance at the Meeting consider business start-up opportunities and recommended that members of the public speak to the staff at CCDC for more information about business start-up or expansion options.
- Museum Working Group
 - The 2016 Budget development has been completed with an intention to continue display development with the Museum Working Group. Some additional planning work will be completed by volunteers to better identify the site plan for the Heritage Trail Project. A plan is being formulated to relocate the Alligator boat, the Propeller and some of the other items that are currently located near the Katimavic Building. Councillor Eady requested that the municipality send a letter to see if the municipality could utilize some of the space on Hydro's Water Power Lease just past the Waterfront Park. Ideally this project would be completed by July 1st, 2017 for Canada's 150th Anniversary.

12.3 Councillor Tracey Simon

- Met with Greg Rickford for lunch at the Whispering Pines Seniors Centre on August 18th, 2015. They discussed the high volume of people who have accessed the regional Passport Clinics that have been held in Dryden. There were over 700 applications processed in 2014.

12.4 Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference – August 16th – 19th, 2015
 - Met with Minister Michael Gravelle and discussed Northern Iron's Griffith Mine Project and concerns with energy availability in the region and its impact on economic development projects. Also discussed the KinFit Gym and the possibilities for expansion of the space with funding available through the Ontario Trillium Foundation.
 - Attended a Social Media Workshop on the Risks and Rewards of using social media and noted the high percentage of municipalities that are now using social media as a

communication tool. Learned a lot about managing risks when municipalities begin to use social media and noted the intentional use of the term “when”, rather than “if” because of the increased need to participate actively in the use of this technology to ensure timely and effective communication with the public.

- Also attended a number of interesting workshops at the conference including some on energy and homelessness.

12.5 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference – August 16th – 19th, 2015
 - Met with the Parliamentary Assistant of Energy and Infrastructure and discussed the Water Treatment Plant Low Lift Pumping Station project proposal and the importance of this project for the health and safety for residents. The response to the Township’s funding request was not disclosed however the number of projects submitted and available funding was discussed.
 - Met with Minister Bill Mauro and discussed the Spring Bear Hunt. The report on this project has not yet been released. Still waiting for a report on the pilot project. Also discussed changes to the Moose Hunt and the impact that this has on the local tourism sector. The measurement of this program change does not appear to have been clearly articulated which is a concern for the municipality. Cottage lot development was also discussed.
 - Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association Board Meeting met with a number of Provincial Ministers at AMO on a variety of topics, however the overall theme appeared to be that there will not be a huge amount of financial support coming to municipalities from the provincial government.
 - Also attended a number of thought-provoking workshops at the conference including a session on housing for seniors. The Provincial Government clearly articulated that they will not be involved in private sector housing development, other than social housing provision. Private development will be the sector that will provide housing developments for the growing seniors’ population.

13 CLOSED MEETING

N/A

14 CLOSED REPORT

N/A

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 253

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:15 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk