

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #14  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 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 three (3) 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.)

Council requested clarification of Item Nos. 8.4 and 8.9.

RESOLUTION NO. 255

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

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 August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 256

Moved by Vic Robinson. 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

5.2.2 July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Nuclear Waste Community Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 257

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 to 5.2.2 at the September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

5.3.2 June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes.

5.3.3 July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.4 July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.5 August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.6 August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.7 August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Open Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

5.3.8 August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Municipality of Red Lake Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 258

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 5.3.8 at the September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 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 Day Care / Parent Resource Coordinator Marg Trippier – July.

7.1.2 Workshop Report from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: New Municipal Infrastructure Program Consultation Session held in Kenora on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 259

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 Reports from Departments numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.2 at the September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

## **8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

8.1 Correspondence

\*M06-EX

8.1.1 Newsletter of the Ontario Prospectors Association dated July 2013 – The Explorationist.

A16-CH

8.1.2 Letter dated July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 from the Chukuni Communities Development Corporation re: Youth Career Fair being held on

Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 at the Red Lake Indian  
Friendship Centre.

D05-TI

8.1.3 Letter dated August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 from Ontario Parks re: Request for input in the management planning process for the Whitefeather Forest Cheemuhnuhcheecheekuhtaykeehn (refers to the “Dedicated Protected Areas”).

S08-NO

8.1.4 Letter dated August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 from the Northwestern Health Unit re: the Northwestern Health Unit’s 2013 Public Health Report Card.

RESOLUTION NO. 260

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 documents numbered 8.1.1 to 8.1.4 at the September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

M03-DO

8.2 Email dated August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from Amy Rolfe re: Request to waive the Rental Fee for use of the Sportsplex to hold a fundraiser baseball tournament on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 261

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Rental Fee for the Sportsplex be waived for the fundraiser baseball tournament held on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Carried.

C12-BO

8.3 Letter dated August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from Angloria Morise re: Resignation from her position as a Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 262

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the resignation of Angloria Morise from the Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board effective August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 with regrets.

Carried.

L04-CH

- 8.4 Summary received August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from the Ministry of Education re: Licencing Inspection Summary for the Day Nursery – Requirements and Recommendations.

Clarification was requested regarding the conditions identified.

RESOLUTION NO. 263

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 Licencing Inspection Summary for the Day Nursery – Requirements and Recommendations dated August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

F00-SC

- 8.5 Amendment to the Schedule of Fees.

RESOLUTION NO. 264

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the following amendment to Schedule “R-02” – Remuneration Schedule of the Schedule of Fees:

- Cell Phone Allowance (Per Month)  
Volunteer Fire Chief \$100.00

Carried.

\*F11-RU

- 8.6 Report to Council dated August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Rural Economic Development (RED) Program 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 265

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the Chukuni Communities Development Corporation completed a Business Retention & Expansion Study for the Township of Ear Falls in 2003; and

WHEREAS the Township’s economic conditions have significantly changed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance to submit an Application to the Rural Economic Development Program for the

completion of a Business Retention and Expansion Plan.

Carried.

C12-BO

8.7 Application to a Municipal Board / Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 266

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT Kimberly Heithoff be appointed to the Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board; and

FURTHER THAT the appointment be for the term of the present Council.

Carried.

L07-LE

8.8 Recommendation from the Recreation Canteen Proposal Review Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 267

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the recommendation of the Recreation Canteen Proposal Review Committee to offer the Ear Falls Recreation Centre Canteen Lease to Mark Legros for the 2013 – 2014 Season.

Carried.

M02-PR

8.9 Letter dated August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 from CUPE – SCFP Ontario re: Request to proclaim October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day.

Council discussed the method for recognizing the Day Care employees.

RESOLUTION NO. 268

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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 be designated the 13<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.

## **9 BY-LAWS**

9.1 By-Law No. 1819-13, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 269

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 1819-13 as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

### **11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

L07-LE

11.1 Report to Council dated August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Shaw Cablesystems Ltd. – TV Building and Trailer Site Lease.

Council concurred that the new lease terms were not in the interest of the Township and that notice should be provided to Shaw of the Township’s intention to cease leasing the property following the current renewal term.

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

12.1 Councillor Jim Desmarais

- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference –

August 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013

- Attended the keynote by Chris Hadfield, previous Commander of the International Space Station as part of Expedition 35. The keynote was quite interesting and informative.
- Met with the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier, the Honourable Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Honourable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines and discussed various issues regarding Ear Falls including the local and regional economy.
- Attended a number of concurrent sessions including sessions on full cost recovery for water services, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and Senior Friendly Communities. The sessions were informative and all addressed trends that we are seeing within our community and throughout the region.
- Met with Mayor Craig Nuttall, City of Dryden and discussed the current mill reassessment situation. Mayor Nuttall advised that their assessment reduction is on hold until MPAC and the Ministry of Finance complete a review of the reduction and the financial impact on the City.
- Attended the trade show and collected some garbage bin information that may be of interest to Council and staff.
- Chukuni Communities Development Corporation (CCDC) Meeting
  - Recently reviewed an Audit Report which was quite thorough. The CCDC is also holding an upcoming career fair.
- Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board Meeting
  - There are a number of new regulations that will be impacting the operation of Non-Profit Housing Corporations. Jim will be attending a training session regarding the changes.

## 12.2 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Advised that he's had a number of conversations / informal meetings in the past month including:
  - Discussion with Mayor Lee Kennard, Township of Ignace, regarding a request for information on the cost of water and sewer rates in Ear Falls. Mayor Kennard expressed concerns regarding the ability for small municipalities to implement full cost accounting for utility services, particularly where previous Councils have not completed a rate review. This is an issue that is affecting all municipalities. Also discussed the current Nuclear Waste Management Organization process.
  - Advised that he would be meeting with the Nuclear Waste Management Organization on Tuesday to discuss their plan for communications regarding the phase out of communities.
  - Met with Michael Gravelle in Thunder Bay in late August and had an opportunity to discuss the economic conditions of the Sawmill in Ear Falls and the state of the forestry sector.
  - Met with Mayor Nuttall re: Sawmill assessments and the progress to date.



- Discussion with Rick Collins, EACOM, regarding wood allocations for the Ear Falls Sawmill. The Mayor advised that he had sent a letter to the Minister of Natural Resources in support of the Sawmill reopening. They also discussed the need to develop the local labour force, capital funding and operational issues and lumber pricing. EACOM recently posted an advertisement for a Mill Manager and they continue to demonstrate an intention to get the mill up and running.

Councillor Vic Robinson requested additional discussion and clarification regarding Item No. 7.1.2, in particular regarding the timeline for new funding, funding eligibility requirements and the status of the Township's Asset Management Plan.

**13 CLOSED MEETING**

N/A

**14 CLOSED REPORT**

N/A

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

**15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 270**

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:35 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk