

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #16
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
August 26th, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ron Bergman Sr. called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Bergman Sr., Councillor Tracey Simon, Councillor Robert Doyle, Councillor Kim Thain, Councillor Dave Wilson, and Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance

RESOLUTION NO. 412

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Dave Wilson.

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council be approved with the following addition:

11.7 Ear Falls Labour Adjustment Committee.

Carried.

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 Councillor. 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. 413

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Robert Doyle.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers Items in Sections 5 – 8 of Part 1 – Consent Agenda as read and adopts the items.

Carried.

5 MINUTES

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

5.1.1 August 5th, 2009 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.1.2 August 12th, 2009 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 414

Moved by Robert Doyle. Seconded by Kim Thain.

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 August 26th, 2009 Regular Meeting of Council as read.

Carried.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 June 2nd, 2009 – Ear Falls Museum Committee Meeting Minutes.

5.2.2 June 2nd, 2009 – Ear Falls Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes.

5.2.3 July 20th, 2009 – Calnitsky Architect's Construction Meeting No. 2 Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 415

Moved by Dave Wilson. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

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 5.2.3 at the August 26th, 2009 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 July 14th, 2009 - Municipality of Red Lake Regular – Closed Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.2 July 14th, 2009 - Municipality of Red Lake Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.3.3 August 5th, 2009 - Municipality of Red Lake Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 416

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Dave Wilson.

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 5.3.3 at the August 26th, 2009 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS

None.

7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Departments

7.1.1 Monthly Report from Recreation / Community Program Coordinator David Hoey.

7.1.2 Monthly Report from Public Library Coordinator Becky Bergman.

RESOLUTION NO. 417

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the Reports from Departments numbered 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 at the August 26th, 2009 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

- 8.1 Accounts Payable – #8A dated August 10th, 2009 in the amount of \$60,512.60 and Accounts Payable – #8B dated August 18th, 2009 in the amount of \$93,255.42.

Accounts Payable – #8A dated August 10th, 2009 in the amount of \$60,512.60 and Accounts Payable – #8B dated August 18th, 2009 in the amount of \$93,255.42 were reviewed in accordance of By-Law No. 1459-09.

- 8.2 Payroll – PR0916 – dated August 13th, 2009 in the amount of \$37,112.26.

Payroll – PR0916 – dated August 13th, 2009 in the amount of \$37,112.26 was reviewed in accordance of By-Law No. 1459-09.

M02-PR

- 8.3 Fire Prevention Week Proclamation for the week commencing Sunday, October 4th and ending on Saturday, October 10th, 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 418

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

WHEREAS many dedicated citizens have joined with volunteer, professional and industrial fire safety personnel as “Partners in Fire Prevention” in a relentless effort to minimize loss of life, destruction of property and damage to the environment; and

WHEREAS fire losses in Canada remain unacceptably high in comparison with those in other industrialized nations thereby necessitating improved fire prevention measures; and

WHEREAS it is desirable that information on fire causes and recommended preventive measures be disseminated during a specific period of the year; and

WHEREAS the 2009 fire prevention theme for this period is: “Stay Fire Smart! – Don’t Get Burned!”;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Ron Bergman Sr., Mayor of the Township of Ear Falls, do hereby designate the week of October 4th to 10th, 2009 as “Fire Prevention Week”; and

FURTHER THAT in appreciation of the many services rendered by the members of the Fire Service of Canada, that Saturday, October 10th, 2009 be designated as Fire Service Recognition Day.

Carried.

T.C.

8.4 Surplus of Municipal property; Plan M700, Lots 125 – 133.

RESOLUTION NO. 419

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the following lots be declared surplus to the needs of the Corporation:

- Lot 125, Plan M-700; Lot 126, Plan M-700; Lot 127, Plan M-700; Lot 128, Plan M-700; Lot 129, Plan M-700; Lot 130, Plan M-700; Lot 131, Plan M-700; Lot 132, Plan M-700; and Lot 133, Plan M-700

; and

FURTHER THAT based on the Opinion of Value provided in accordance with By-Law No. 1325-07, the minimum bid price will be set as follows:

- Lot 125, Plan M-700 - \$2,500.00; Lot 126, Plan M-700 - \$2,500.00; Lot 127, Plan M-700 - \$2,500.00; Lot 128, Plan M-700 - \$2,500.00; Lot 129, Plan M-700 - \$2,500.00; Lot 130, Plan M-700 - \$2,500.00; Lot 131, Plan M-700 - \$2,500.00; Lot 132, Plan M-700 - \$2,500.00; and Lot 133, Plan M-700 - \$2,500.00

FURTHER THAT Offers to Purchase will be accepted on a first come - first serve basis beginning Monday, September 21st, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Carried.

A.P.

8.5 Invitation from Minister Michael Gravelle, Chair of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund along with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation Board to a Meet and Greet Reception being held in Red Lake on Thursday, September 3rd, 2009 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 420

Moved by Robert Doyle. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the following are hereby authorized travel and attendance to a Meet and Greet Reception being hosted by Minister Michael Gravelle, Chair of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund along with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation Board being held in Red Lake on Thursday, September 3rd, 2009 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.:

- Ron Bergman Sr.
- Robert Doyle
- Tracey Simon
- Kim Thain
- Dave Wilson
- Kimberly Ballance

Carried.

D05-FO

- 8.6 Letter dated August 10th, 2009 from the Honourable Donna Cansfield, Ministry of Natural Resources re: Response to letter advising of the Township's interest in exploring economic development opportunities in Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 421

Moved by Dave Wilson. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the letter of response received from the Honourable Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources, dated August 10th, 2009, be accepted as read and filed.

Carried.

*C12-MA

- 8.7 Mandate / Goals of the Mayor's Committee on Economic Development.

RESOLUTION NO. 422

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Dave Wilson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Mandate / Goals of the Mayor's Committee on Economic Development as attached.

Carried.

C12-BO / C12-MA

- 8.8 Letter dated August 20th, 2009 from Frank Ray re: Resignation from the Mayor's Committee on Economic Development.

RESOLUTION NO. 423

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Frank Ray from the Mayor's Committee on Economic Development be accepted with regrets effective immediately.

Carried.

C12-BO / C12-MA

8.9 Application for the Mayor's Committee on Economic Development.

RESOLUTION NO. 424

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Robert Doyle.

RESOLVED THAT Kim Budweg be appointed to the Mayor's Committee on Economic Development; and

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

Carried.

A16-ON

8.10 Newspaper article by the Ontario Energy Board re: Notice of Application and Hearing for an Electricity Distribution Rate Change – Hydro One Networks Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 425

Moved by Dave Wilson. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Ron Bergman Sr. is hereby authorized and directed to write a letter to the Ontario Energy Board (letter attached) expressing the Township of Ear Falls' comments regarding Hydro One Networks Inc.'s Application to the Ontario Energy Board seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro One Networks Inc. charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1st, 2010 and January 1st, 2011; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution and attached letter be forwarded to the Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA).

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

RESOLUTION NO. 426

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 1460-09, 1461-09, 1462-09, 1463-09, and 1464-09 as read, without amendment or debate, a first and second time.

Carried.

9.1 By-Law No. 1460-09, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L07-LA / T.C.

9.2 By-Law No. 1461-09, a By-Law to Authorize the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer Administrator to Accept a Certain Offer to Purchase.

A09-NO

9.3 By-Law No. 1462-09, a By-Law to Revise and Adopt a Non-Municipal Roads Maintenance and Construction Policy for the Township of Ear Falls.

*L04-TE

9.4 By-Law No. 1463-09, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of the Stipulated Price Contract for the Ear Falls Community Health Centre between the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls and Terra-Deco Enterprises Ltd.

F11-NO

9.5 By-Law No. 1464-09, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Funding Agreement for the Municipal Facilities Replacement Analysis Project – Ear Falls Multiplex Facility between the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation.

RESOLUTION NO. 427

Moved by Robert Doyle. Seconded by Dave Wilson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 1460-09, 1461-09, 1462-09, 1463-09, and 1464-09 as read a third time and passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

T.C.

11.1 Memo dated August 17th, 2009 from the Clerk Treasurer Administrator re: Lot Sales – Request by Council to reduce lot prices.

Council would like to target leased Mobile Home Residential lots for lot sales given the reduced price. Council directed staff to send notice

to all tenants to this effect. Reduced Residential lot prices will be in effect until September 1st, 2010 and will be advertised to the public via the website and newspaper.

D05-FO

- 11.2 Local News Release from Domtar regarding the suspension of operations at the Ear Falls Sawmill.

This is a difficult time for residents and businesses within the Township. Council voiced concerns regarding the need for economic development in the community and discussed the actions being initiated by the Mayor's Committee on Economic Development.

The Corporation will continue to operate according to existing Policies and Procedures. Council discussed the impact on operations and directed the Clerk Treasurer Administrator to address spending requests by Departments accordingly.

Councillor Kim Thain identified that the Kenora District Services Board has some discretionary funding available for some utility spending. She will bring some information / pamphlets for the Municipal Office.

*L04-SE

- 11.3 ServiceOntario Issuing Services Agreement – For Review.

Discussed the addition of Health Card services to the services provided within the Township. The Clerk Treasurer Administrator advised that the training may not be on site which will require an Office closure for training purposes. Council are generally in favour of continuing the service pending the responses for the Ministry of Government Services to staff inquiries.

F18-RF

- 11.4 Request from Administration to make public a Request for Proposals for the Ear Falls Multiplex Facility.

RESOLUTION NO. 428

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Dave Wilson.

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls applied and has been approved for \$5,413,505.00 in funding through the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund for the Ear Falls Multiplex Project; and

WHEREAS Council recognizes that the remaining funds for the project are the responsibility of the Township of Ear Falls and therefore have authorized and directed the submission of additional funding applications for the Ear Falls Multiplex Project; and

WHEREAS Council deems the Multiplex Facility Project to be a priority for the employees, citizens and community of Ear Falls; and

WHEREAS in order to comply with Infrastructure Stimulus Fund requirements the Project must be completed by March 31st, 2011;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is hereby authorized and directed to make public a Request for Proposals for the Ear Falls Multiplex as attached; and

FURTHER THAT the Evaluation Committee will consist of Township of Ear Falls Administration Committee, Clerk Treasurer Administrator, Deputy Clerk Treasurer and Public Service and Operations Supervisor.

Carried.

A19-MU

- 11.5 Special Public Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 9th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Whispering Pines Seniors Centre to discuss cost and funding options for the Ear Falls Multiplex Facility.

RESOLUTION NO. 429

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Robert Doyle.

WHEREAS Council of the Township of Ear Falls has committed to encouraging public participation and comment throughout the process of discussing the proposed Ear Falls Multiplex;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Ear Falls hold a Special Public Meeting on Wednesday, September 9th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Whispering Pines Seniors Centre to discuss cost and funding options for the Ear Falls Multiplex.

Carried.

L14-TV

- 11.6 Renewal of 20 year contract between TVO and the Township of Ear Falls.

Council concurred that the low number of people utilizing the service does not justify the cost.

L04-LA

- 11.7 Ear Falls Labour Adjustment Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 430

Moved by Robert Doyle. Seconded by Kim Thain.

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls authorized the Agreement to form the Labour Adjustment Committee by By-Law No. 1428-09, dated April 1st, 2009; and

WHEREAS there is a five week turnaround for each financial report / payment claim made by the Ear Falls Labour Adjustment Committee to the Government of Ontario - Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities; and

WHEREAS the Ear Falls Labour Adjustment Committee has incurred expenses, including payroll, that need to be paid;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves temporary transfers of funds to the Labour Adjustment Committee's Bank Account on an as needed basis; and

FURTHER THAT the transfer of funds be repaid to the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls by the Labour Adjustment Committee upon receipt of funds from the Government of Ontario.

Carried.

12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.1 Councillor Tracey Simon

- Public Service & Operations
 - Both lawnmowers are still broken.
 - Public Service & Operations staff are working on demolition of a trailer in Town and clean up of a couple lots.
 - Digester engineering is near completion, tender will be sent out in the near future.
 - Recently reviewed all the PSAB issues and spreadsheets that staff have been working on and would like to commend staff for all their hard work completing the inventory process.
 - Arena Insulation project started today.
 - Clinic project is approximately 2 weeks behind due to the rain.
 - Sewer cleaning will start September / October.

12.2 Councillor Kim Thain

- Kenora District Services Board
 - Kenora District Services Board's (KDSB) Strategic Plan is nearly complete and will improve operations between staff and the Board. This will improve the operational efficiency. Day to day business will be left to staff while overarching Policy issues and Governance direction will be left to the Board. Also talked about staff member(s) coming to each Municipal Council once a year to provide an update on what is going on with KDSB. May also change the name of KDSB to the Northwest District Services Board.
 - Ontario Best Starts will no longer be receiving their top ups after 2009. The Best Start will need to be tied into the Ontario

Early Years Site. Dr. Pascal's Report will also complicate this issue as the Centres move from their current programming to Toddler Programs. This will be costly.

- The Province is uploading Ontario Disability. There are some issues with people switching between Ontario Disability and Ontario Works. There may be increases for municipalities next year, but it's uncertain at this point. There is an increase in funds for training in Ontario Works Programs; however there aren't enough training facilities.
- Land Ambulance
 - Kenora may have a new site for a Land Ambulance Base.
- Housing
 - They have sold a number of units at Minaki. They are also attempting to place people in houses that are properly sized units. A lot of units are being renovated. The roofing projects in Ear Falls are now completed.

12.3 Councillor Robert Doyle

- Attended the AMO Conference in Ottawa from August 17th – 19th, 2009
 - This year's conference was quite unorganized and spread out - much worse than last years.
 - Attended a session on Reinventing Local Economies which was based on Economic Development where speakers discussed what has worked / not worked and how communities can work together.
 - Attended a session on Harmonized Sales Tax and Municipal Governments.
 - Also attended the speeches of the Provincial Leaders and the Bear Pit Session. Many questions were focused on Medical / Hospitals.
 - Had a Meeting with Minister Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry.
 - Meeting went well with discussion focused on funding and the Township's needs.
 - Mayor Bergman and I had the honour of going to Kenora MP, Greg Rickford's office where we discussed the funding for our Multiplex and what is still needed.
 - Mr. Rickford advised that he had a Meeting with the Minister of Infrastructure's Senior Staff later that day and would inquire as to the availability of additional funding or if we would be able to receive a Low Interest Loan.

12.4 Councillor Dave Wilson

- Non-Profit Housing Corporation
 - Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1st, 2009.

- Community Health Centre Board
 - The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, September 14th, 2009.

12.5 Mayor Ron Bergman Sr.

- Attended the AMO Conference in Ottawa from August 17th – 19th, 2009.
 - Agreed with Councillor Doyle that the Conference was not as well organized this year.
 - Councillor Doyle and I met with Greg Rickford on August 17th, 2009 to discuss the Multiplex Facility. Mr. Rickford advised that he would assist in obtaining a long term low interest loan for our portion of the project. He was also aware of our Meeting with Minister Gravelle and advised that he too would speak with Minister Gravelle on our behalf.
 - Councillor Doyle and I met with Minister Gravelle on August 17th, 2009 to emphasize the importance of the NOHFC Funding and the huge struggle that small communities have in financing their portion of the projects. Thanked Minister Gravelle for all of our previous funding that we have received and the recent \$27,500.00 and advised that Council and the citizens of Ear Falls greatly appreciate the financial support. Minister Gravelle commented on how wonderful he thought our project was and commended Council on all the work we have done and our commitment to the project.
 - Attended a workshop on Infrastructure Solutions for Sustainable Communities. Found the topic of pavement management very interesting. Cracking structural strength is a major issue and needs to be examined every year or at least every three years. Roads should be split up into thirds and maintained on a rotating basis. Cracks reduce the life of paved roads dramatically and the larger the cracks get the quicker they deteriorate. Proper maintenance is essential. We need to start doing this to extend the life of our roads and reduce costs.
 - Attended a Meeting with Robert Zelmer, Director of the Atomic Energy of Canada Limited on August 18th, 2009. Explained why we would consider a Waste Disposal Site in Ear Falls and gave him the details on what we have to offer. We discussed the Griffith Mine Site and that the Township owns a large piece of the property. He explained that because low level radio active materials don't need to be buried deep underground, the old pits, both the north and south pits, could be prospective sites. They store low level materials in mounds covered with earth. He requested three copies of our Community Profile and more information on the north and south pit (i.e. size and depth). He also recommended that we contact Minister Smitherman, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure to investigate further possibilities they may have.

13 IN-CAMERA MEETING

N/A

14 IN-CAMERA REPORT

N/A

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 431

Moved by Dave Wilson. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:25 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk