

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

A G E N D A of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council # 13
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
July 15, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Doug Woolsey called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot (electronically), Councillor Brad Mountain, Acting Mayor Doug Woolsey, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Shannon Jeffries, Deputy Clerk Shawna Weston, Public Service & Operations Manager Glenna Wigle, Water and Wastewater Manager Brigitte Jetté

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Mountain declared a conflict of interest with Items 8.4 and 8.5. As a result, quorum was lost for the consideration of those items, and they were removed from the agenda.

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 Item No. 7.4 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

C11-MU

7.4 Report to Council, dated June 24, 2026, from Manager Public Service & Operations, Glenna Wigle, re: Remove Genie Lift from Service.

Council requested that this item be deferred to the next meeting. Administration was directed to prepare a report comparing the costs of renting versus repairing the Genie lift, including information on the lift's annual frequency of use

Council requested clarification on Item No. 7.1.1 and 7.10

RESOLUTION NO. 123

Moved by Kevin Kahoot. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby adopts the Items in Sections 5 – 7.3 and 7.5-7.14 of Part 1 – Consent Agenda.

Carried.

5 MINUTES

C04-MI

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

5.1.1 June 17, 2026 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

5.1.2 June 17, 2026 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 124

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kevin Kahoot.

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 July 15th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

None

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

A01-HO

5.3.1 May 28 2026, District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 125

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kevin Kahoot.

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 at the July 15th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

6.1 Request for Quotation (RFQ) – Culvert Replacement and Ditch Rehabilitation

The Request for Quotation (RFQ) for the Culvert Replacement and Ditch Rehabilitation Project closed on July 10, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

No quotations were received by the closing deadline.

The RFQ was posted on the Township website and invitations were issued to five contractors.

*F18-VA

6.2 Request for Quotation (RFQ) – Various Waterworks Improvements

RESOLUTION NO. 126

Moved by Kevin Kahoot. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls wishes to proceed with the Various Waterworks Improvements Project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby accepts the quotation from Makkinga Contractors for the Various Waterworks Improvements at a total cost of \$275,000.00 plus applicable taxes, in accordance with the quotation submitted; and

FURTHER THAT Council acknowledges that the accepted quotation exceeds the approved budget by \$170,885.00; and

FURTHER THAT the budget overage of \$170,885.00 be funded from the Water/Wastewater Reserve (GL60-6000-9742).

Carried.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1. Correspondence

L07-LE

7.1.1 Letter received from Ricky and Krista Vincent, dated June 25, 2026, re: Notice of Non-Renewal of Lease Agreement.

Council requested clarification regarding the agreement's end date and noted the expectation that the leased premises be returned to their original condition before the lease expires.

D05-MI

7.1.2 Letter received from Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, dated June 30, 2026, re: Springpole Gold Project – Federal Environmental Assessment Decision.

7.1.3 Letter received from GFT Inc on behalf of Ministry of Transportation (MTO) dated July 3, 2026, re: Project Notification Letter – Detail Design for the Replacement of 27 Non Structural Culverts on Highway 105, 594, 618 and 17.

D05-MI

7.1.4 Letter received from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks – Environmental Assessment Branch, dated June 22, 2026, re: Ministry Review of the Springpole Gold Mine Environmental Assessment.

7.1.5 Letter received from Tribunals Ontario, dated July 7, 2026, re: Improvements to the Assessment Review Board Process for Sickness and Extreme Poverty Appeals and Applications (Inability to Pay).

RESOLUTION NO. 127

Moved by Kevin Kahoot. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.5 at the July 15th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

7.2 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures – year to date (dated July 10, 2026)

Council reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - year to date (dated July 10, 2026) in accordance with By-Law 2283-20.

M00-JE

7.3 Jean Robinson Bursary Award for the 2026/2027 School year.

RESOLUTION NO. 128

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kevin Kahoot.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Ear Falls awards the following Bursary at the 2026 High School Graduation Ceremony to:

- Jean Robinson Bursary Award – Brooklyn Dumontier

Carried.

C11-MU

- 7.4 Report to Council, dated June 24, 2026, from Manager Public Service & Operations, Glenna Wigle, re: Remove Genie Lift from Service.

Otherwise dealt with.

C11-MU

- 7.5 Report to Council, dated July 2, 2026, from Manager Public Service & Operations, Glenna Wigle, re: Pratissoli Water Pump Replacement.

RESOLUTION NO. 129

Moved by Kevin Kahoot. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council, dated, July 2, 2026, re: Pratissoli Water Pump Replacement; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls authorizes the purchase of a new Pratissoli Water Pump by John Brooks at an estimated cost of \$6,628.10 plus applicable taxes; and

FURTHER THAT this purchase will be funded through the Reserve Funds (XL60-6000-9731).

Carried.

F00-SC

- 7.6 Subscription and Memberships Listing Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 130

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kevin Kahoot.

RESOLVED THAT the Subscriptions and Memberships Listing for 2026 be amended by adding the following:

<u>Municipal Office</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Smartsheet	\$ 1,770.00

Carried.

L07-LA

- 7.7 Declare Property Surplus - CL 20263 Part 1 on Plan 23R-15257

RESOLUTION NO. 131

Moved by Kevin Kahoot. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls deems it to be in the best interest of the Corporation to declare the municipally owned property legally described as CL 20263 Part 1 on Plan 23R-15257 surplus to the needs of the Corporation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all of location CL 20263 PART 1 ON 23R15257 be declared surplus to the needs of the Corporation; and

FURTHER THAT Council acknowledges the Opinion of Value obtained for the property; and

FURTHER THAT Council waives the notice requirements contained in Section V. of the Township's Sale/Disposition of Land Policy; and

FURTHER THAT Offers to Purchase be accepted through a Call for Proposal process beginning on July 27th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. and closing on July 31st, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Carried.

C11-MU

- 7.8 Report to Council, dated July 6, 2026, from Manager Public Service & Operations, Glenna Wigle, re: Irrigation System Water Pump Parts.

RESOLUTION NO. 132

Moved by Kevin Kahoot. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council, dated, July 6, 2026, re: Irrigation System Water Pump Parts; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls authorizes the purchase of parts for the Berkley Water Pump at a cost of \$3182.89 plus applicable taxes; and

FURTHER THAT this purchase will be funded through the Reserve Funds (XL60-6000-9731).

Carried.

*F11-NO

- 7.9 Submission of an application to the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund 2026-2031 re: Culvert Replacement and Ditch Rehabilitation.

RESOLUTION NO. 133

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kevin Kahoot.

RESOLVED THAT Clerk Treasurer Administrator Shannon Jeffries is hereby authorized and directed to submit an Application for funding to the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund 2026-2031 for the Culvert Replacement and Ditch Rehabilitation.

Carried.

D05-MI

7.10 Letter of support – First Mining Gold Springpole Mine Project

Council would like to arrange a meeting with Senior Management of First Mining Gold to discuss the project's outlook and explore potential opportunities and partnerships with the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 134

Moved by Kevin Kahoot. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Kevin Kahoot is hereby authorized and directed to submit a letter of support to Antonia Testa, Special Project Officer with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks for the First Mining Gold Springpole Mine Project.

Carried.

C09-GE

7.11 Motion of Support for Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) re: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Allocations

RESOLUTION NO. 135

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kevin Kahoot.

WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015;

AND WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

AND WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;

AND WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.

Carried.

F22-TA

7.12 Payment Out of Court Funds Allocation

RESOLUTION NO. 136

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kevin Kahoot.

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls has received a Payment Out of Court from the Superior Court of Justice in the amount of \$9,589.34, representing unclaimed surplus proceeds from a previous municipal tax sale; and

WHEREAS legal fees are payable to Realtax Inc. for services related to the Application for Payment Out of Court;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls acknowledges receipt of the Payment Out of Court in the amount of \$9,589.34; and

FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls authorizes payment to Realtax Inc. for legal services associated with the Application for Payment Out of Court; and

FURTHER THAT the net proceeds of \$8,434.36 be transferred to the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve (RL60-6000-9719).

Carried.

*L14-PS

7.13 Asset Management Coordinator Services Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 137

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kevin Kahoot.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby authorizes the Clerk Treasurer Administrator to execute the Asset Management Coordinator Services Agreement with PSD Citywide Inc.

Carried.

D02-NW

7.14 Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing.

a) Northstead Resource Development Corporation, Equipment Purchase – July 15, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 138

Moved by Kevin Kahoot. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

WHEREAS Council deems that the project identified on the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated July 15, 2026, complies with the Reserve Fund Criteria; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the project, in accordance with the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated July 15, 2026, as attached.

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2717-26, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

8.2 By-Law No. 2718-26, a By-Law to Enter into an Employment Agreement with Katie Steele for the Position of Finance Assistant Intern.

L07-LE

8.3 By-Law No. 2719-26, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement with Acadia Broadcasting Limited (CKDR Radio).

8.4 By-Law No. 2720-26, a By-Law to Repeal By-Law No. 2638-25, being a By-Law to Appoint Building Officials from RSM Building Consultants Inc., as Building Officials under the Building Code Act for the Township of Ear Falls.

Due to the declaration of interest resulting in the loss of quorum, Council was unable to consider By-law No. 2720-26. No action was taken.

8.5 By-Law No. 2721-26, a By-Law to Appoint Building Officials from RSM Building Consultants Inc. as Building Officials under the Building Code Act for the Township of Ear Falls.

Due to the declaration of interest resulting in the loss of quorum, Council was unable to consider By-law No. 2721-26. No action was taken.

RESOLUTION NO. 139

Moved by Kevin Kahoot. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law Nos. 2717-26, 2718-26 and 2719-26 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

None.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

None.

11 CLOSED MEETING

None.

12 CLOSED REPORT

None.

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 140

Moved by Kevin Kahoot. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 2:55 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk