

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council # 16
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
September 16, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Kahoot called the meeting to order at 2:29 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor Brad Mountain, Councillor Daniel Sutton, Councillor Kim Thain, Councillor Doug Woolsey and Clerk Treasurer Administrator Shannon Jeffries

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 on Item Nos. 6.1, 7.1.4 and 7.3

RESOLUTION NO. 167

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby adopts the Items in Sections 5 – 7 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 September 2, 2026 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 168

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

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 at the September 16th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

None.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

None.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

*F18-RF

6.1 Request for Quotation (RFQ) – Roof Repairs and Replacement at Wellaire Building

RESOLUTION NO. 169

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls included \$30,000 in the approved 2026 Municipal Capital Budget for repair/replacement of the Wellaire Building Roof; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby approves the award of the Wellaire Building Roof Repair / Replacement Project to REMR Roofing in the amount of \$49,750.00 plus applicable taxes; and

FURTHER THAT the additional project costs above the approved budget be funded from the Working Funds Reserve GL60-6000-9701.

Carried.

Council requested clarification on what would be included in the total bid price and whether the proposed repair would provide a long-term solution or simply serve as a temporary fix.

*F18-RF

6.2 Request for Quotation (RFQ) – New Park Fencing

RESOLUTION NO. 170

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls wishes to proceed with the installation of fencing around the New Park;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby accepts the quotation from Nesties Contracting for the supply and installation of New Park Fencing in the amount of \$10,500.00 plus applicable taxes, in accordance with the quotation submitted; and

FURTHER THAT Council acknowledges that the accepted quotation exceeds the approved budget by \$685.00; and

FURTHER THAT the budget overage of \$685.00 be funded from the Recreation Programs Reserve (GL60-6000-9771).

Carried.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1. Correspondence

7.1.1 Letter received from Hydro One, dated September 1, 2026, re: Hydro One Red Lake Transmission Line Project – Notice of Commencement of Class EA & Community Open House

M06-ON

7.1.2 News Release from Ontario News, dated August 31, 2026, re: Ontario and Marten Falls First Nation Break Ground on Ring of Fire Road

M06-ON

7.1.3 News Release from Ontario News, dated September 2, 2026, re: Ontario Investing Nearly \$3.9 Million to Train More Women for Careers in the Skilled Trades.

M06-ON

7.1.4 News Release from Ontario News, dated September 2, 2026, re: Ontario Investing Over \$17 Million to Protect Forestry Jobs in the North.

Council discussed concerns that the area appears to be overlooked and that the district is not receiving adequate support.

Council also discussed the roundwood that is currently being left in the bush and whether there has been any pressure on Interfor to utilize or claim this wood rather than leaving it as waste.

M06-ON

7.1.5 News Release from Ontario News, dated September 3, 2026, re: Ontario Investing More Than \$5 Million to Create Good-Paying Forestry Jobs in Espanola.

M06-ON

7.1.6 News Release from Ontario News, dated September 10, 2026, re: Premier Ford Unveils Changes to Cabinet to Put Ontario on Long-Term Footing to Fight President Trump's Tariffs.

RESOLUTION NO. 171

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.6 at the September 16, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

H11-PU

7.2 Text received September 3rd, 2026 from Brendan Yule, Public Service & Operations 1(Full Time, Union), re: Resignation from his position with the Township of Ear Falls, effective September 17, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 172

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Brendan Yule from his position as Public Service & Operations 1 with the Township of Ear Falls, be accepted with regrets, effective September 17, 2026.

Carried.

7.3 Report to Council dated September 3, 2026, from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Shannon Jeffries, re: Purchase of 2018 Urben Blu Self Cleaning Washroom

RESOLUTION NO. 173

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

WHEREAS the City of Beaumont, Alberta has offered for sale through GovDeals one (1) 2018 Urben Blu Self-Cleaning Washroom – Single Unit that has never been installed;

AND WHEREAS the unit is available at a selling price of \$10,800.00, plus tax of \$572.40 and a buyer's premium of \$648.00, for a total purchase price of \$12,020.40;

AND WHEREAS the approximate cost to purchase the same unit new from Urben Blu is \$235,000.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby approves the purchase of one (1) 2018 Urben Blu Self-Cleaning Washroom – Single Unit from the City of Beaumont, Alberta through GovDeals for a total purchase price of \$12,020.40;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes Administration to arrange and incur all applicable costs associated with the transportation and installation of the unit;

AND FURTHER THAT the purchase, transportation and installation costs be funded from the Working Funds Reserve, GL60-6000-9701.

Carried.

Council requested clarification on the intended location for this. Administration advised that no location has been formally determined and that a report will be prepared once the unit has been received.

*F18-RF

- 7.4 Report to Council dated July 27, 2026 from Public Service and Operations Manager re: Replacement of Medical Centre Sidewalk

RESOLUTION NO. 174

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

WHEREAS Council considered the Report to Council dated July 27, 2026, from the Manager of Public Service & Operations regarding the replacement of the Medical Centre sidewalk and expressed support for proceeding with the work; and

WHEREAS the condition of the Medical Centre sidewalk has been identified during multiple workplace health and safety inspections as a tripping hazard and requires replacement to maintain a safe and accessible entrance to the facility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby confirms its authorization to proceed with the replacement of the Medical Centre sidewalk in 2026; and

FURTHER THAT Council accepts the quotation from Kenon Builders in the amount of \$87,920.00 plus applicable taxes for the replacement of the Medical Centre sidewalk; and

FURTHER THAT the cost of the project be funded from the Medical Centre Reserve XL60-6000-9758, as the project was not included in the 2026 Budget.

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2725-26, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L07-LA

8.2 By-Law No. 2726-26, a By-Law to Authorize the Sale of 78 & 80 Forest Drive, M700 Lot 180 PCL 5674 and M700 Lot 179 PCL 5673 to Brian Harrison and Jonathan McKinley.

C07-EL

8.3 By-Law No. 2727-26, a By-Law to Adopt Terms of Reference for a Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2026 – 2030 Term of Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 175

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law Nos. 2725-26, 2726-26 and 2727-26 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

None.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mayor Kahoot

Hydro One Red Lake Transmission Line

- Currently considering three potential transmission line routes and will be holding a public engagement even to provide information and receive feedback from the public.
- A Hydro One representative indicated that there may be a funding opportunity for the Township toward a small community project. Hydro One would be interested in working with the Township to identify a suitable project that could include recognition of Hydro One's contribution.

Councillor Sutton

Kenora District Services Board

- Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow where there should be an update regarding the funding application for the Seniors Apartment Building Project

Councillor Thain

Community Health Centre

- Could not attend the Community BBQ that was hosted but has heard that

there was a great turnout.

11 CLOSED MEETING

None.

12 CLOSED REPORT

None.

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 176

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 2:53 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk