

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

A G E N D A of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council # 17
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
October 7, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 ROLL CALL

**3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL
NATURE THEREOF**

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Ed Wetendorf – Jake Brake Usage within Municipality

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.)

Proposed Motion.

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.

5 MINUTES

C04-MI

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

5.1.1 September 16, 2026 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes

5.1.2 September 16, 2026 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

Proposed Motion.

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 October 7th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

None.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

None.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1. Correspondence

D05-TI

7.1.1 Letter received from Ministry of Natural Resources, dated September 15, 2026, re: Kenora and Whiskey Jack Forest 2026-2027 Prescribed Burn Plan for Slash Pile Burning.

M04-CO

7.1.2 Letter received from Northstead Resource Development Corporation, received September 17, 2026, re: Letter of Appreciation for Charlene Henrie.

M04-CO

7.1.3 Letter received from Sean Monteith, dated September 7, 2026, re: Letter of Appreciation for Ear Falls Fire Department.

M06-ON

7.1.4 News Release from Ontario News, dated September 2, 2026, re: Ontario Investing Over \$1.1 Million in Indigenous Forestry Projects.

M06-ON

7.1.5 News Release from Ontario News, dated September 18, 2026, re: Ontario Developing New Training Requirements for Truck Drivers.

M06-ON

7.1.6 News Release from Ontario News, dated September 24, 2026, re: Ontario Investing \$49 Million to Strengthen Supports for Small Business.

M06-ON

7.1.7 News Release from Ontario News, dated September 24, 2026, re: Ontario Investing \$49 Million to Strengthen Supports for Small

Business.

- 7.1.8 Letter received from Enbridge Gas, dated August 28, 2026, re: Enbridge Gas Inc-2025 Utility Earnings & Disposition of Deferral and Variance Account.
- 7.1.9 Save the Date Notice, received from the Municipality of Red Lake, re: 2027 Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Conference and AGM.

M06-ON

- 7.1.10 News Release from Ontario News, dated October 1, 2026, re: Ontario Investing Nearly \$30 Million to Support Local Non-Profit Programs

M06-ON

- 7.1.11 News Release from Ontario News, dated October 1, 2026, re: Ontario Protecting Workers by Raising Minimum Wage

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.11 at the October 7, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

- 7.2 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures – year to date (dated October 2, 2026)

M02-PR

- 7.3 Letter from New Starts for Women, dated September 21, 2026 re: Request for Proclamation and Flag Raising

Proposed Motion.

WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month and November 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and

WHEREAS violence is the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals. Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over in Ontario since November 26th, 2025; and

WHEREAS Twenty nine (29) different cities and towns in Ontario had a femicide occur in their community last year; and

WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian and South East Asian women and girls continue to experience high rates of violence, including femicide; and

WHEREAS men's violence has taken the lives of women and girls across the lifespan with femicide victims in the 2024/25 femicide list ranging between the ages of 20 to 87 years old; and

WHEREAS this month and throughout the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, we acknowledge our community's support of the Wrapped in Courage campaign and commitment to ending gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for greater investment and action to end gender-based violence in our community and throughout Ontario by all three levels of Government; and

WHEREAS a Wrapped in Courage Campaign flag will be raised during Woman Abuse Prevention Month in recognition that the courage of a woman alone is not enough, it takes an entire community to end gender-based violence; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby proclaims and declares that November 25th, 2026 shall be known as **“The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women”** and urges all citizens to recognize this day by taking action to support survivors and becoming part of Ontario wide efforts to end gender-based violence.

C11-MU

- 7.4 Report to Council dated October 2, 2026 from Manager of Water and Wastewater Operations re: Wastewater Treatment Plant SCADA Computer Replacement-Over Budget

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the Report to Council from Manager of Water and Wastewater Operations Brigitte Jetté, dated October 2, 2026, re: Wastewater Treatment Plant SCADA Computer Replacement-Over Budget; and

FURTHER that this will be funded through Wastewater Treatment Plant Reserves (RL60-6000-9792).

8 BY-LAWS

- 8.1 By-Law No. 2728-26, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law No. 2728-26 as passed.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

9.1 Daylight Savings Time/Time Zone Change

Proposed Motion.

WHEREAS Manitoba announced on September 17, 2026, that the province will remain on Daylight Saving Time year round; and

WHEREAS Ear Falls is located within the Central Time Zone, in alignment with Manitoba, but is geographically northeast of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS Ear Falls is currently one hour behind the Eastern Time Zone that governs the rest of Ontario, but would be the same clock time if the Central Time Zone stayed on Daylight Saving Time but the Eastern Time Zone continued to fall back to Standard Time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls, this 7th day of October, 2026, urges the Government of Ontario to amend the Time Act so that Ear Falls and areas of Northwestern Ontario in the Central Time Zone remain on Daylight Saving Time year-round; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Minister Greg Rickford, Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Ministry of the Attorney General, and the municipalities within the Central Time Zone region.

9.2 Report to Council dated September 30, 2026 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Shannon Jeffries, re: Proposed Bicycle Lane – Balsam Street.

For Discussion.

RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the Report to Council dated September 30, 2026 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Shannon Jeffries, re: Proposed Bicycle Lane – Balsam Street.

C11-MU

9.3 Report to Council dated October 1, 2026 from Manager of Public Service and Operations Glenna Wigle, re: Municipal Highway Maintenance Standards (Ontario Regulation 239/02) – Service Levels Above Minimum Maintenance Standards.

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the Report to Council from Manager of Public Service and Operations Glenna Wigle, dated October 1, 2026, re: Municipal Highway Maintenance Standards (Ontario Regulation 239/02) – Service Levels Above Minimum Maintenance Standards.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11 CLOSED MEETING

12 CLOSED REPORT

13 ADJOURNMENT