

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council # 15
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
September 2, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Kahoot called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor Brad Mountain, Councillor Daniel Sutton (electronically), Councillor Kim Thain, Councillor Doug Woolsey, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Shannon Jeffries, Deputy Clerk Shawna Weston and Manager of Water and Wastewater Brigitte Jetté

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 No. 7.1.2, 7.5

RESOLUTION NO. 156

Moved by Brad Mountain. 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 August 5, 2026 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 157

Moved by Kim Thain. 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 2nd, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

C12-HE

5.2.1 May 27, 2026 – Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

5.2.2 July 22, 2026 – Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 158

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the Minutes of Committees numbered 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 at the September 2, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

None.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1. Correspondence

M06-ON

7.1.1 News Release from Ontario News, dated August 14, 2026, re: Ontario News-Ontario Releases 2026–27 First Quarter Finances.

7.1.2 Letter received from the Solicitor General, dated August 14, 2026, re: Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Municipal Policing Costs for 2027.

Council discussed the proposed 11% increase represents a significant additional cost for the Township to absorb. It was also noted that Ear Falls is not under contract and pays fees for service, including for motor vehicle collisions and domestic violence-related calls. Despite

the proposed increase, the Township's fees remain relatively low compared to other municipalities in the surrounding area.

M06-ON

7.1.3 News Release from Ontario News, dated August 16, 2026, re:
Ontario and Canada Investing \$1 Billion to Build More Homes.

M06-ON

7.1.4 News Release from Ontario News, dated August 17, 2026, re:
Ontario Investing in Infrastructure to Protect and Build Communities.

M06-ON

7.1.5 News Release from Ontario News, dated August 19, 2026, re:
Ontario Investing More Than \$2 Million to Unlock Global Markets
for Made-in-Ontario Forest Products.

M06-ON

7.1.6 News Release from Ontario News, dated August 20, 2026, re:
Ontario Investing Nearly \$1 Million to Unlock New Markets for
Forest Biomass.

M06-ON

7.1.7 News Release from Ontario News, dated August 24, 2026, re:
Ontario Expanding Protections for Tariff-Impacted Workers.

RESOLUTION NO. 159

Moved by Kim Thain. 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 7.1.7 at the September 2nd, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

7.2 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures – year to date (dated August 28, 2026)

Council reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - year to date (dated August 28, 2026) in accordance with By-Law 2283-20.

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7.3 Report to Council dated August 14, 2026, re: Standpipe Rehabilitation Project-Landmark Municipal Services, Extra Repair Costs

RESOLUTION NO. 160

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council dated August 14, 2026, from Manager of Water and Wastewater Brigitte Jetté, re: Standpipe Rehabilitation Project-Landmark Municipal Services, Extra Repair Costs; and

FURTHER THAT the additional costs be funded through OCIF Reserve fund.

Carried.

F22-TA

- 7.4 Notice of Vesting Property – taxes / penalties / write-offs – Roll Number 6042-000-001-32100-0000

RESOLUTION NO. 161

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 373 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, a Tax Arrears Certificate was registered on March 26, 2025 against Roll No. 6042-000-001-32100-0000; and

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls has completed the Sale of Land for Tax Arrears process and was unable to find a successful purchaser;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amount of \$ 15,202.47 be written off from Roll No. 6042-000-001-32100-0000 in accordance with Section 354 (2) and (3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended; and

FURTHER THAT the Clerk Treasurer Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and register in the name of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls, an Acknowledgement and Direction regarding the registration of a Notice of Vesting, Statement of Compliance and Land Transfer Tax Statements for Roll No. 6042-000-001-32100-0000 in accordance with Section 379 (5) (b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended; and

FURTHER THAT the Clerk Treasurer Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to charge back to the School Boards its proportionate share of the unpaid taxes that are written off in accordance with Section 353 (3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended; and,

FURTHER THAT the Clerk Treasurer Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the building(s) on the property following the transfer of ownership to the Township of Ear Falls.

Carried.

C11-MU

- 7.5 Report to Council dated August 26, 2026, from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Shannon Jeffries, re: NG9-1-1 Data Management Services

RESOLUTION NO. 162

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council dated August 26, 2026, from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Shannon Jeffries, re: NG9-1-1 Data Management Services; and

FURTHER THAT Council accepts the Project Charter submitted by PSD Citywide Inc. for NG9-1-1 Data Management Services in the amount of \$9,900.00 plus applicable taxes; to be funded from the Contingencies Reserve, GL60-6000-9711; and

FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Project Charter and any other necessary documents with PSD Citywide Inc. to proceed with the project.

Carried.

Council expressed concern that no value has been provided for the Annual Maintenance Subscription and Procedural Workflow Documentation under “Additional Services” and questioned whether there is a cap on the associated fees. Administration to obtain further clarification and a detailed explanation of the fees applicable to Additional Services.

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2723-26, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

8.2 By-Law No. 2724-26, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Conditional Contribution Agreement with Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for the People and Talent Program for the Finance Assistant Intern (Project No. 74005852).

RESOLUTION NO. 163

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law Nos. 2723-26 and 2724-26 as passed.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

None.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mayor Kahoot

- Attended the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference with Councillor Sutton and Clerk Treasurer Administrator Shannon Jeffries
- There were funding announcements made at the conference including \$1

billion in funding going into housing infrastructure

- Met with Al Spotchuk regarding Northland Bus services. It was advised that no funding is currently available for the purchase of a bus or bussing services. Moving forward, this service would need to be funded through the Township.
- Met with Minister Kevin Holland regarding the future of sawmill operations and discussion included the need to ensure that Interfor addresses the hog pile and wood currently stored in the yard.

Councillor Sutton

Kenora District Services Board (KDSB)

- Seniors Apartment Complex is currently on two applications for funding – One is in the final stages of the application process and should hear something by November.

Councillor Thain

Ear Falls Community Health Centre

- Interprofessional Primary Care Team (IPCT) Expansion Funding Red Lake and Ear Falls – Approved for Funding. This initiative is intended to improve access to primary care by expanding existing teams and creating additional capacity to attach unattached patients. This is a shared initiative between Red Lake and Ear Falls.

11 CLOSED MEETING

11.1 RESOLUTION NO. 164

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 2:57 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
 - M700 Lot 180 PCL 5674 and M700 Lot 179 PCL 5673

Carried.

11.2 RESOLUTION NO. 165

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 3:10 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

12 CLOSED REPORT

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator on the proposed disposition of property.

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 166

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 3:11 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk