

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #07
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
April 15th, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Kahoot called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor Jim Desmarais, Councillor Rob Eady, Councillor Tracey Simon, Councillor Daniel Sutton, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and one (1) member of the public.

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. 8.5.

RESOLUTION NO. 118

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

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

Carried.

5 MINUTES

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

5.1.1 April 1st, 2015 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 119

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Minutes of the previous Meeting of Council numbered 5.1.1 at the April 15th, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

None.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

5.3.1 February 20th, 2015 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 120

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

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 April 15th, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

*F18-ST

6.1 Request for Proposals – Facilitation Services and Development of a Strategic Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 121

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the proposal submitted by FOTENN Consultants Inc. for the provision of Facilitation Services and Development of a Strategic Plan for the Township of Ear Falls at a cost of \$12,390.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7.1.1 Workshop Report dated April 8th, 2015 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Land Use Planning Workshop held in Thunder Bay on March 25th & 26th, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 122

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the Reports from Departments numbered 7.1.1 at the April 15th, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

- 8.1 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated April 9th, 2015).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated April 9th, 2015) in accordance with By-Law No. 1635-11.

- 8.2 Correspondence:

L11-PR

- 8.2.1 Document received March 31st, 2015 re: Provincial Land Tax Review Update.

C11-MP

- 8.2.2 News Release dated April 1st, 2015 from Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington re: Attorney General refuses to reopen joint and several liability.

E05-FL

- 8.2.3 Email dated March 31st, 2015 from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Spring flooding season and the role of the Ministry's Surface Water Monitoring Centre.

C11-MP

- 8.2.4 Letter dated March 2015 from Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon re: Second Reading passed on Bill 36 the *Respecting Private Property Act*.

T.P.

- 8.2.5 Email dated April 1st, 2015 from Ontario Sunset Country re: Invitation to the Annual General Meeting for Ontario's Sunset Country Travel Association to be held in Dryden on Wednesday, April 29th, 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 123

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 8.2.1 to 8.2.5 at the April 15th, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

M03-DO

- 8.3 Letter dated April 7th, 2015 from the Ear Falls Skating Club re: Request to waive the Ice Rental Fee for the day of the dress rehearsal (Friday, March 27th, 2015) and the day of the Annual Ice Show (Saturday, March 28th, 2015).

RESOLUTION NO. 124

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the Ear Falls Skating Club has submitted a letter dated April 7th, 2015 requesting the waiving of the Ice Rental Fee for the day of the dress rehearsal (Friday, March 27th, 2015) and the day of the Annual Ice Show (Saturday, March 28th, 2015);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls agrees to waive the Ear Falls Skating Club's Ice Rental Fees for up to and including sixteen (16) hours/year for the Annual Ice Show set-up, the dress rehearsal, and the Annual Ice Show for the term of Council, December 1st, 2014 to November 30th, 2018.

Carried.

T.P. / A.P.

- 8.4 Travel and attendance to the Municipal Tax Equity Spring Workshop being held in Thunder Bay at the Valhalla Inn on April 23rd, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 125

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Municipal Tax Equity (MTE) Spring Workshop being held in Thunder Bay at the Valhalla Inn on April 23rd, 2015:

- Kimberly Ballance
- Paulette Covell

Carried.

E03-RE

- 8.5 Letter dated March 24th, 2015 from Ontario Clean Water Agency re: 2014 Performance Report for the Ear Falls Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Clarification was requested regarding sludge testing.

RESOLUTION NO. 126

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby received and reviewed the following Report from Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA):

- 2014 Performance Report for the Ear Falls Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Carried.

9 BY-LAWS

9.1 By-Law No. 1943-15, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

T.C.

9.2 By-Law No. 1944-15, a By-Law to Set Tax Rate Reductions for Prescribed Property Subclasses for the Year 2015.

T.C.

9.3 By-Law No. 1945-15, a By-Law to Adopt Optional Tools for the Purposes of Administering Limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes.

T.C.

9.4 By-Law No. 1946-15, a By-Law to Adopt Optional Tools for the Purposes of Administering Limits for Eligible Properties Within the Meaning of Section 331 (New Construction) for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes.

L07-LE

9.5 By-Law No. 1947-15, a By-Law to Authorize the Consolidation of Municipal Property.

RESOLUTION NO. 127

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 1943-15, 1944-15, 1945-15, 1946-15, and 1947-15 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

T.P.

- 11.1 Email dated April 7th, 2015 from Lois Fenton, Curator of the Atikokan Centennial Museum & Historical Park re: Invitation to attend the Atikokan Centennial Museum Spring Meeting of the Sunset Country Museum Network being held on May 15th, 2015 from 9:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Council discussed the current status of the Ear Falls Museum. Council requested additional information about this Meeting prior to making a determination on a travel and attendance motion.

L14-ON

- 11.2 Enhanced Technical Memo dated April 9th, 2015 from Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) re: OCWA Energy Efficiency Program.

Council reviewed the Memo as presented and requested a detailed quote for Item 1.3 (WWTP Aeration System) and 2.6 (High Lift Pumps) which will be combined with a portion of 2.12 (SCADA/PLC).

Council also directed the inclusion of \$10,000 for the Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant operational budgets annually to address some of the smaller recommendations such as insulation, lighting, and replacement of doors and windows.

D02-NW

- 11.3 Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Suggested Projects.

- a) Letter dated April 1st, 2015 from the Ear Falls Firefighters Association.

Council concurred that an inflatable bouncer would be an acceptable use of the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund. A motion will be forthcoming in this regard.

- b) Letter dated April 9th, 2015 from the Ear Falls Fire Department.

Council discussed this request and the importance of the trucks to the Municipal Fire Department operation. Council concurred that further evaluation of this request would be completed as part of the Township's Asset Management Plan prioritization process and financing strategy.

Councillor Desmarais entered the Meeting at this point.

C12-BO

- 11.4 Letter dated March 27th, 2015 from Domtar re: Invitation to be represented on Domtar's Public Advisory Group.

RESOLUTION NO. 128

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Kevin Kahoot be authorized travel and attendance to the Domtar Public Advisory Group Meeting being held on May 6th, 2015 in Dryden, ON at the Best Western Inn and Conference Centre.

Carried.

M03-DO

- 11.5 Letter dated April 7th, 2015 from Darryl Desjardins, Fire Chief / Local Fire Smart Representative re: Request to have Waste Disposal Site Tipping Fees waived on Saturday, May 2nd, 2015 for the disposal of brush, leaves, or clean wood to help promote the Fire Smart Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 129

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls agrees to waive the Waste Disposal Site Tipping Fees for residents of Ear Falls to dispose of brush, leaves, or clean wood on Saturday, May 2nd, 2015 to help promote the Fire Smart Program.

Carried.

T.C.

- 11.6 Report to Council dated April 10th, 2015 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Tax Extension Agreement Proposals.

Council is not in favour of either agreement due to the term length proposed.

12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.1 Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Received notice of concern from a resident about the old Northern Eagle School's safety due to the condition of the building as the roof has partially collapsed. Requested that Administration contact the property owner to remove the old sign to enhance the entry to the municipality.

12.2 Councillor Jim Desmarais

- Highway 105 paving will occur in 2015 from April Road to Jim & Julie's Road.
- Some blasting has occurred near the Perrault Falls Waste Disposal Site and crushing is underway in preparation for the paving project.

- The gravel near Chukuni River will be used to repair Highway 804.

12.3 Councillor Tracey Simon

- Library website update is underway with the support of Ontario Library Service North. A Logo contest will be held to develop a logo for the library.
- Adult Education will be running computer courses shortly. The class times have been advertised and registration figures look positive.

12.4 Councillor Rob Eady

- Chukuni Communities Development Corporation (CCDC) Annual General Meeting – April 2nd, 2015
 - Business Development Committee has leveraged increasing funding over time for the purposed of providing business loans. In 1989 this was 1.5 million and has increased to 6.3 million in 2014.
 - A total of \$983,000 was loaned to businesses in 2015 creating approximately fifty (50) jobs in the area.
 - A total of 160 general and in-depth client counselling sessions on business development were completed in 2014, which led to nine (9) loans being issued for business development in the region.
 - A total of five (5) training workshops were held in 2014 on a range of topics including: Financial Statements to Arrears Collection Processes via Small Claims Court to Business Marketing.
 - The CCDC is also involved in the Youth Enterprise Camp that will be held in Ear Falls this summer.

12.5 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Discussed his work to assist Northern Iron Corporation with furthering their task of addressing energy concerns and fuel availability for the Griffith Mine project. There will be a joint meeting with Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association's Energy Task Force and Northern Iron Representatives next week. A fuel supplier will also be on site to meet with Northern Iron Representatives.
- Met with Chief Martine Petiquan, Wabauskang First Nation and discussed potential meeting dates for a joint meeting between the Councils.
- Sent a request to Chief Clifford Bull, Lac Seul First Nation but have not connected with him yet to discuss potential meeting dates and topics.
- Discussed with Mayor Phil Vinet, Municipality of Red Lake potential topics for a joint meeting and will be planning a meeting for mid-summer.

13 CLOSED MEETING

N/A

14 CLOSED REPORT

N/A

15 ADJOURNMENT

15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 130

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:30 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk