

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #13
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
August 2nd, 2017 @ 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 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.)

RESOLUTION NO. 189

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

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

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

5.1.1 July 5th, 2017 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 190

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

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 August 2nd, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

5.2.1 June 28th, 2017 – Ear Falls Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 191

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the Minutes of Committees numbered 5.2.1 at the August 2nd, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

5.3.1 May 11th, 2017 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes.

5.3.2 April 28th, 2017 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

5.3.3 June 2nd, 2017 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

5.3.4 June 15th, 2017 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 192

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

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 to 5.3.4 at the August 2nd, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1 Correspondence.

C11-MP

7.1.1 Letter dated June 28th, 2017 from the Ministry of Education re: Follow-up regarding the launch of Ontario's Plan to Strengthen Rural and Northern Education.

R02-EA

7.1.2 Letter dated June 28th, 2017 from the Ear Falls Public Library Board re: Thank you for amending the Public Library Budget in regards to their insurance coverage.

***E00-EN**

7.1.3 Letter dated June 19th, 2017 from the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario re: Reducing the energy use of Municipal Water and Wastewater Systems.

A16-NO

7.1.4 Email received July 11th, 2017 Northern Policy Institute re: Invitation to the State of the North Conference being held in Timmins, Ontario on September 27th and 28th, 2017.

P09-AG

7.1.5 Email received July 7th, 2017 from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Changes to Aggregate Fees and Royalties.

M06-ON

7.1.6 Email dated July 12th, 2017 from Ontario News re: Ontario Seeking Feedback on Draft Northern Transportation Strategy.

L11-OM

7.1.7 Letter received July 10th, 2017 from Ombudsman of Ontario re: 2016 – 2017 Annual Report.

A16-EA

7.1.8 Copy of letter dated July 19th, 2017 from EACOM Timber Corporation Chief of Staff and Principal Secretary to the Premier re: Concerns regarding amendments to the Woodland Caribou Policy in relation to Domtar's Dryden mill and EACOM's Ear Falls mill.

A16-EA

7.1.9 Copy of letter dated July 20th, 2017 from EACOM Timber Corporation to Premier Kathleen Wynne re: Concerns regarding

amendments to the Woodland Caribou Policy in relation to the potential closure of the Ear Falls Sawmill.

RESOLUTION NO. 193

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.9 at the August 2nd, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

7.2 Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated July 27th, 2017).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statement – year to date (dated July 27th, 2017) in accordance with By-Law No. 1635-11.

C.O.

7.3 Reports from Departments.

7.3.1 Monthly Report from Marg Trippier, Day Care / Best Start Coordinator re: June.

RESOLUTION NO. 194

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the Reports from Departments numbered 7.3.1 at the July 5th, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

T.P. / A.P.

7.4 Travel and attendance for Karen Climie-Desjardins to attend the 2017 FireCon “Building a PTSD Prevention Community of Practice” Workshop being held in Thunder Bay on September 7th, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 195

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT Karen Climie-Desjardins be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the 2017 FireCon “Building a PTSD Prevention Community of Practice” Workshop being held in Thunder Bay on September 7th, 2017.

Carried.

T.C.

- 7.5 Minutes of Settlement, 2017 Tax Year, Results of Request for Reconsideration, Property Assessment Notice.

RESOLUTION NO. 196

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's Minutes of Settlement for the 2017 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-001-05000-0000	\$34,750 RT	\$3,073 RT

Carried.

T.C.

- 7.6 Minutes of Settlement, 2017 Tax Year, Results of Request for Reconsideration, Property Assessment Notice.

RESOLUTION NO. 197

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's Minutes of Settlement for the 2017 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASE-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-001-20500-0000	\$30,875 RT	\$15,300 RT

Carried.

L14-ON

- 7.7 Letter dated June 28th, 2017 from Ontario Clean Water Agency re: To advise that they are reviewing the hydro analysis information received by the Township with regard to the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants – Energy Efficiency Projects.

RESOLUTION NO. 198

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the letter dated June 28th, 2017 from Ontario Clean Water Agency re: Energy Efficiency Projects – Ear Falls Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Carried.

H11-RE

- 7.8 Letter dated July 3rd, 2017 from Sara Hando re: Resignation from her position as Resource Teacher at the Child's View Day Nursery for the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 199

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Sara Hando from her position as Resource Teacher at the Child's View Day Nursery for the Township of Ear Falls, be accepted with regrets, effective August 7th, 2017.

Carried.

L04-CH

- 7.9 2018 Child Care Budget Submission to the Kenora District Services Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 200

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the 2018 Child Care Budget in the amount of \$411,777.00 be submitted to the Kenora District Services Board for approval; and

FURTHER THAT within the 2018 Child Care Budget, any shortfall be borne by the Kenora District Services Board.

Carried.

T.C.

- 7.10 The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's response to an Application made under Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2017 Tax Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 201

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Municipal Property Assessment

Corporation’s Response to the Application made under Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2017 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-001-20500-0000	\$15,300 RT	\$12,300 RT

Carried.

T.C.

7.11 The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation’s response to an Application made under Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2017 Tax Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 202

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation’s Response to the Application made under Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2017 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-001-00250-0000	\$186,000 CT	\$228,151 RT

Carried.

R05-WA

7.12 Jean Robinson Memorial Bench at the Waterfront Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 203

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Kathy Robinson would like to place a wrought iron bench at the Waterfront Park in memory of Jean Robinson; and

WHEREAS Public Service & Operations Supervisor Perry Dyck has reviewed and approved the site and location;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the installation of the wrought iron bench at the Waterfront Park.

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2099-17, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 204

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law No. 2099-17 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

A16-KE

9.1 Email dated July 3rd, 2017 from Kenora District Services Board re: Update on the Status of the District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) Governance and Accountability Review.

Council reviewed this request as presented. Additional information will be forthcoming.

M02-TR

9.2 Drainage Site improvements at the Waterfront Park requested by David Hoey, Trout Forest Music Festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 205

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls received a letter of request from the Trout Forest Music Festival, dated June 28th, 2017, requesting:

- a) permission to complete additional trenching/drainage tile installation in the camping area; and

WHEREAS the Trout Forest Music Festival has reviewed the proposed work with the Public Service & Operations Supervisor and provided a sketch of the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS the Public Service & Operations Supervisor recommends the approval of the work, and if approved by Council, will provide equipment to support the work;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls hereby permits the requested drainage site improvements in accordance with the attached sketch.

Carried.

A09-PR

9.3 Amendment to the Procurement Policy – Draft.

Council reviewed the Policy as presented and recommended that it be brought back to the next Meeting for adoption.

F00-SC

9.4 Report to Council dated July 26th, 2017 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Removal of 1/3 Tax Exemption for Municipal Councillors.

Council reviewed the data as presented and requested that this item be brought back for further consideration. Council discussed alternative payment options:

- Waiving water bills;
- Waiving tax bills;
- Same net cost to municipality by reducing Council remuneration.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.1 Councillor Rob Eady

- Pleased to see that the unauthorized materials have been removed from the Plaza parking lot, although some materials remain in the plaza laneway that should be removed.

10.2 Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Requested clarification regarding Waste Disposal Site Operations, Recreation Centre summer work, and commercial traffic use on English River Road.

10.3 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Currently working to schedule meetings with Wabauskang First Nation, Lac Seul First Nation, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation Executive Director Bruce Strapp, and MP Bob Nault.

11 CLOSED MEETING

11.1 RESOLUTION NO. 206

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (b) and (d) – Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and, labour relations or employee negotiations – Operational Review.

Carried.

Section 239 (2) (b) and (d) of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended.

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and (d) labour relations or employee negotiations;
- Operational Review.

11.2 RESOLUTION NO. 207

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 7:41 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

12 CLOSED REPORT

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator regarding the Operational Review.

13 ADJOURNMENT

Council requested a letter be sent to Pickle Lake regarding their request for a letter of support. This will be added to the next Regular Meeting of Council Agenda.

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 208

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:43 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk