

# **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS**

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #19  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 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 five (5) members of the public.

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

None Declared.

## **4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

\*E06-IN

4.1 Tim Butters, Stakeholder & Public Affairs, Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)

- Presentation – “Ontario’s Evolving Energy Landscape”

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has been meeting with a number of municipal stakeholders to talk about Ontario’s Evolving Energy Landscape. The IESO is responsible to ensure that there is enough power to meet the province’s energy needs now and for the future.

The IESO released a report this fall called Ontario Planning Outlook. This report provides a 10-year review and a 20-year outlook of Ontario’s electricity system. The State of the System is the review section of the report and it identifies the changes that have occurred in the last decade including the amount of coal-fired generation that has been removed from the energy mix in Ontario. The IESO also considers historical energy demand in Ontario, including conservation trends, changes in demand (both positive and negative), and embedded generation. The long-term energy outlooks consider four different scenarios from a demand level that is lower than current use to a flat demand scenario to a scenario that considers much higher demand levels.

These outlooks are compared to the ability for Ontario to provide the resources required to meet the demand scenarios. Consideration is also given to the impact on emissions.

The IESO analyses the total cost of electricity for the province. From

2006 to 2015 the cost of electricity increased from \$15.5 Billion to \$20.5 Billion. This is quite significant, particularly given that the province had a relatively flat demand history during the same period. The electricity system cost outlook appears to be relatively flat at approximately \$20 Billion until 2034.

Conservation programs were discussed with various options available for residential and businesses through Save On Energy.

The IESO also performs regional and province-wide planning and is working to engage more municipalities to strengthen their planning process.

Council requested clarification on the timeline for submitting comments about the Ontario Planning Outlook.

Clarification was requested on the difference in figures between slide 3 and slide 6 figures related to installed capacity as there was a difference of 36 GW vs 39 GW.

Council identified concerns with the size of the northern planning region given the capacity and likelihood for growth in the region. Increasing generation and capacity in northern communities is important.

Council thanked Mr. Butters for his presentation.

#### S08-NO

- 4.2 Carol Baron, Northwestern Health Unit Board Representative for Ear Falls and Red Lake
- Northwestern Health Unit Board Update

Mayor Kahoot advised that Councillor Baron was unable to attend the Meeting but will be rescheduling in the new year.

#### L14-ON

- 4.3 Johanna Kirkbride, Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA)
- To show appreciation for the partnership with Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) over the many years.

Ms. Kirkbride thanked Council for the opportunity to partner with the Township in the Water and Wastewater Treatment Operations and noted her appreciation for the professional relationship that Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) has had with Public Service & Operations and Administration. She noted that OCWA will be endeavouring to provide a smooth transition as Northern Waterworks Inc. takes over operations.

Council thanked Ms. Kirkbride for her presentation.

Mayor Kahoot welcomed Councillor Sutton as the new Deputy Mayor for the

Township of Ear Falls and thanked Councillor Simon for her service as the Deputy Mayor over the past year.

## **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. 8.6.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 299**

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

**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 November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.1.2 November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 300**

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

**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 to 5.1.2 at the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

5.2.1 October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Ear Falls Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

5.2.2 October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO.301

Moved by Tracey Simon. 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 to 5.2.2 at the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

5.3.1 November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting #10 Agenda.

5.3.2 October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting #9 Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 302

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 5.3.2 at the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

**6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

None.

**7 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

C.O.

7.1 Reports from Departments.

None.

**8 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

8.1 Correspondence.

S08-NO

8.1.1 Letter dated October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from the Northwestern Health Unit re: Resource-based toolkit to assist Boards of Health to

educate its members.

S08-NO

8.1.2 Letter dated November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 from the Northwestern Health Unit re: Survey results show that minimum wage and social assistance rates are not in keeping with increasing food costs.

F11-ON

8.1.3 Letter dated November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from the Ministry of Finance re: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) municipal allocations for 2017.

L04-LA

8.1.4 Email dated November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 from Local Authority Services (LAS) re: Electricity Program pricing details for 2017.

M06-ON

8.1.5 Email dated November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 from Ontario News re: Ontario seeking public input to develop the 2017 Budget.

A01-MU

8.1.6 Email dated November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Communications re: New legislative changes introduced that have direct impact for Municipal Governments.

A16-ON

8.1.7 Letter dated November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from Hydro One Networks Inc. re: Planned wood pole replacement program on the 115 kilovolt transmission structures (Circuit E2R) in Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 303

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 documents numbered 8.1.1 to 8.1.7 at the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C12-BO

8.2 Appointment to Municipal Boards and Committees.

RESOLUTION NO. 304

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Boards and Committees Appointments for the Township of Ear Falls be approved as per the attached; and

FURTHER THAT the Appointments be for the term of this present Council; and

FURTHER THAT travel and attendance to the Board / Committee Meetings be hereby authorized for the appointed Representative.

Carried.

D.C. / T.C.

8.3 2016 Uncollectables and Write-Offs.

RESOLUTION NO. 305

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT \$36,427.86 be written off in 2016 as per Schedule “A”; and

FURTHER THAT \$123,200.48 be set up as Allowance for Uncollectables in 2016 as per Schedule “B”.

Carried.

F.C. / P.C.

8.4 Ear Falls Volunteer Firefighter Position.

RESOLUTION NO. 306

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the following individual, as recommended by Fire Chief Darryl Desjardins, be approved as a Volunteer Firefighter subject to the submission of an acceptable medical recommendation and Vulnerable Sector Check:

- Randy Schmidt

Carried.

D.C.

8.5 Establishing 2016 Reserves.

RESOLUTION NO. 307

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

WHEREAS Revenues for 2016 were greater than anticipated and Expenses in some areas were less than anticipated;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Reserves be established for 2016:

Contingencies Reserve	\$ 24,802.03
Working Fund Reserve	\$141,596.15
Fire Department Reserve	\$ 9,629.00
Dr. Residence Reserve	\$ 4,000.00
Equipment Reserve	\$ 804.87
Economic Development Officer / Office Reserve	\$ 16,210.00
Corporate Structure / Multiplex Reserve	\$ 4,500.00
Recreation Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Wastewater Treatment Plant Reserve Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Waterline Reserve Fund	\$ 5,992.00
Water / Wastewater Reserve	\$ 45.43
Total Reserves	<u>\$227,579.48</u>

Carried.

A16-MU

- 8.6 Submission of a letter to Municipal Property Assessment Corporation re: Assessment for 2015 and 2016 on Roll Number: 6042-000-001-00100-0000.

Clarification was requested on the Township's option to appeal a negotiated settlement and the use of the LT Tax ratio to address shifts in taxation.

RESOLUTION NO. 308

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached letter to Municipal Property Assessment Corporation regarding the Assessment for Tax Years 2015 and 2016 on Roll Number: 6042-000-001-00100-0000.

Carried.

A16-KE

- 8.7 Letter dated November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from the Ear Falls Public School re: Request to borrow twenty-five (25) tables for their Christmas Lunch being held on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 309

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Rental Fee for twenty-five (25) tables be waived for the Ear Falls Public School Christmas Lunch being held on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Carried.

Clarification was requested on Item No. 9.2.

9.1 By-Law No. 2043-16, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

D14-RO

9.2 By-Law No. 2044-16, a By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 1010-02, as Amended, the Zoning By-Law for the Township of Ear Falls with Respect to Lands Described Legally as Plan M342, Lot 7, t/w Part 7, Plan 23R-8773, Pcl. 7263, and Plan M342, Lot 8, t/w Parts 2 and 8, Plan 23R-8773, Pcl. 7262 in the Township of Ear Falls.

Clarification was requested on the difference between the RR-1 and RR-2 exception zones and the requirement for this amendment.

F03-AU

9.3 By-Law No. 2045-16, a By-Law to Appoint a Municipal Auditor.

T.C.

9.4 By-Law No. 2046-16, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Tax Extension Agreement Pursuant to Section 378 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25*, as Amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 310

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 Nos. 2043-16, 2044-16, 2045-16, and 2046-16 as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **10 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

### **11 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

A04-ON

11.1 2017 Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Conference Delegations.

Council proposed the following topics:

- Ministry of Infrastructure – Water Treatment Plant Low-Lift Pumping Station;
- Ministry of Northern Development and Mines – Water Treatment Plant Low-Lift Pumping Station; Parks & Playgrounds Plan Implementation;



- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Moose Hunting and the impact that regulation changes have had on the community; cottage lot development;
- Ministry of Finance;
- Ministry of Government and Consumer Services – ServiceOntario;
- Ministry of Transportation – Intermodal transportation plan; and
- Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care – the new requirement for people to go to Thunder Bay instead of Winnipeg for specialist appointments.

A04-KE

11.2 2017 Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Conference and Annual General Meeting Resolutions.

Council proposed a motion on the Intercommunity Transportation needs for the Kenora District.

A08-SE

11.3 ServiceOntario

- a) Band Council Resolution – Wabauskang First Nation re: ServiceOntario.

Council discussed ServiceOntario provision as a potential shared service with Wabauskang. Council discussed potential opportunities for federal funding availability to subsidize the service.

11.4 Letter dated November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 from News Starts for Women Inc. re: Request for assistance to attain Second Stage Housing in Red Lake.

Council discussed this request and recommended a letter be drafted to Kenora District Services Board recommending that any social housing units in Ear Falls that are proposed to be removed from the social housing envelope be moved to Red Lake as a means to support the News Starts for Women Inc. project.

D02-NW

11.5 Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval List.

- a) Letter dated October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from Matt Barrow, President of the Ear Falls Legion Branch 238 – Purchase of a big screen television.

RESOLUTION NO. 311

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

WHEREAS Council deems that the project identified on the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, complies with the Reserve Fund

Criteria;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the project, in accordance with the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as attached.

Carried.

- b) Ear Falls Legion Branch 238 – New Year’s Eve Celebration, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 312

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

WHEREAS Council deems that the project identified on the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, complies with the Reserve Fund Criteria;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the project, in accordance with the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as attached.

Carried.

R06-UL

- 11.6 Report to Council dated December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Ultimate Pass – Clarification of Terms.

Council discussed the policies, practices and procedures that are in place and agreed with the Report to Council as presented. Administration will bring the relevant By-Laws back to the next Regular Meeting with modified language for Council’s consideration.

A16-EA

- 11.7 Report to Council dated November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Waste Disposal Site Request – EACOM / Ear Falls Sawmill.

RESOLUTION NO. 313

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council dated November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and titled Waste Disposal Site Request – EACOM / Ear Falls Sawmill at the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

R04-PA

11.8 Parks and Playgrounds Plan – Final.

RESOLUTION NO. 314

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Ear Falls is committed to providing play spaces within the community and developed the Draft Parks and Playgrounds Plan, dated July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, to identify service levels and guide the enhancement of play spaces; and

WHEREAS Council has received and reviewed the comments provided from members of the community in response to the Draft Parks and Playgrounds Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls adopts the Parks and Playgrounds Plan, dated December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, to guide the enhancement of play spaces; and

FURTHER THAT Council directs Administration to implement the Parks and Playgrounds Plan in accordance with budget allocations for 2017 and 2018; and

FURTHER THAT a Report on implementation progress be provided by Administration annually.

Carried.

## **12 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

### **12.1 Councillor Tracey Simon**

- Ear Falls Public Library Board Meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
  - The Public Library Board's Human Resources Committee will be making a recommendation to the Board at the Meeting for the Library Director / CEO position.
- Red Lake Senior's Dinner on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
  - Attended and brought greetings on behalf of Ear Falls.

### **12.2 Councillor Daniel Sutton**

- Kenora District Services Board upcoming Budget Meeting.
  - It appears there will be a number of large investments in Ear Falls.

### **12.3 Mayor Kevin Kahoot**

- Ear Falls Senior's Dinner – December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.
  - Brought greetings on behalf of Council. The dinner was put on by the Ear Falls Lion's Club, and he thanked the club for their

support in the community.

### **13 CLOSED MEETING**

#### **13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 315**

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (b) and (c) – Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees; and, A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board. – Tax Arrears Registration (6042-000-002-08174-0000).

Carried.

Section 239 (2) (b) and (c) 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, A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.
- Tax Arrears Registration (6042-000-002-08174-0000)

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 316**

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 8:35 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

### **14 CLOSED REPORT**

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator regarding Tax Arrears Registration (6042-000-002-08174-0000).

### **15 ADJOURNMENT**

#### **15.1 RESOLUTION NO. 317**

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:35 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk