

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of Ear Falls Council
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
January 29th, 2020 @ 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 David Carroll, Councillor Rob Eady, Councillor Wendy Pearson, Councillor Daniel Sutton, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and two (2) members of the public.

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A16-ON

- 4.1 Staff Sergeant Matt Norlock
- Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Presentation

Staff Sergeant Norlock provided the 2019 Annual Policing Report for Ear Falls. Ear Falls' calls for service have decreased by 14.5% from 2019 to 2018, while Red Lake calls have remained relatively constant and Pikanjikum calls have increased by 5.3%. Staff Sergeant Norlock provided a high-level overview of how the Red Lake Detachment provides service within these communities based on available staffing and calls for service.

Staff Sergeant Norlock provided information about crime statistics including collision reporting, violent crime, property crime, and drug crime. Notably, there were no fatal collisions within the municipality in 2019, and generally collisions are declining. Violent crime has seen a slight increase of 3.3% and a majority of assaults are related to alcohol-related, domestic abuse. Property crime and drug crime were both down overall, with decreases of 36% and 66% respectively. Drug crime has seen a significant downturn, which is primarily tied to the legalization of marijuana, however methamphetamine use is a growing concern throughout the Red Lake Detachment catchment area, and the region generally.

Staff Sergeant Norlock identified that some of these crime statistics decreases are related to the reduction in the number of officers present in the community, and do not necessarily show a true reduction in the amount of crime occurring. Examples of this can be seen in the reduction in speeding offences by 17.8%.

Staff Sergeant Norlock provided a staffing update and noted that Ear Falls currently has a shortage of staff. One new recruit will be starting on February 2nd, 2020 and the remaining vacancy will likely last until Fall 2020.

Clarification was requested on the vacancies created through officers who are on long-term income replacement and the impact on the municipality's costs for these positions. Council also commended OPP staff on their participation in local events.

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. 6.1.

RESOLUTION NO. 001

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 December 16th, 2019 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 002

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by David Carroll.

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 January 29th, 2020 Special Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

None.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

5.3.1 October 10th, 2019 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes.

5.3.2 November 7th, 2019 – Kenora District Services Board Special Meeting Minutes.

5.3.3 January 6th, 2020 – Red Lake District Resource Management Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes.

5.3.4 December 12th, 2019 – Kenora District Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 003

Moved by David Carroll. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

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 January 29th, 2020 Special Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

*F18-SP

6.1 Tender – Splash Park – Ear Falls, Ontario.

Council requested clarification on the final site location – and noted that the Willow Crescent site was preferred.

RESOLUTION NO. 004

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the proposal submitted by Diamond Head Sprinklers Inc. for the design, supply and installation of a Splash Pad and amenities for the Township of Ear Falls at a cost of \$299,000.00 plus applicable taxes; and

FURTHER THAT the funds for this project that exceed the 2019 Budget allocation shall be funded through the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund / Efficiency and Modernization Reserve.

Carried.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1 Correspondence.

***L11-PO**

7.1.1 Letter dated December 16th, 2019 from the Honourable Minister Todd Smith, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services re: Development of a new five-year strategy of Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy.

L11-BU

7.1.2 Letter received December 16th, 2019 from the Honourable Minister Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Transforming and modernizing the delivery of Ontario's Building Code services.

L06-IN

7.1.3 Letter received December 18th, 2019 from Frank Cowan Company re: Notification of the acquisition of the Frank Cowan Company by Intact Financial Corporation (IFC) and a brief overview.

D05-TI

7.1.4 Notice received January 9th, 2020 from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Minor Land Use amendment of Lac Seul and Red Lake General Use Areas to permit the disposition of Crown land for cottage lot development within the Township of Ear Falls.

A16-MU

7.1.5 Email dated January 16th, 2020 from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation re: the 2019 Year-End Assessment Report.

M06-ON

7.1.6 News Release dated January 17th, 2020 from Ontario News re: Ontario to invest \$200 million in small, rural and northern communities to help build and repair local roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure.

M06-ON

7.1.7 News Release dated January 20th, 2020 from Ontario News re: New intake for the Rural Economic Development (RED) program and three broadband projects.

M06-ON

7.1.8 News Release dated January 20th, 2020 from Ontario News re: announcement to maintain the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) for 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 005

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by David Carroll.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the document numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.8 at the January 29th, 2020 Special Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

7.2 Reports from Departments / Boards / Committees.

7.2.1 Monthly Report from Economic Development Officer Michelle Hiscox – December.

RESOLUTION NO. 006

Moved by Wendy Pearson. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the Report from Departments numbered 7.2.1 at the January 29th, 2020 Special Meeting of Council.

Carried.

7.3 Financial Operations Statements – year to date (dated January 21st, 2020).

Council reviewed the Financial Operations Statements – year to date (dated January 21st, 2020) in accordance with By-Law No. 1635-11.

A.P.

7.4 Travel and attendance to the Public Health and Emergency Health Services consultation session held in Niisaachewan Anishinabe Nation at the Economic Development Centre of Excellence on January 22nd, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 007

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

RESOLVED THAT Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Public Health and Emergency Health Services consultation session held in Niisaachewan Anishinabe Nation at the Economic Development Centre of Excellence on January 22nd, 2020.

Carried.

L04-CH

7.5 2019 Revised Early Years' Service Contract received December 31st, 2019 from the Kenora District Services Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 008

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer Administrator be hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls the 2019 Revised Early Years' Service Contract from the Kenora District Services Board as attached.

Carried.

M01-NO

7.6 Cancellation of the February 4th, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 009

Moved by Wendy Pearson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT, due to a lack of quorum, the following Regular Meeting of Council be hereby cancelled:

- Tuesday, February 4th, 2020

Carried.

T.P.

7.7 Travel and attendance to the G290 Basic Public Information (PIO) FEMA Certified Program being held in Thunder Bay on November 4th and 5th, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 010

Moved by David Carroll. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

WHEREAS the role of Public Information Officer is required by the Township's Emergency Management Plan; and

WHEREAS the Amethyst Sector, comprised of all municipalities in Northwestern Ontario, has been trying to host a Public Information Officer training session for more than five (5) years, to address the advanced use of technology and social media platforms during emergency situations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Public Information Officer Darlene Stone be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the G290 Basic Public Information (PIO) FEMA Certified Program being held in Thunder Bay on November 4th and 5th, 2020.

Carried.

*F11-IN

- 7.8 Submission of an Application for funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Green Infrastructure Stream for a Wastewater Treatment Plant Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulation (WSER) Dechlorination Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 011

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

RESOLVED THAT Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance is authorized and directed to submit an Application for funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Green Infrastructure Stream for a Wastewater Treatment Plant Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulation (WSER) Dechlorination Project.

Carried.

A.R.

- 7.9 Letter dated January 22nd, 2020 from the Royal Canadian Legion, Ear Falls Branch No. 238 re: Request to reduce the Rental Fee for the upstairs of the Recreation Centre to provide Bar Services for the Shamrock 2020 Hockey Tournament on March 13th and 14th, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 012

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the rental rate for the Second Floor of the Arena (with an S.O.P.) is \$43.50/hour; and

WHEREAS the Ear Falls Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 238 has proposed a rental rate of \$43.50/day for the provision of Bar Services for the Shamrock 2020 Hockey Tournament on March 13th and 14th, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls hereby accepts the proposal from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 238 to rent the Second Floor of the Arena (with an S.O.P) at a rate of \$43.50/day for the Shamrock 2020 Hockey Tournament on March 13th and 14th, 2020.

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

- 8.1 By-Law No. 2277-20, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L04-NO

- 8.2 By-Law No. 2278-20, a By-Law to Enter into a Contract for Water

and Wastewater Treatment Facility Operation and Maintenance
Services with Northern Waterworks Inc.

F11-MA

- 8.3 By-Law No. 2279-20, a By-Law to Authorize an Amendment to the Municipal Funding Agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for Ontario's Main Street Revitalization Initiative.

F04-BA

- 8.4 By-Law No. 2280-20, a By-Law to Authorize the Borrowing of \$750,000.00 Pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, C. 25, Section 407 (1)*, as Amended.

F00-TA

- 8.5 By-Law No. 2281-20, a By-Law to Provide an Interim Tax Levy and for Monthly Interest for Non-Payment by the Due Date.

RESOLUTION NO. 013

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 2277-20, 2278-20, 2279-20, 2280-20, and 2281-20 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

A04-KE

- 9.1 Proposed Resolutions for the 2020 Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Conference.

RESOLUTION NO. 014

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by David Carroll.

RESOLVED THAT the attached Resolution be forwarded to the 2020 Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Annual General Meeting for consideration.

Carried.

D14-CO

- 9.2 Report to Council dated January 21st, 2020 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Review of Zoning By-Law Amendment No. 2060-17.

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator

regarding the requirement for compliance.

A.P.

- 9.3 Letter dated December 20th, 2019 from Asubpeeschoseewagong Netum Anishinabek, Grassy Narrows First Nation re: Invitation to attend a stakeholder meeting with Grassy Narrows to discuss the steps Grassy Narrows is taking to establish an Indigenous and Protected Area over a part of Grassy Narrows' Traditional Territory being held in Kenora, Ontario on Thursday, February 6th, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 015

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

RESOLVED THAT the following be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the meeting with Grassy Narrows to discuss the steps Grassy Narrows is taking to establish an Indigenous and Protected Area over a part of Grassy Narrows' Traditional Territory being held in Kenora, Ontario on Thursday, February 6th, 2020:

- Kimberly Ballance

Carried.

C12-BO

- 9.4 Report to Council dated January 22nd, 2020 from Michelle Hiscox, Economic Development Officer re: Starter Company Regional Grant Committee Appointment.

RESOLUTION NO. 016

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Economic Development Officer Michelle Hiscox be appointed to the Starter Company Regional Grant Committee as a representative of the Kenora District; and

FURTHER THAT the Appointment be for the term of this present Council.

Carried.

T.C.

- 9.5 Report to Council dated January 22nd, 2020 from the Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Registration of Properties for Tax Arrears.

RESOLUTION NO. 017

Moved by David Carroll. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS there are nine (9) properties that should be registered for tax arrears in accordance with Section 373 (1) of the Municipal Act.

RESOLVED THAT Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, is authorized and directed to register nine (9) properties for arrears of taxes; and

FURTHER THAT the fee for this service be borne by the property owner.

Carried.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.1 Councillor Wendy Pearson

- Community and Economic Development Committee (CEDC) Meeting
 - Discussed the Shop Local campaign which was very good with a lot of participation. The Committee did an evaluation of the campaign and will likely shorten it next time to 4-6 weeks.
 - Winterfest is coming up with planning activities underway and the CEDC is also discussing the development of a Fall Fair as a new event for Fall 2020.

10.2 Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) Meeting – January
 - Barry Baltessen remains the Board Chair. Councillor Sutton advised that he has stepped down from two internal Committees in December 2019, namely the Audit and Governance Committees, due to the time commitment for his ongoing participation. The KDSB has identified that Red Lake's transitional Housing Project has been a huge success and this will hopefully continue in Sioux Lookout and Kenora. The KDSB's homeless shelter in Kenora is running again but not as a full service hub. They will be working to bring all the service back to the shelter. The KDSB has also applied for funding for a Kenora Street Patrol.

10.3 Councillor David Carroll

- Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Toronto
 - Learned a lot from his participation at the Conference as this is the first large municipal Conference that he has attended.

10.4 Councillor Rob Eady

- Whispering Pines Seniors Centre is hosting a winter activity event from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Legion. They are playing rocks & rings (floor curling), shuffleboard, cribbage, crokinole, and cards. The bar is not open during this time, however coffee is available. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

10.5 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Toronto
 - Kenora District Services Board district municipal members and staff met with a number of Ministers and Parliamentary Assistants to provide an update on the needs of the district. Good dialogue at this Meeting.
 - Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association Executive also met with a number of Ministers about regional issues including crown land use, regional transportation services and the need to twin or use a 2+1 laneway for Highway 17. The additional lane would be a passing lane that would alternate for the full length of the highway.
 - Attended Minister Greg Rickford's Round Table Meeting and discussed Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation funding and potential projects in the area.
 - Met briefly with Andrea Horvath, NDP MPP & Party Leader
- Nuclear Waste Management Organization Meeting – Met for an update on the site selection process to date. Technical research is still ongoing in the two communities that remain involved in the process.
- Met with Frank Cowan representatives who advised that the Township will have a new account representative under Intact.

11 CLOSED MEETING

N/A

12 CLOSED REPORT

N/A

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 018

Moved by David Carroll. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT this Special Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:20 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk