

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #8  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kevin Kahoot called the Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**2 ROLL CALL**

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

This Meeting was conducted electronically by teleconference due to the declaration of a Provincial Emergency – Human Health Emergency (COVID-19 Pandemic).

**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 Nos. 7.1.3 and 7.5.

RESOLUTION NO. 122

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 – 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 June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 123

Moved by Rob Eady. 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 June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

None.

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5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

5.3.1 May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Red Lake District Resource Management Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 124

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 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations numbered 5.3.1 at the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

**6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

None.

**7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

7.1 Correspondence.

P03-CO

7.1.1 News Release dated June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 from Ontario News re: Ontario Government extends the Declaration of Emergency to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

A16-NA

7.1.2 Letter dated June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Cancellation of the Northwest Region Jack Pine Budworm 2020 Insect Pest Management Program.

F11-IN

7.1.3 Email dated June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from the Ministry of Infrastructure re: Notification that the Township's application for funding under the first intake of the Green Funding stream for the Wastewater Treatment Plant WSER Dechlorination Project, was not accepted.

Council requested that this matter be raised at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Virtual Conference as a delegation and as a topic for discussion with the Federal Government.

RESOLUTION NO. 125

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 document numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.3 at the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

7.2 Reports from Departments / Boards / Committees.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 126

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 Report from Departments numbered 7.2.1 at the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

7.3 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – year to date (dated June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020).

Council reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – year to date (dated June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020) in accordance with By-Law No. 2283-20.

L04-KE / L04-CH

7.4 Letter dated May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from the Kenora District Services Board

re: Ear Falls Child Care Services Agreement – Termination.

RESOLUTION NO. 127

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the letter dated May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from the Kenora District Services Board re: Ear Falls Child Care Services Agreement – Termination, as attached.

Carried.

S.D.

- 7.5 Travel and attendance to the Tourism Matters Rally being held by Tourist Operators in Northwestern Ontario seeking Government support for their losses due to COVID-19, being held Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Vermilion Bay.

It was noted that travel motions passed after the event were not appropriate procedurally, however Council discussed that the event and the Economic Development Officer's participation at it were reviewed at the last Regular Meeting of Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 128

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT Economic Development Officer Michelle Hiscox be hereby authorized travel and attendance to the Tourism Matters Rally being held by Tourist Operators in Northwestern Ontario seeking Government support for their losses due to COVID-19, being held Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Vermilion Bay.

Carried.

**8 BY-LAWS**

- 8.1 By-Law No. 2302-20, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L04-WA

- 8.2 By-Law No. 2303-20, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with LTL Environmental for Temporary Use of the Ear Falls Waste Disposal Site.

A09-RE

- 8.3 By-Law No. 2304-20, a By-Law to Amend the Recreation Rules Policy for the Township of Ear Falls.

A09-HE

8.4 By-Law No. 2305-20, a By-Law to Amend the Municipal Health & Safety Program Policy and Procedures Manual for the Township of Ear Falls.

RESOLUTION NO. 129

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 2302-20, 2303-20, 2304-20, and 2305-20 as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

A04-MU

9.1 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Virtual Conference Delegations.

Council recommended that the following delegation requests be submitted:

- Ministry of Infrastructure – Water Treatment Plant Low Lift Pumping Station Rehabilitation Project
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and Ministry of Northern Development and Mines – Cottage Lot / Crown Land Development

Council discussed the Meeting that was previously planned for the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer Administrator to meet with Premier Ford and Minister Rickford regarding Cottage Lot development. This will continue to be pursued when travel restrictions are lifted following the pandemic.

P03-CO

9.2 COVID-19 Update – A Framework for Reopening our Province – Stage 2.

Council reviewed the Stage 2 information as presented. Locally, the Municipal Office is back in operations with health and safety procedures in place as adopted earlier in the Meeting.

Requests have been submitted to the funding agencies about moving Summer Student positions to jobs that can be maintained safely during the pandemic. The Township is currently awaiting a response from the funding agencies and, if successful, will post for these positions.

M02-EV

- 9.3 Report to Council dated June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from Economic Development Officer Michelle Hiscox re: Drive-In Theatre.

Council discussed this Report as presented and the municipality will consider this if it is able to find a person or organization interested in hosting this type of event, ideally as a fundraising opportunity for a service club.

A09-OP

- 9.4 Report to Council dated June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Online / Telephone – Credit Card Payments.

Council concurred with moving forward with implementing modern payment methods and directed the Clerk Treasurer Administrator to take steps necessary to implement.

D02-NW

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

- a) Ear Falls Canada Day Committee – Request for donation for Fireworks - \$2,500.00.

Council concurred with the request, and discussed the composition of the Ear Falls Canada Day Committee in light of their Chair moving out of town. Staff will follow up to verify that the Committee will remain operational.

## **10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

### 10.1 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Tourism Rally in Vermilion Bay
  - Mayors in the Kenora District did not attend the rally due to their promotion of the Municipal Emergency Community Group recommended best practices about not holding large gatherings and maintaining physical distancing during the pandemic. There were also some other legal and political considerations to consider. Mayors in the region have been, and will continue to, work with the government at various levels to ensure that Tourism is recognized as a critical part of the regional economic recovery strategy.
- A Regional Meeting being held on Friday with Minister Rickford via Zoom.

## **11 CLOSED MEETING**

### 11.1 RESOLUTION NO. 130

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (c) – A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board. – Plan M630, Lot 5, Pcl 5945.

Carried.

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

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board;
- Plan M630, Lot 5, Pcl 5945

#### 11.2 RESOLUTION NO. 131

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 7:49 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

### 12 CLOSED REPORT

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator regarding the disposition of Plan M630, Lot 5, Pcl 5945.

### 13 ADJOURNMENT

#### 13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 132

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:49 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk