

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #14  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
October 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 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. 204**

Moved by David Carroll. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

**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 October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 205

Moved by Wendy Pearson. 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 October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

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5.2 Minutes of Committees.

None.

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5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

5.3.1 August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting of the Board of Management Minutes.

5.3.2 May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Regular Board Meeting #6 Minutes.

5.3.3 May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Special Board Meeting Minutes.

5.3.4 June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Special Board Meeting Minutes.

5.3.5 July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Special Board Meeting Minutes.

5.3.6 August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Special Board Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 206

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 5.3.6 at the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

**6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

None.

## 7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

### 7.1 Correspondence.

P00-F

7.1.1 Communique dated October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from the Ontario Fire Marshal re: Staffing levels and firefighter safety.

RESOLUTION NO. 207

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 document numbered 7.1.1 at the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

### 7.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – year to date (dated October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020).

Council reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – year to date (dated October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020) in accordance with By-Law No. 2283-20.

F00-SC

### 7.3 Subscriptions and Memberships Listing Renewal – 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 208

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

RESOLVED THAT the Subscriptions and Memberships as per the attached be renewed for the year 2021.

Carried.

F00-TA / F02-AC / F02-WA

### 7.4 Waiving of penalties for the Township of Ear Falls Water / Sewer, Property Tax, and Miscellaneous Receivable Accounts for the November to December, 2020 period.

RESOLUTION NO. 209

Moved by Wendy Pearson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the COVID-19 Pandemic is having a financial impact on residents and businesses in Ear Falls; and

WHEREAS Council deems it to be in the best interest of the community to cease penalty application for all municipal receivables;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk Treasurer Administrator is authorized to not charge penalties on municipal receivables for the November 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 period; and

FURTHER THAT standard penalty application will resume on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, unless otherwise resolved by Council.

Carried.

L14-AR

7.5 Repeal Resolution No. 311-04, dated May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004 re: Arena Board Advertising Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 210

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

WHEREAS Resolution No. 311-04, dated May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004 approved a Report to Council which described the Arena Board Advertising Program; and

WHEREAS the Ad Board rates are now included in the Schedule of Fees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Clerk Treasurer Administrator to continue to administer an Arena Board Advertising program at the Ear Falls Recreation Centre in accordance with the annual Schedule of Fees; and

FURTHER THAT Resolution No. 311-04 is hereby repealed.

Carried.

## **8 BY-LAWS**

8.1 By-Law No. 2318-20, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

A20-WA / L04-WA

8.2 By-Law No. 2319-20, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Evolution Mining for Temporary Use of the Ear Falls Waste Disposal Site.

F00-SC

8.3 By-Law No. 2320-20, a By-Law to Amend the Schedule of Fees.

F02-WA

8.4 By-Law No. 2321-20, a By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 2271-19, Being a By-Law to Amend the Water and Sewer Billing Fee Schedule.

RESOLUTION NO. 211-04

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby consider By-Law Nos. 2318-20, 2319-20, 2320-20, and 2321-20 as passed.

Carried.

**PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

**9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

A19-CO

9.1 Community Health Centre – Potential Renovations.

RESOLUTION NO. 212

Moved by Wendy Pearson. Seconded by David Carroll.

WHEREAS the Ear Falls Community Health Centre Inc. is seeking financial support from the Township of Ear Falls for the completion of tender drawings and specifications for a renovation to the reception desk at the Clinic to improve patient privacy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes and directs the Clerk Treasurer Administrator to take actions necessary to procure the tender drawings and specifications for the work identified in the Report to Council re: Community Health Centre – Reception Desk Renovation dated August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020; and

FURTHER THAT this be funded through the Medical Centre Reserve (XL60-6000-9758).

Carried.

A07-EQ

9.2 Report to Council dated October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Dental Office Request – Equipment Replacement – Sterilizer.

RESOLUTION NO. 213

Moved by David Carroll. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the purchase of a Midmark M11 Sterilizer complete with thermal printer / data logger at a cost of \$10,064 plus HST; and

FURTHER THAT this be funded through the Medical Centre Reserve

(XL60-6000-9758).

Carried.

C09-GE

- 9.3 Email dated October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from Gerry Cariou, Executive Director of the Norwestario Travel Association Inc. re: Letter from Mayor Doug Lawrence to Minister Joly, Federal Tourism Minister, requesting support for the local Tourism Industry.

Council discussed the impact of COVID-19 on the tourism sector, as well as the spin-offs to tertiary businesses within the Township of Ear Falls. Council concurred with sending a letter of a general nature to the Minister that expresses the difficulty that local businesses are having reacting to the impacts of the pandemic.

## 10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.1 Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) Meeting last week
  - Day Care was discussed at the meeting, but he had to leave the meeting early so is following up with KDSB staff for an update.

10.2 Councillor Rob Eady

- Dutchie Loman has provided notice of his retirement from the Chukuni Communities Development Corporation Board, after many years of service. He will remain a member of the Business Development Committee. Therefore the Board has a vacancy and they will be looking for a new Board member from Ear Falls. Interested parties should contact Cathy Quesnel.

10.3 Mayor Kahoot

- Discussion with staff from Minister Rickford's office about the impact that the pandemic is having on local business. They have been querying municipalities about what the impact would be locally of pushing areas back to Stage 2. This would be hugely detrimental to local businesses and local facilities, such as the arena, in Ear Falls. The Provincial Public Health model appears to show another crest of COVID-19 cases in January / February 2021.

## 11 CLOSED MEETING

11.1 RESOLUTION NO. 214

Moved by Wendy Pearson. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (e) – Litigation or potential litigation, including

matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. – Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

Carried.

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

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

#### 11.2 RESOLUTION NO. 215

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by David Carroll.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 7:35 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

### 12 CLOSED REPORT

Council reviewed information about a Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) appeal.

### 13 ADJOURNMENT

#### 13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 216

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:36 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk