

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #06
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
April 6th, 2021 @ 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, and Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

L04-NO

4.1 Jason LeBlanc and Brigette Jette, Northern Waterworks Inc.

- Annual Report review;
- Updates on the blower installation and the dechlorination plan for the Waste Water Treatment Plant;
- Updates on the Low Lift Pump / Priming issues at the Water Treatment Plant; and
- The impact of leak repair on chemical usage.

Presentation has been rescheduled due to the Government of Ontario's Emergency Break / Shutdown.

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. 7.1.1 and 7.3.

RESOLUTION NO. 076

Moved by Daniel Sutton. 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 March 16th, 2021 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 077

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

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 April 6th, 2021 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 January 28th, 2021 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 078

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by David Carroll.

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 April 6th, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1 Correspondence.

D05-TI

7.1.1 Notice received March 16th, 2021 from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: a minor amendment review of the Trout Lake Forest 2019-2021 Contingency Plan.

Council requested clarification on the Forest Management Planning process.

D05-TI

7.1.2 Letter dated March 15th, 2021 from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Public Inspection of the Trout Lake Forest 2021-2022 Annual Work Schedule.

D05-TI

7.1.3 Notice received March 16th, 2021 from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: 2021-2022 Annual Work Schedules for the Red Lake, Trout Lake, and Whitefeather Forests.

P15-CO

7.1.4 Notice received March 17th, 2021 from the Red Lake / Ear Falls Mobile Crisis Response Program re: Offer of daytime support to those experiencing a mental health or addictions crisis which is in addition to the Regional Crisis Line.

P03-CO

7.1.5 Letter dated March 3rd, 2021 from the Red Lake District Adult Learning Centre re: Request for sponsorship and becoming a Corporate Member of the community based literacy and basic skills upgrading program.

7.1.6 Newsletter from Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) re: Northwestern Investment Attraction Report Summary.

P03-CO

7.1.7 Letter dated March 12th, 2021 from the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force re: A major milestone of administering over 1,000,000 doses of vaccine in Ontario as well as a key milestone in protecting remote and isolated indigenous communities.

P03-CO

7.1.8 News Release dated March 24th, 2021 from Ontario News re: the 2021 Budget includes Ontario's Action Plan to protect people's health and the economy.

P03-CO

7.1.9 News Release dated March 29th, 2021 from Ontario News re: the 2021 Budget has committed \$200 million to help stabilize

the Tourism and Hospitality sectors during COVID-19.

P03-EM

7.1.10 Letter dated March 30th, 2021 from the Ministry of the Solicitor General re: Acknowledgement of compliance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA).

P03-CO

7.1.11 News Release dated April 1st, 2021 from Ontario News re: the 2021 Budget provides for financial relief for resource-based tourism jobs.

RESOLUTION NO. 079

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 documents numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.11 at the April 6th, 2021 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 – March.

RESOLUTION NO. 080

Moved by Wendy Pearson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

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 April 6th, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

A16-ON

7.3 Submission of a letter to Ontario Power Generation re: the Township's concerns of the impact this decision will have on our community.

Council discussed the letter and requested that it be copied to the Honourable Minister Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, and Minister of Indigenous Affairs; Eric Melillo, MP (Kenora); Sol Mamakwa, MPP (Kiiwetinoong); Ken Hartwick, OPG President and CEO; and Wade Bates, Chief Steward (OPG).

RESOLUTION NO. 081

Moved by David Carroll. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Ear Falls authorizes and hereby directs the Mayor to execute a letter dated April 6th, 2021 to Ontario Power Generation reiterating concerns of the impact this decision will have on our community.

Carried.

E03-WA

- 7.4 The Report dated March 9th, 2021 from Northern Waterworks Inc. re: the 2020 Corrosion Control Evaluation Report for the Water Treatment Plant.

RESOLUTION NO. 082

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the 2020 Corrosion Control Evaluation Report received from Northern Waterworks Inc. dated March 9th, 2021.

Carried.

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- 7.5 Submission of the 2020/2021 Fire Safety Grant Application through the Office of the Fire Marshal re: Upgrading training materials and assisting with online academic training for the Ear Falls Fire Department volunteer firefighters.

RESOLUTION NO. 083

Moved by Wendy Pearson. Seconded by David Carroll.

RESOLVED THAT the Clerk Treasurer Administrator be hereby authorized and directed to submit an application to the Office of the Fire Marshal under the 2020/2021 Fire Safety Grant Application for upgrading training materials and assisting with online academic training for the Ear Falls Fire Department volunteer firefighters.

Carried.

M01-NO / D14-ST

- 7.6 Special Meeting to be held Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 in the Municipal Council Chambers located at 2 Willow Crescent at 6:00 p.m. to review a Zoning By-Law Amendment Application re: 1205 Highway 105.

RESOLUTION NO. 084

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT a Special Meeting of Council be held Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 in the Municipal Council Chambers located at 2 Willow Crescent at 6:00 p.m. to review a Zoning By-Law Amendment Application re: 1205 Highway 105.

Carried.

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7.7 Insurance Renewal for 2021 from Frank Cowan Company.

RESOLUTION NO. 085

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

RESOLVED THAT the Township of Ear Falls' 2021 Insurance Renewal from Frank Cowan Company / Gillons' Insurance Brokers Ltd. be approved at the Annual Premium of \$97,930.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2349-21, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

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8.2 By-Law No. 2350-21, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

RESOLUTION NO. 086

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. 2349-21 and 2350-21 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

9.1 Letter dated March 18th, 2021 from the Solicitor General re: Update on the new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment Boards under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA).

Council discussed this change to policing requirements and identified that Ear Falls would prefer to have one (1) member of Council as a representative on the new Detachment Board.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.1 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Meeting with the Lion's Club tomorrow about Lion's Park suggestions and will be discussing the relocation of playground equipment to the Splash Pad site.

11 CLOSED MEETING

11.1 RESOLUTION NO. 087

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 7:27 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (d) – Labour relations or employee negotiations. – Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.

Carried.

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

- Labour relations or employee negotiations.
- Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.

11.2 RESOLUTION NO. 088

Moved by Wendy Pearson. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 7:37 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

12 CLOSED REPORT

Council reviewed information about the negotiation of the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 089

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:38 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk