

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #3  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

## **1 CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Dan Sutton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **2 ROLL CALL**

Deputy Mayor Dan Sutton, Councillor Rob Eady, Councillor Wendy Pearson, and Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance

## **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 No. 7.4.

**RESOLUTION NO. 033**

Moved by Rob Eady. 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 Meeting.

5.1.1 February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 034

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 February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

5.2.1 October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 035

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 Minutes of Committees numbered 5.2.1 at the February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

None.

**6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

6.1 Request for Quote – Playground – Ear Falls, Ontario

RESOLUTION NO. 036

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls has received funding in the amount of \$50,000 from Canadian Healthy Communities Initiative and \$70,161 from the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund for the development of a new Playground; and,

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls has also applied for funding through the Kal Tire RePlay Grant for this project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT t the Council of the

Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby approves the quote from Park N Play Design for Design #1 at a cost of \$177,824.43 plus HST for the supply and installation of a Playground; and,

FURTHER THAT the balance of funding for the project will come from Reserves (XL60-6000-9737).

Carried.

## **7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

### **7.1 Correspondence.**

7.1.1 News Release dated February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from Ontario News re: Ontario Expanding Access to Free Rapid Tests for General Public.

7.1.2 Letter dated January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Bill 13, the Supporting People and Businesses Act and Bill 276, the Supporting Recovery and Competitiveness Act (Planning Act changes).

7.1.3 Letter dated January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry re: Proposed Regulatory Changes under the Aggregate Resources Act.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 037**

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.3 at the February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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 – January.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 038**

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 February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

- 7.3. Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – year to date (dated February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022).

Council reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - year to date (dated February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022) in accordance with By-Law 2283-20.

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- 7.4. Request from the Ear Falls and District Minor Hockey Association to have the Canteen Rental Fee waived for a Minor Hockey Jamboree, the Shamrock Hockey Tournament, and Winterfest.

Council requested clarification on the use of the fire suppression system and cleaning/certification required if the deep fryer is used. Staff will review with the Ear Falls and District Minor Hockey Association and determine feasibility.

RESOLUTION NO. 039

Moved by Wendy Pearson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS the Ear Falls and District Minor Hockey Association has submitted a request to provide canteen services during a Minor Hockey Jamboree, the Shamrock Hockey Tournament, and Winterfest with proceeds going to support the Association;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls waives the Rental Fees for Ear Falls and District Minor Hockey Association to operate the Canteen at the Recreation Centre during the Minor Hockey Jamboree (February 26, 2022), the Shamrock Hockey Tournament (March 18-20, 2022) and Winterfest (March 25-26, 2022).

Carried.

- 7.5. Report to Council dated February 9, 2022 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Firefighter Certification – Consultation Draft O. Reg.

RESOLUTION NO. 040

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council dated February 9, 2022 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Firefighter Certification – Consultation Draft O. Reg.

Carried.

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- 7.6. Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)'s Response to an Application made under Section 357.

RESOLUTION NO. 041

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's Response to the Application made under Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2021 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-001-16000-0000	\$12,900 CX	\$12,900 E

Carried.

S.D.

- 7.7. Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)'s Response to an Application made under Section 357.

RESOLUTION NO. 042

Moved by Wendy Pearson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's Response to the Application made under Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2022 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-001-16000-0000	\$12,900 CX	\$12,900 E

Carried.

## **8 BY-LAWS**

- 8.1 By-Law No. 2407-22, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 043

Moved by Wendy Pearson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law No. 2407-22 as passed.

Carried.

**PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

**9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

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- 9.1. Ontario Power Generation re: the Township's concerns regarding the reduction of local workforce.

Council discussed this issue from the local community's perspective in terms of impacts on local employment and financial contributions to the municipality through the Power Dam Special Payment Program and Payments in Lieu of taxation. Council discussed the recent local media on this topic and requested that the topic be returned to the next meeting for further discussion.

- 9.2. Report to Council dated February 8, 2022 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Election 2022 – Council Use of Municipal Resources / Employee Requirements

RESOLUTION NO. 044

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council dated February 8, 2022 from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Election 2022 – Council Use of Municipal Resources / Employee Requirements.

Carried.

- 9.3. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and Trade Show being held June 2 – 5, 2022 in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Council requested that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

- 9.4. Draft COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

Council discussed the KDSB and local hospital's recent notification that they had rescinded their mandatory vaccine policies for paramedics and first responders. Council debated whether the upcoming changes to the Government of Ontario's COVID-19 rules

will further restrict the validity of having a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy. Council will defer this matter to a later date, and will advise Administration if they would like it returned for further consideration. No additional information is being requested from the JH&SC at this time.

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

Deputy Mayor Dan Sutton

- Kenora District Services Board (KDSB)
  - Received notice from KDSB about changes to regional hospital policies which rescinded mandatory vaccine policy for paramedics and first responders. The KDSB subsequently rescinded their policy as well.
  - KDSB has been working on the transfer the Sioux Lookout Day Care service from the municipality, however this work has been halted due to the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) application to the Ontario Labour Board regarding representation of its members following the transition. KDSB has withdrawn from the transfer agreement with the Municipality of Sioux Lookout. KDSB's other regional day care workers are International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) members, and KDSB would prefer one Union to represent its membership for operational purposes. The Municipality of Sioux Lookout has issued notice that they will be ceasing service delivery at the end of March 2022 which will create a gap in service delivery for the community.

## **11 CLOSED MEETING**

None.

## **12 CLOSED REPORT**

None.

## **13 ADJOURNMENT**

### **13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 045**

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Wendy Pearson.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:31 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk