

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #4
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
March 2nd, 2022 @ 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 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

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. 7.3.

RESOLUTION NO. 046

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by David Carroll.

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 16th, 2022 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 047

Moved by Daniel Sutton. 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 March 2nd, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

5.2.1 January 11, 2022 – Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes.

5.2.2 November 25, 2021 - Joint Occupational Health & Safety Meeting Minutes.

5.2.3 January 31, 2022 - Joint Occupational Health & Safety Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 048

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 of Committees numbered 5.2.1 to 5.2.3 at the March 2nd, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C.O.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

None.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

F16-RE

7.1 Remuneration and Expenses.

RESOLUTION NO. 049

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

WHEREAS Section 284 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, requires the Treasurer to provide Council with an itemized statement, on or before March 31st, on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby accepts the attached Statement of Remuneration and Expenses paid to Members of Council and the appointed Board and Committee Members of the Township of Ear Falls for the period of January 1st, 2021 to December 31st, 2021.

Carried.

F16-RE

7.2 Remuneration and Expenses – Kenora District Services Board (KDSB).

RESOLUTION NO. 050

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

WHEREAS Section 284 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, requires the Treasurer to provide Council with an itemized statement, on or before March 31st, on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby approves the attached Statement of Remuneration and Expenses paid to a Member of Council as a Kenora District Services Board Member for the period of January 1st, 2021 to December 31st, 2021.

Carried.

E03-RE

7.3

Letter dated February 23rd, 2022 from Northern Waterworks Inc. re: Consolidated Section 11 and Schedule 22 Annual Drinking Water Report – 2021.

Council requested information on the chemical reconciliation due to the reduction in water use following the completion of the leak detection study and associated repairs. Council requested information on how vinyl chloride would be present in the intake water.

RESOLUTION NO. 051

Moved by David Carroll. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has received and reviewed the 2021 Annual Report from Northern Waterworks Inc. in accordance with Section 11 (Annual

Reports) and Schedule 22 (Summary Reports for Municipalities) of Ontario Regulation 170/03, made under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Carried.

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- 7.4 Submission of an Application to the Rural Economic Development Program – Targeted Intake re: Ear Falls Labour Attraction Marketing Campaign.

RESOLUTION NO. 052

Moved by David Carroll. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance is hereby authorized and directed to submit an Application for funding to the Rural Economic Development Program – Targeted Intake re: Ear Falls Labour Attraction Marketing Campaign.

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

Council requested clarification on Item No. 8.6.

- 8.1 By-Law No. 2408-22, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.
- 8.2 By-Law No. 2409-22, 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 Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 3 – Township of Ear Falls Digital Modernization Project.

F11-NO

- 8.3 By-Law No. 2410-22, By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Northern Development, Natural Resources and Forestry for the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund for the Ear Falls Safe Play Space Project.

L04-WA

- 8.4 By-Law No. 2411-22, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with the Multicrete Systems Inc. for Temporary Use of the Ear Falls Waste Disposal Site.

F00-TA

- 8.5 By-Law No. 2412-22, a By-Law to Approve the 2022 Municipal Budget.

F00-TA

8.6 By-Law No. 2413-22, a By-Law to Levy and Collect Property Taxes for the Year 2022.

Council discussed the 1% tax increase for the 2022 year.

RESOLUTION NO. 053

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law No. 2408-22, 2409-22, 2410-22, 2411-22, 2412-22 and 2413-22 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

A16-ON

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

Council discussed the history of OPG's decision to remove local jobs from their operation, and the time to take action given the proximity to the provincial Election. Council concurred that lobbying efforts will continue, starting with the Minister of Energy to raise the priority of these types of actions within the region and the province.

S.D.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 054

Moved by David Carroll. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

WHEREAS Resolution No. 225-21 approved the 2022 Annual Travel Listing for Council, Staff and Firefighters; and

WHEREAS a change to the Listing has been requested;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2022 Annual Travel Listing for Council, Staff and Firefighters be hereby amended as follows:

ADD:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference – Regina – June 2 – 5, 2022:

- Two (2) members of Council
- One (1) member of Staff

Carried.

9.3. Official Plan / Zoning By-Law – Residential and Multi-Residential Areas and proposed Re-Zoning of 50 Balsam Avenue.

Council discussed the lack of property available for development in the multi-residential zone, and the importance of creating conditions for development in the community for this type of use. This is important given what the Township heard from local landlords and businesses/contractors during the focus groups held about lack of transient and short-term rental housing availability in the community.

Council identified a number of sites for consideration including:

- 50 Balsam – mixed use commercial / residential
- 39 Sumac Avenue
- Alder Crescent
- Beech Crescent / Tamarack Crescent area
- Lions Park Site, following the development of the new playground at the Splash Pad site.

Administration will bring back a proposed Plan for implementing these changes.

9.4 26 Waterfront Road (Plan 23R-10093).

Council discussed the potential development of the property. Council concurred that use of the property for storage is not ideal particularly given the availability of a storage facility within the community, and the availability of property now owned by the Trout Forest Music Festival itself. Council will review this again following snowmelt to determine if the property could be subdivided and serviced for residential lots.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.1 Councillor Daniel Sutton

- Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) Meeting
 - The KDSB held Elections and Barry Baltessen was again elected as the Chair, and Penny Lucas as Vice Chair.

10.2 Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- Meeting with Interfor Management Staff last week. They are interested in providing us with a \$30,000 donation and would like it to go towards a community-oriented project, likely something from the Parks and Playgrounds Plan. Options will be reviewed with Administration and we will meet again with Interfor.

11 CLOSED MEETING

11.1 RESOLUTION NO. 055

Moved by David Carroll. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 7:33 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 – Lease / Purchase Proposal for the Airport Property.
- Section 239 (2) (c) – A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board – Plan 23R-7828.

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;
- Lease / Purchase Proposal for the Airport Property.

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 23R-7828.

11.2 RESOLUTION NO. 056

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 8:50 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

12 CLOSED REPORT

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator about the proposed disposition of the Airport property.

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator about the proposed disposition of Plan 23R-7828.

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 057

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:55 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk