

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #5
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
April 19, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Daniel Sutton called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot (electronically), Councillor Brad Mountain, Deputy Mayor Daniel Sutton, Councillor Kim Thain, Councillor Doug Woolsey, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance and Deputy Treasurer Shannon Jeffries

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. 7.1.7, and 7.8.

RESOLUTION NO. 051

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

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 March 15th, 2023 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 052

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

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 19th, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

C06-JO

5.2.1 October 5th, 2022 – Joint Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 053

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations numbered 5.2.1 at the April 19th, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

A01-HO

5.3.1 January 26th, 2023 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting Minutes.

A01-HO

5.3.2 March 2nd, 2023 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 054

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

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 and 5.3.2 at the April 19th, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1 Correspondence.

A08-CA

7.1.1 Letter from Canada Post dated January 19, 2023 re: Response to the Council of the Township of Ear Falls' letter regarding accessibility issues at the Ear Falls Post Office.

M06-ON

7.1.2 Ontario News Release dated March 23, 2023 re: Building a Strong Ontario and the 2023 Ontario Budget.

M02-ON

7.1.3 Letter from Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility, dated March, 2023, re: 2023 Ontario Senior of the Year Award.

L11-OM

7.1.4 Letter from Ombudsman of Ontario, received March 28, 2023, re: Open Meetings: Guide for Municipalities.

A12-CE

7.1.5 Letter from President and CEO of Tbaytel, dated March 28, 2023 re: the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission's (CRTC) mandate for 10-digit dialing to support a new 3-digit number (9-8-8) for mental health and suicide prevention.

M06-ON

7.1.6 Ontario News Release dated March 28, 2023 re: Ontario Responds to the Federal Government's Budget 2023.

S08-NO

7.1.7 Letter from Medical Officer of Health, Northwestern Health Unit, dated March 28, 2023, re: Food Insecurity in the North.

Council discussed this letter, the availability of the Red Lake Indian Friendship Centre's food bank, Chukuni Christmas Food Hampers, Community Garden, and Crown Land Use Policy Atlas (CLUPA) amendments. The CLUPA does not currently permit the disposition of Crown Land for Agricultural purposes within the municipal boundary. This should be reviewed at the Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) level to identify if other municipalities in the district have the same restrictions.

F11-CE

7.1.8 Letter from Canadian Heritage, dated March 29, 2023, re:

Celebrate Canada Funding Approval and attachment, dated November 25, 2022, re: requirement to comply with rules sanctioning Russian and Belarusian State organizations in support of the people of Ukraine.

M06-ON

7.1.9 Ontario News Release dated March 31, 2023 re: Ontario Increasing Minimum Wage to \$16.55 an Hour.

M06-ON

7.1.10 Ontario News Release dated April 6, 2023 re: COVID-19 Booster Recommended for High-Risk Individuals this Spring

L11-PR

7.1.11 Letter from Minister Steve Clark, Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated April 6, 2023, re: the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act.

RESOLUTION NO. 055

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

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 19th, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

7.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – year to date (dated April 14, 2023).

Council reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - year to date (dated April 14, 2023) in accordance with By-Law 2283-20.

F16-RE

7.3 Remuneration and Expenses.

RESOLUTION NO. 056

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

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, 2022 to December 31st, 2022.

Carried.

F16-RE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 057

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

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, 2022 to December 31st, 2022.

Carried.

H07-UN

- 7.5 Letter of Understanding re: Public Service and Operations 1 – Lead Hand

RESOLUTION NO. 058

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby authorizes and directs the Deputy Mayor and Clerk Treasurer Administrator to execute the Letter of Understanding with Unifor and Its Local 324-4 re: Public Service and Operations 1 – Lead Hand.

Carried.

H07-UN

- 7.6 Letter of Understanding re: OMERS – Eligibility Change

RESOLUTION NO. 059

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby authorizes and directs the Deputy Mayor and Clerk Treasurer Administrator to execute the Letter of Understanding with Unifor and Its Local 324-4 re: OMERS – Eligibility Change.

Carried.

M02-FA & M03-DO

- 7.7 Letter from the Ear Falls Family Safety Night Committee, dated March 22, 2023, re: Request for Support for Family Safety Night

RESOLUTION NO. 060

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

WHEREAS the Ear Falls Family Safety Night Committee has submitted a letter, dated March 22, 2023, requesting support from the Township of Ear Falls for the ongoing operation of the annual Ear Falls Family Safety Night, held annually in May;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls agrees to:

- provide an ongoing partnership contribution of \$350 annually for the operation of Family Safety Night;
- waive Rental Fees for use of the Ice Surface at the Recreation Centre for Family Safety Night held annually in May; and
- provide financial administration for the event subject to the Family Safety Night Committee continuing to be responsible for fundraising to pay for costs associated with the event.

Carried.

M02-PR

7.8 Email from Reagan Breeze, dated March 27, 2023, re: Request to Proclaim May and June as Honeybee / Pollinator Recognition Months in Ear Falls and set aside the enforcement of grass cutting by-laws for this period.

Council requested clarification on this item.

RESOLUTION NO. 061

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

WHEREAS the honeybee is responsible for the pollination of nearly three quarters of the plants that produce 90% of the world's food; and

WHEREAS the honeybee plays an essential role as one of the major pollinators, thus ensuring food security, sustainable agriculture and biodiversity; and

WHEREAS the honeybee is in decline due to habitat loss, human activities, environmental conditions, disease, and climate change;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby proclaims Ear Falls as a "Honeybee Safe Community"; and

FURTHER THAT Council proclaims that May and June as "Honeybee Appreciation" months, and during that time, residents may grow vegetation in their yard with no by-law enforcement repercussions.

Carried.

E03-RE

- 7.9 Report, dated March 29, 2023 from Northern Waterworks Inc. re:
2022 Annual Report for the Ear Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant.

RESOLUTION NO. 062

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has received and reviewed the 2022 Annual Report for the Ear Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant from Northern Waterworks Inc. in accordance with Condition 10(5) of amended Environmental Compliance Approval No. 1492-A2ZHLC.

Carried.

F11-KE

- 7.10 2023 Child Poverty Reduction Reinvestment Funding Application

RESOLUTION NO. 063

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby authorizes the Clerk Treasurer Administrator to submit an application for 2023 Child Poverty Reduction Reinvestment Funding for the Ear Falls Youth Drop-In Centre.

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

Council requested that Item No 8.3 be deferred.

- 8.1 By-Law No. 2482-23, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

F11-NO

- 8.2 By-Law No. 2483-23, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Conditional Contribution Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for the Waterfront and Trail Revitalization Project

L04-NO

- 8.3 By-Law No. 2484-23, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls and the Northern Waterworks for the Operation of the Ear Falls Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants.

RESOLUTION NO. 064

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law No. 2482-23 and 2483-23, as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

D02-NW

9.1 Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing.

- a) Royal Canadian Legion Ear Falls Branch 238
- b) Whispering Pines Seniors Club

Council requested that Administration continue to provide support to the Whispering Pines Seniors Club on their funding application and bring back additional information following the funder's review and decision.

RESOLUTION NO. 065

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

WHEREAS Council deems that the project identified on the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated April 19th, 2023, comply with the Reserve Fund Criteria:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the project, in accordance with the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated April 19th, 2023, as attached.

A16-WA

9.2 Email from Alissa VanWynen, Consultation Coordinator for Obaushkong Aki, Wabauskang First Nation, dated March 29, 2023, re: Invitation to the 6th Annual Wabauskang Open House being held on May 11, 2023.

Councillor Kim Thain and Councillor Doug Woolsey volunteered to attend the event on behalf of the Township of Ear Falls.

C08-CO

9.3 Draft Strategic Plan (2023 – 2026)

Council requested one addition to the plan and concurred that the draft could be published for public review and comment.

9.4 By-Law 2292-20, being a By-Law to provide for the Cancellation of Tax Increases for the Purposes of Relieving Financial Hardship.

Council reviewed the By-Law as presented.

A07-EQ

9.5 Proposed purchase of E-draulic Tools for the Ear Falls Fire Department

RESOLUTION NO. 066

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Clerk Treasurer Administrator to purchase E-draulic Tools for the Ear Falls Fire Department to an upset limit of \$54,985 plus shipping and taxes; and,

FURTHER THAT this purchase will be funded through reserves.

Carried.

L06-IN

9.6 2023 Insurance Renewal

RESOLUTION NO. 067

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls approves the 2023 Insurance Renewal with Intact Insurance at a cost of \$132,784 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

C06-CO

9.7 The Ear Falls / Red Lake Joint Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Advisory Committee's Anti-Racism and Inclusion Sub-Committee's review and development of an Anti-Racism and Inclusion Accord.

Council reviewed the document as presented and requested the Committee return the final version to Council for review.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Kim Thain

Community Health Centre Board Meeting

- The Board spent their Mental Health grant by the deadline including a number of small projects in the community. They are waiting for one piece of equipment to be delivered for the Alzheimer program.
- The Board discussed the proposed painting work that they would like completed in their rental space.

Mayor Kevin Kahoot

Thanked Council Members for their participation in Meetings to date including Council, the Human Resources Committee and the Northern Waterworks committee.

Noted he was attending the Council Meeting virtually tonight because he is in Toronto at the Nuclear Waste Management Organization Meeting. They will be doing some site visits during this trip. This will be likely the last or second last meeting of these meetings as the committee is winding down its responsibilities.

Deputy Mayor Dan Sutton

Attended the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) Governance Committee Meeting but it was held in closed session, so nothing to report on it. He will also be attending the KDSB Board Meeting tomorrow.

Echoed Mayor Kahoot's thanks to Council Members, and their involvement in the decision-making processes.

11 CLOSED MEETING

None.

12 CLOSED REPORT

None.

13 ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 068

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:15 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk