

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #7
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
May 17, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor Brad Mountain, Councillor Dan Sutton, Councillor Kim Thain, Councillor Doug Woolsey, 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. 7.1.1 and 7.2.

RESOLUTION NO. 077

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

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

C04-MI

5.1 The review and passing of the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

5.1.1 May 3rd, 2023 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

5.1.2 May 3rd, 2023 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 078

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

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 and 5.1.2 at the May 17th, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

C06-JO

5.2.1 March 2nd, 2023 – Joint Occupational Health and Safety
Committee Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 079

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

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 May 17th, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

A01-NO

5.3.1 January 27, 2023 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of
Health Meeting Minutes.

A01-NO

5.3.2 March 3, 2023 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of
Health Meeting Minutes.

A01-NO

5.3.3 March 24, 2023 – Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of
Health Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 080

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 Minutes from other Agencies /

Organizations numbered 5.3.1 to 5.3.3 at the May 17th, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1 Correspondence.

P03-EM

7.1.1 Letter from Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief of Emergency Management, Teepu Khawja, Treasury Board Secretariat, dated May 9, 2023, re: Confirmation that the Township of Ear Falls met the requirements for the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act in 2022.

Council requested clarification on the process for meeting the annual compliance requirements.

RESOLUTION NO. 081

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 7.1.1 at the May 17th, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

7.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – year to date (dated May 12th, 2023).

Council requested an explanation on the report format.

Council reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - year to date (dated May 12th, 2023) in accordance with By-Law 2283-20.

F05-EX

7.3 Report to Council dated May 10, 2023, re: Budget Matters – Expenses Report (in accordance with O. Reg. 284/09).

RESOLUTION NO. 082

Moved by Daniel Sutton. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council dated May 10, 2023, from Clerk Treasurer

Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: Budget Matters - Expenses Report (in accordance with O. Reg. 284/09).

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2490-23, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

A09-RE

8.2 By-Law No. 2491-23, a By-Law to Amend the Recreation Rules Policy.

A09-AR

8.3 By-Law No. 2492-23, a By-Law to Amend the Arrears Collection Policy.

RESOLUTION NO. 083

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law No. 2490-23, 2491-23, and 2492-23 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

C08-C0

9.1 Final Draft Strategic Plan (2023-2026) and Public Comments

Council discussed beautification of the community and the aspects of the plan that relate to Goal #1 Action a) and Goal #3 c) including landscaping and signage. Provision of budget funds for these items will confirm Council's commitment to implementing them. Council recognized that there needs to be a focus on finding external funding sources to minimize the impact on the taxbase.

Administration will respond to the comments that were submitted by email.

RESOLUTION NO. 084

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

WHEREAS Council is satisfied that the process undertaken for the development of the Strategic Plan (2023-2026) represents their direction for the Corporation and the community's development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls adopts the Strategic Plan, dated May 17, 2023.

Carried.

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9.2 Proposed Application for Crown Land – Industrial Park Expansion

Council discussed the proposed site location, and the need to include full servicing of the site during the development phase. Council also discussed how this project would be included in the protocol identified in Item. 9.3 if favourably considered by the parties.

RESOLUTION NO. 085

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

WHEREAS Council is satisfied with the initial application for Crown Land for an Industrial Park Expansion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls hereby authorizes and directs the Clerk Treasurer Administrator to submit the attached application.

Carried.

A16-FI

9.3 Wabauskang - Ear Falls - Lac Seul Shared Territory Protocol – Draft

Council discussed the Draft Protocol and their support for it. Council also discussed how it could impact the crown land disposition process province-wide. Clarification was requested on the process for signing the protocol and timeline for it.

F05-BU

9.4 Report to Council dated May 10, 2023, from Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance re: 2023 – Proposed Budget.

Council discussed the proposed projects, and the transition from Northern Waterworks to Township Operation and capital purchases associated with that change. Capital projects at the Cemetery, Waste Disposal Site, Parks and Playground work, and vehicles and equipment were discussed.

Tax Policy decisions will be reviewed at the May 30, 2023, Special Meeting of Council.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Doug Woolsey

- Met with a Township Employee at the Golf Course to discuss

equipment, trees, green maintenance, the irrigation system and volunteer work that could be done there. Also met with some potential volunteers about completing work at the course.

- Wabauskang Open House held May 11, 2023
 - Attended the event and brought a prize on behalf of the Township.
 - Met Chief Petiquan and other community members.
 - There were a lot of presenters and booths, but not many local participants.
- Family Safety Night
 - Will be cooking at the event with Councillor Mountain next week.

Councillor Kim Thain

- Wabauskang Open House held May 11, 2023
 - Had a good time chatting with local participants.
 - There were a number of good booths.
- Missed the Community Health Centre (CHC) Board Meeting but caught up on the meeting content through discussion with the Executive Director
 - The Canadian National Institute for the Blind's (CNIB) eye van will no longer be coming to Ear Falls, although they will be providing the service in Red Lake. The CHC has requested input from the provider as to why that change has been made.
 - Looked at the new Mental Health Room which includes some exercise equipment and a relaxation / massage chair. The space will be available for the public to use and they can make appointments for it. Staff will be promoting it at Family Safety Night next week.
- Clarification was requested on the Short Forest Road extension and the location of where the fill is coming from.
- The Ear Falls and District Museum will be open Wednesdays this summer and will be operated by volunteers.

Councillor Sutton

- Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) Cultural Training May 17, 2023
 - Robert Horton from Seven Generations Education Institute provided the training and it was very good. This was a great opportunity to ask questions and get factual answers.
 - This would be a good person to hire if Council wants to provide this training locally.
- Evolution Red Lake Mine will be painting a crosswalk in town for Pride month on June 14, 2023, weather permitting.

11 CLOSED MEETING

None.

12 CLOSED REPORT

None.

13 ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 086

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Daniel Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 8:10 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk