

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #16
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
November 1, 2023 @ 2:30 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Kahoot called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor Brad Mountain, Councillor Daniel 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

4.1 Steve DeRocco, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)

- Data Sharing and Services Agreement (DSSA)

Mr. DeRocco has postponed this presentation to the next Regular Meeting of Council.

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, 7.1.3, 7.3 and 7.5.

RESOLUTION NO. 183

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

C04-MI

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

5.1.1 October 18, 2023 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 184

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Dan Sutton.

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 November 1st, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

None.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

None.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1 Correspondence.

M06-ON

7.1.1 Ontario News, dated October 20, 2023, re: Ontario Continues to Support Municipalities through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

Council requested clarification on this funding.

F11-ON

7.1.2 Letter from Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, dated October 20, 2023, re: 2024 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocations

D02-IN

7.1.3 Memo from Jill Vienneau, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Infrastructure, dated October 6, 2023, re: Administrative Penalties Regulation under the Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021 (BBFA)

Council requested clarification on the status of local broadband infrastructure.

RESOLUTION NO. 185

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

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 November 1st, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

- 7.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – year to date (dated October 24, 2023).

Council reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - year to date (dated October 24, 2023) in accordance with By-Law 2283-20.

C11-MU

- 7.3 Report to Council, dated October 10, 2023, from Manager of Public Service and Operations, Glenna-Lynn Wigle re: Removal of Equipment from Service

Council discussed this report and requested that the John Deere Backhoe 310SG (E004) be removed from the disposal list and requested additional information on proposed disposal of this item.

RESOLUTION NO. 186

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Dan Sutton.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council, dated October 10, 2023, from Manager of Public Service and Operations, Glenna-Lynn Wigle re: Removal of Equipment from Service, as amended; and,

FURTHER THAT that GovDeals be used to auction these items.

Carried.

C10-SU

- 7.4 Support Fire Underwriters and the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs support of Bill C-310's amendments to the Income Tax Act to Increase to the Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit

RESOLUTION NO. 187

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls supports the proposed changes to the Income Tax Act to Increase to the Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to Eric Melillo, Member of Parliament for Kenora.

Carried.

F00-SC

7.5 Subscriptions and Memberships Listing Renewal – 2024.

Council requested clarification requested the listing.

RESOLUTION NO. 188

Moved by Dan Sutton. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

RESOLVED THAT the Subscriptions and Memberships as per the attached be renewed for the year 2024.

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

Council requested clarification on Item No. 8.2.

8.1 By-Law No. 2531-23, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L04-ST

8.2 By-Law No. 2532-23, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Streetlight Maintenance Agreement with Hydro One Networks Inc.

Clarification was requested on the terms of this agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 189

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law Nos. 2531-23 and 2532-23 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

9.1 Council Agenda Format

Council discussed the current practice of sending the agenda to

Council as PDF files and the simplicity of this method for a community of our size as opposed to outsourcing to an external supplier. Council discussed modifying the linking of the agenda to the agenda items, and updating the website to improve public access. Administration will request reallocation of the municipality's remaining Municipal Modernization funding for this purpose.

D07-CO

9.2 Whitewing Road Cottage Lot Project Update

An update on the status of the project, including the recent delay of the archeological study until Spring 2024 due to the archeologist's availability to complete the work prior to heavy snowfall. This will delay remaining work on the project, including the survey which is the next step. The primary contact person at the Ministry of Natural Resources will also be changing due to a secondment in personnel within the Red Lake office, which has been an ongoing issue throughout this project.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Kim Thain

Community Health Centre (CHC) Board Meeting

- Currently advertising for a Nurse Practitioner (NP) and a Registered Nurse (RN) or Registered Practical Nurse (RPN)
- The CHC's Executive Director is now working a 4-day/week shift schedule and the Nurses are rotating their Friday shift schedule.
- The Nurses are taking training which will allow them to complete some necessary cancer treatments for patients who require it on a weekly basis, which will reduce travel to Winnipeg for local patients.
- Clarification has been requested on the timeline for painting at the Clinic.

Councillor Brad Mountain

- Attended the Halloween Event at the Ear Falls Government Building, along with members of the Museum Working Group, Ear Falls Public Library and Lion's Club. There were about 80 kids who attended.

Councillor Dan Sutton

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Land Use Planning Training

- Attended a four-hour, virtual training session on Ontario's Planning Legislation and processes. Much of the information was familiar due to his time on Council and information presented by municipal staff during planning application processes locally.

Mayor Kevin Kahoot

- The first Kinross Stakeholder Meeting will be held in mid-November

in Red Lake.

- Had a preliminary discussion with Dr. Khan about the Rural Northern Physician Group Agreement (RNPGA) change that has been proposed by the province to increase the compliment of physicians in Ear Falls by a 0.5 position. More information will be forthcoming.
- Will be meeting on Friday with Henry Wall, Kenora District Services Board re: Local Housing issues. Councillor Brad Mountain and Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance will also be in attendance. Issues related to the maintenance of units were the primary matter for discussion, the delayed turnover timelines for units, and the ongoing work for the new seniors building in the community.

11 CLOSED MEETING

None.

12 CLOSED REPORT

None.

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 191

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 3:34 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk