

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

**A G E N D A** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #18  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
December 6, 2023 @ 2:30 p.m.

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

**2 ROLL CALL**

**3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 Joanne Kay and Alex Merkoske

- Retention of Ear Falls Lions Park
- Petition to Keep Lions Park

**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.)

Proposed Motion.

**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.

**5 MINUTES**

C04-MI

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

5.1.1 November 22, 2023 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

Proposed Motion.

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 December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

None.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

None.

**6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

6.1 Request for Proposal – Provision of Municipal Audit Services

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT the Township of Ear Falls hereby accepts the proposal from BDO Canada LLP for the provision of Municipal Audit Services in accordance with their proposal dated November 21, 2023.

**7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

7.1 Correspondence.

M06-ON

7.1.1 Ontario News, dated November 22, 2023, re: Ontario Helping Contain Costs of Building Roads and New Homes.

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the document numbered 7.1.1 at the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

7.2 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures – year to date (dated November 30, 2023).

7.3 2023 Uncollectibles and Write-Offs.

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT Council approves setting up Allowances for Uncollectible accounts and Write-offs in accordance with Schedule “A”, as attached.

7.4 Establishing 2023 Reserves.

Proposed Motion

WHEREAS Revenues for 2023 were greater than anticipated and expenses in some areas were less than anticipated;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reserves be established for 2023 in accordance with the attached listing.

- 7.5 2024 Annual Employee Health & Safety Workshop being held on May 10, 2024.

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls approves the closure of all Municipal Departments on Friday, May 10, 2024, for the purpose of education and training for all Municipal employees at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Employee Health & Safety Workshop.

- 7.6 Re-Schedule the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council is hereby re-scheduled to December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.

- 7.7 Unexpended Funding to be transferred to a Reserve / Reserve Fund.

Proposed Motion

WHEREAS funding agencies may advance funds for future expenditures to the Township of Ear Falls; and

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls is unable to expend these funds by year end of the current year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls approve the transferring of the unexpended funding into a Reserve / Reserve Fund for the current year.

- 7.8 Expenditures in excess of the 2023 Budget.

Proposed Motion

WHEREAS expenditures for purchases in 2023 may have exceeded the 2023 approved Budget; and

WHEREAS the excess of expenditure must be authorized by Council as to where the source of revenue is to be recorded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reserve / Reserve Funds be the source of revenue for the remainder of the excess expenditure.

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- 7.9 Report to Council, dated November 24, 2023, from Manager of Public Service and Operations, Glenna-Lynn Wigle re: Information Follow Up Request - Removal of John Deere 310SG Backhoe from Service

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council, dated November 24, 2023, from Manager of Public Service and Operations, Glenna-Lynn Wigle re: Information Follow Up Request - Removal of John Deere 310SG Backhoe from Service; and,

FURTHER THAT that GovDeals be used to auction this item.

- 7.10 Letter to Minister of Finance re: the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's Data Sharing and Services Agreement

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes and directs the Clerk Treasurer Administrator to execute the attached letter to the Minister of Finance re: the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's Data Sharing and Services Agreement.

- 7.11 Support for the Municipality of Sioux Lookout's Resolution No. CL-042-2023 re: Lobby the Federal Government to Reinstate the Northern Allowance for the Sioux Lookout Area

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls hereby supports the Municipality of Sioux Lookout's Resolution No. CL-042-2023 re: Lobby the Federal Government to Reinstate the Northern Allowance for the Sioux Lookout Area, as attached.

**8 BY-LAWS**

- 8.1 By-Law No. 2535-23, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

D12-DE

- 8.2 By-Law No. 2536-23, a By-Law to Deem Lots in a Registered Plan of Subdivision no Longer to be Lots in a Registered Plan (M537 Lot 119 and 120) – 32 and 34 Balsam Avenue

D12-DE

- 8.3 By-Law No. 2537-23, a By-Law to Deem Lots in a Registered Plan of Subdivision no Longer to be Lots in a Registered Plan (M537 Lot 117 and 118) – 40 and 42 Balsam Avenue

D12-DE

- 8.4 By-Law No. 2538-23, a By-Law to Deem Lots in a Registered Plan of Subdivision no Longer to be Lots in a Registered Plan (M653 Lot 44 and 45) – 5 and 7 Oak Street

L14-WA

- 8.5 By-Law No. 2539-23, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Transport TFI 4 Inc. (Kingsway Bulk Div Vrac) for Temporary Use of the Ear Falls Waste Disposal Site

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law Nos. 2535-23, 2536-23, 2537-23, 2538-23 and 2539-23 as passed.

**PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

**9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

- 9.1 Report to Council dated December 1, 2023, re: Water Treatment Plant – Low Lift Pumping Station Project

For Discussion.

- 9.2 Request for Resolutions for the 2024 Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Conference and Annual General Meeting

For Discussion.

**10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**11 CLOSED MEETING**

**12 CLOSED REPORT**

**13 ADJOURNMENT**