

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

A G E N D A of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #3
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
March 7, 2024 @ 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

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 February 7, 2024 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

5.1.2 February 7, 2024 – Special Meeting of Council Minutes

5.1.3 February 16, 2024 – Special 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 to 5.1.3 at the March 7th, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

A01-HI

5.3.1 November 2, 2023 – Highway 105 Tourism and Marketing Board Regular Meeting Minutes.

A01-HI

5.3.2 January 15, 2024 – Highway 105 Tourism and Marketing Board Regular Meeting Minutes.

Proposed Motion

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 March 7th, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1 Correspondence.

M06-ON

7.1.1 Ontario News, dated February 2, 2024, re: Ontario Opposes Softwood Lumber Duties Harming Forest Sector.

F11-CO

7.1.2 Letter from Emergency Management Ontario, received February 27, 2024 re: Denial for funding under the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG) program.

7.1.3 Letter from Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks dated February 16, 2024, re: Modernizing Ontario's Environmental Assessment (EA) program.

D07-CO

7.1.4 Letter from the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, dated February 22, 2024, re: Rural Ontario Municipal Association Meeting on Crown Land Disposition.

M06-ON

7.1.5 Ontario News, dated February 22, 2024, re: Ontario Keeping Energy and Housing Costs Down

7.1.6 Letter from Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks dated February 22, 2024, re: Modernizing Ontario's Environmental Assessment (EA) program.

L14-MU

7.1.7 Letter from Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy, received February 27, 2024, re: the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's Data Sharing and Services Agreement (DSSA).

M06-ON

7.1.8 Ontario News, dated March 1, 2024, re: Be Bear Wise to Prevent Bear Encounters

M06-ON

7.1.9 Ontario News, dated March 1, 2024, re: Ontario Government and Ontario Medical Association Working Together

D05-MI

7.1.10 Kinross Great Bear Open House invitation for March 18, 2024, 6:00 – 8:30 pm at the Ear Falls Royal Canadian Legion Branch 238.

D05-MI

7.1.11 Kinross Great Bear Notice of Commencement of a Screening Great Bear Temporary Power Project.

D19-ST

7.1.12 Letter from Canada Post, dated February 2024, re: Important Notice about your Mailing Address.

Proposed Motion

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 February 7th, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council.

7.2 Monthly Reports to Council

C11-MU

7.2.1 Public Service and Operations – February 2023

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT Council receives and files the Monthly Report to Council numbered 7.2.1 at the March 7th, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council.

*L14-DI

7.3 Digital Purchase Order Agreement

Proposed Motion

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls is pursuing modernization of internal purchasing practices to improve administrative efficiency; and,

WHEREAS the Administration, Public Service and Operations and Water and Wastewater Operations Departments have completed a trial of Digital Purchase Order's software and Administration is recommending adoption of the product;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk Treasurer Administrator and Deputy Treasurer are authorized to proceed with the execution of an agreement with Digital Purchase Order in accordance with the attached Terms of Service.

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2555-24, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L11-SU

8.2 By-Law No. 2556-24, A By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Suncorp Valuations Ltd.

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law Nos. 2555-24 and 2556-24 as passed.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

D05-MI

9.1 Kinross Gold Great Bear Project and Future Housing Needs

For Discussion

*A04-KE

9.2 Kenora District Municipal Association's Conference and Annual General Meeting – Ear Falls 2025

For Discussion

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- 9.3 Letter from Murray and Lucie Carlson, dated February 23, 2024, re: Lot Sale Offer for 33 Birch Drive and Original Lot Sale Documents dated July 2, 1981.

For Discussion

P16-ON

- 9.4 OPP Detachment Board Applications

For Discussion

- 9.5 Report to Council, dated March 5, 2024, re: Water and Sewer Fees for Part Lots

For Discussion

- 9.6 2024 Budget Highlights – Draft

For Discussion

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11 CLOSED MEETING

12 CLOSED REPORT

13 ADJOURNMENT