

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

A G E N D A of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #6
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
May 2, 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 April 3, 2024 – 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 May 2nd, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

None.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

A01-HO

5.3.1 February 29, 2024 – Kenora District Home for the Aged Meeting Minutes

A01-HO

5.3.2 March 28, 2024 – Kenora District Home for the Aged 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 May 2nd, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1 Correspondence.

M06-ON

7.1.1 Ontario News, dated March 28, 2024, re: Ontario Raising Minimum Wage to Support Workers

M06-ON

7.1.2 Ontario News, dated April 2, 2024, re: Province Levelling Playing Field for Ontario Businesses

F00-TA

7.1.3 Letter from Ministry of Finance, dated April 4, 2024, re: New Tax Tools for Municipalities as announced in the 2024 Ontario Budget

M06-ON

7.1.4 Ontario News, dated April 8, 2024, re: Province Expanding Mass Timber Construction up to 18 Storeys

M06-ON

7.1.5 Ontario News, dated April 9, 2024, re: Inclusive Communities Grant

D02-IN

7.1.6 Email from Amarjot Sandhu, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure, dated April 19, 2024, re: Post-ROMA virtual meeting about Broadband in the Township of Ear Falls

M06-ON

7.1.7 Ontario News, dated April 18, 2024, re: Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund

P03-EM

7.1.8 Letter from Emergency Management Ontario, dated April 15, 2024, re: 2023 Emergency Management Program Compliance

S08-NO

7.1.9 Media Release from the Northwestern Health Unit, dated April 17, 2024, re: Boards of Health vote against voluntary merger of northwestern Ontario's two health units

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 7.1.9 at the May 2nd, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council.

7.2 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures – year to date (dated April 26, 2024).

F16-RE

7.3 Letter from Mark Rubenstein, CEO for Hope Air, dated April 8, 2024, re: Request for proclamation of June 7th, 2024, as Hope Air Day.

Proposed Motion

WHEREAS access to healthcare is a fundamental right for all citizens, regardless of their geographic location; and,

WHEREAS Hope Air, a charitable organization, has been tirelessly dedicated to providing access to healthcare by facilitating free flights and other services for patients living in rural and under-served communities in Ontario, ensuring they can receive vital medical treatment regardless of distance or financial means; and,

WHEREAS Hope Air has been instrumental in bridging the gap between smaller communities and hospitals far from home, reducing the barriers that often prevent individuals from reaching medical care; and,

WHEREAS the impact of Hope Air extends beyond the individual patients served, positively affecting families, communities, and the

healthcare system as a whole by promoting wellness and reducing the burden of untreated medical conditions; and,

WHEREAS the compassion, dedication, and commitment demonstrated by Hope Air and its volunteers embody the spirit of community and the belief in the inherent value of every individual's well-being;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls hereby proclaims that June 7th, 2024, shall be known as "Hope Air Day" in recognition of the invaluable contributions made by Hope Air to the health and well-being of individuals in Ontario's remote and rural communities; and,

FURTHER THAT Council urges all citizens to join us in celebrating Hope Air Day, to reflect on the significance of ensuring equitable access to healthcare for all members of our society, to affirm our commitment to supporting initiatives that promote health equity and to extend our gratitude to Hope Air for their unwavering dedication to serving those in need.

L06-IN

7.4 2024 Insurance Renewal

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls approves the 2024 Insurance Renewal with Intact Insurance at a cost of \$147,125 plus applicable taxes.

*F11-NO

7.5 Application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) – Community Enhancement Program - Enhance Your Community Stream – Ear Falls Covered Pavilion Project

Proposed Motion

RESOLVED THAT Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance is hereby authorized and directed to submit an Application for funding to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) under the Community Enhancement Program - Enhance Your Community Stream – Ear Falls Covered Pavilion Project in accordance with the attached application; and,

FURTHER THAT the Township of Ear Falls will accept responsibility for its contribution to the project any cost over-runs and, if necessary, will fund them with municipal Reserves.

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2559-24, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L07-LA

8.2 By-Law No. 2560-24, a By-Law to Authorize the Purchase of 74 Forest Drive, Plan M700 Lot 182, from Lou Edelis and Patricia M. Edelis

*L04-CR

8.3 By-Law No. 2561-24, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Criterion Pictures

A08-PI

8.4 By-Law No. 2562-24, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement (renewal) with Pitney Bowes

P.F.

8.4 By-Law No. 2563-24, a By-Law to Enter into an Employment Agreement with Shawna Weston for the position of Deputy Clerk Intern.

P.F.

8.4 By-Law No. 2564-24, a By-Law to Appoint a Deputy Clerk.

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law Nos. 2559-24, 2560-24, 2561-24, 2562-24 2563-24, and 2564-24 as passed.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

*L07-LA & L.R.

9.1 Declare Property Surplus – 74 Forest Drive (M700 Lot 182)

Proposed Motion

WHEREAS Plan M700, Lot No. 182 is in the process of being purchased by the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls for the purpose of with a closing date set for May 17, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls hereby declares Plan M700, Lot 182 to be surplus to the needs of the Corporation; and

FURTHER THAT based on the Opinion of Value provided in accordance with By-Law No. 2230-19, the minimum bid will be set at \$6,700 for Plan M700, Lot 182; and

FURTHER THAT Offers to Purchase will be accepted on a first come - first served basis beginning June 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

- 9.2 Review of By-Law 1967-15, A By-Law to Regulate the Installation of Culverts Placed on Municipal Road Allowances and to Provide Access Therefrom to Private Abutting Lands

For Discussion.

- 9.3 Email from Janet Masdea, Operations Manager, Diabetes Canada, dated April 4, 2024, re: Partnership with Diabetes Canada for placement of a donation bin in Ear Falls.

For Discussion.

- 9.4 Youth/Student Member of Council

For Discussion

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11 CLOSED MEETING

12 CLOSED REPORT

13 ADJOURNMENT