

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #7
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
April 16, 2025 @ 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 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. 7.1.3

RESOLUTION NO. 083

Moved by Brad Mountain. 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 Meetings.

5.1.1 April 2, 2025 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 084

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Minutes of the previous Meetings of Council numbered 5.1.1 at the April 16th, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

C06-JO

5.2.1 October 22, 2024 - Joint Community Safety and Well-Being
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 085

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 Minutes of Committees numbered 5.2.1 at the April 16th, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

A01-HO

5.3.1 November 1, 2024, District of Kenora Home for the Aged
Regular Meeting Minutes

A01-NO

5.3.2 February 26, 2025, Northwestern Health Unit Regular Meeting
Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 086

Moved by Kim Thain. 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 and 5.3.2 at the April 16th, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

*F18-WA

6.1 Request for Quote – Waterfront Sign Retrofit

RESOLUTION NO. 087

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby accepts the Bid from Little Canada Camp / Collin Watson for the Waterfront Sign Retrofit for \$2,650.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1. Correspondence.

D05-TI

7.1.1 Letter received March 28, 2025, from the Ministry of Natural Resources re: Inspection of the 2025-2026 Accepted Annual Work Schedule for the Dryden and Wabigoon Forests

7.1.2 Invitation from the Red Lake Indian Friendship Centre re: Indigenous Cultural Competency Training and Unpacking Bias, in Red Lake, Ontario on April 30 – May 1, 2025

M06-ON

7.1.3 Email from Ontario News received April 7, 2025, re: Updated Parliamentary Assistant Roles

Clarification was requested on some of the changes to Parliamentary Assistant appointments.

M06-ON

7.1.4 Email from Ontario News received April 9, 2025, re: Proposed Expansion to Strong Mayor Powers to 169 Additional Municipalities

M06-ON

7.1.5 Email from Ontario News received April 5, 2025, re: US Softwood Lumber Duties will Increase Cost of Housing for Americans

D05-TI

7.1.6 Letter from Ministry of Natural Resources received April 9, 2025, re: Minor Amendment #20 to the 2021-2031 Dryden Forest Management Plan

RESOLUTION NO. 088

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 documents numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.6 at the April 16th, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

C11-MU

- 7.2 Report to Council dated April 9, 2025, from the Manager of Public Service and Operations re: V313 - 2016 Ford F350 Repairs

RESOLUTION NO. 089

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council dated April 9, 2025, from the Manager of Public Service and Operations re: V313 - 2016 Ford F350 Repairs.

Carried.

L06-IN

- 7.3 2025 Insurance Renewal

RESOLUTION NO. 090

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls approves the 2025 Insurance Renewal with Intact Public Entities Inc. at a cost of \$162,265 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

Council requested clarification on Item No. 8.2.

- 8.1 By-Law No. 2634-25, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L14-GE

- 8.2 By-Law No. 2635-25, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with GEOMA (a division of Geraldton Community Forest (GFC)) for the provision of GIS Services to the Township of Ear Falls.

Council requested clarification on the services provided.

F11-FI

- 8.3 By-Law No. 2636-25, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Amendment to Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of the Solicitor General for the Ear Falls Fire Protection Grant 2024-2025.
- 8.4 By-Law No. 2637-25, a By-Law to Repeal By-Law 2142-18 a By-Law to Appoint Noel Dumontier as Chief Building Official for the Township of Ear Falls.

*L04-RS

- 8.5 By-Law No. 2638-25, a By-Law to Appoint RSM Building Consultants Inc. as the Chief Building Official for the Township of Ear Falls.

L04-UN

- 8.6 By-Law No. 2639-25, a By-Law to Enter into a Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement with Unifor and its Local 324-4.

RESOLUTION NO. 091

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law No. 2634-25, 2635-25, 2636-25, 2637-25, 2638-25 and 2639-25 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

D00-GO

- 9.1 Golden Fawn Application for Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) Application Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 092

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) Application amendment proposed for ECA #8318-83MRTK for new Sewage Works at Golden Fawn Outfitters located 180 Golden Fawn Road in Ear Falls, Ontario; and,

FURTHER THAT the Mayor is authorized to and directed to sign the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) Application Statement of the Municipality.

Carried.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Kim Thain

Community Health Centre (CHC) Board Meeting

- Received notice of additional funding which was used to purchase new computers and a new sterilizer.
- The Board will be doing some training on April 29, 2025
- Continuing to work on filling a nursing (RN) vacancy. The selected candidate is taking steps to fulfill the role and has an interest in completing the Nurse Practitioner program.

Councillor Doug Woolsey

- Met with representatives of the Ministry of Health and Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, to follow-up to the delegation held with the Minister at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference on attracting and retaining medical professionals.
- Confirmed that there would be a meeting with Smart Modular Canada next week for Mayor Kahoot, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and himself on Tuesday while in Thunder Bay for the Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) Conference.

Mayor Kevin Kahoot

Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) Meeting

- The Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) presented at the KDMA meeting and discussed the housing needs in the region. The KDSB is interested in moving the district's housing needs into a bigger portfolio. This has pros and cons for the communities and will be discussed further.
- KDMA has been working on their subcommittees and meetings with Ministers and narrowing down the topics of importance (Policing, Crown Land Dispositions, Home for the Aged funding etc.)

11 CLOSED MEETING

11.1 RESOLUTION NO. 093

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 3:00 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

Section 239 (2) (c) of the *Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, as amended.

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
 - 5 Waterfront Road

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 - 5 Highway 657

Carried.

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11.2 RESOLUTION NO. 094

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 3:25 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

12 CLOSED REPORT

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator on the proposed disposition of property.

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator on the proposed acquisition of property.

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 095

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 3:27 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk