

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

BY-LAW NO. XXXX-25

**Being a By-Law to Permit the Discharge of Firearms on the Ear Falls
Golf Course for the purpose of Hunting Geese**

WHEREAS By-Law No. 670-95 was passed on the 20th day of December 1995 to prohibit the discharge of Guns and other Firearms with on one-quarter miles of any place of habitation or work within the Township of Ear Falls; and,

WHEREAS it has been deemed to be in the interest of the Township of Ear Falls to exempt persons who have qualified for and obtained special Ear Falls Golf Course Goose Hunt Permit from the provisions of By-Law No. 670-95; and,

WHEREAS this By-Law will apply to the portion of the Ear Falls Golf Course identified Appendix A Section 2;

THEREFORE the Council of The Township of Ear Falls hereby **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **THAT** the Ear Falls Golf Course Goose Hunt Policy attached hereto as Appendix "A" and forming part of this By-Law shall set out conditions for permitting the hunting of Geese on the Ear Falls Golf Course during the legal hunting season as established by the Government of Canada for this area.
2. **THAT** the discharge of shotguns of 12 gauge or smaller gauge shall be permitted on the Ear Falls Golf course during the times and dates specified on a permit issued in accordance with the terms of this By-Law.
3. **THAT** this By-Law exempts those persons authorized under the permit from prosecution under the said By-Law No. 670-95.
4. **THAT** any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this By-Law shall not be eligible to apply for a permit in a future year and will be reported to enforcement authorities.
5. **THAT** this By-Law shall come into force and take effect upon the final reading thereof.

Read and Passed this XXX day of July, 2025

APPENDIX "A"
TO BY-LAW NO. XXXX-25

EAR FALLS GOLF COURSE GOOSE HUNT POLICY

1. Hunting Times

1. Hunters will be permitted to hunt the legal hunting time in the morning and must be off the Golf Course by 9:00 a.m. and will be permitted to access the Golf Course from 4:00 p.m. to the end of legal hunting time.

2. Hunting Location

1. Hunting is only permitted on Holes 1 to 8. This excludes the Men's Tee Block on Hole 1 and the Green on Hole 8.
2. No hunting is permitted in the Red Hatched Area identified below.



3. Hunter Eligibility

1. Applicants and members of their hunting party must be residents of the Township of Ear Falls and will be required to provide proof of residency on their government issued photo identification
2. Applicants and members of their hunting party must be 18 years of age or older.
3. Applicants and members of their hunting party must provide proof of:
 - a. Valid Firearms Licence
 - b. Ontario Small Game Licence, and
 - c. Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit.

4. Applications

1. All applications must be received by noon on August 15, 2025.
2. All applications must be complete to be eligible.
3. All applications must be submitted with the required fee to be deemed a complete application. Fees are not refundable.
4. Applications are not transferable under any circumstances.
5. Applications shall be in the form attached hereto as Schedule "A".

5. Permit Draw

1. All completed applications will be drawn from a bin one at a time on August 27, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.
2. The order in which the applications are drawn will determine the order in which the permits are issued starting with the first day of the season. (i.e. first application drawn will be assigned September 15, second drawn will be assigned September 16).
3. The successful applicant must submit the names of their hunting party members and all required qualifications by no later than September 5, 2025. Following receipt of the required information a permit will be issued. If the successful applicant chooses to take less than a full complement of other hunters, this will be clearly noted on the permit.

6. Permits

1. No person shall hunt on the Golf Course without a permit issued by the Township of Ear Falls.
2. Hunt permits are issued only for the date specified on the permit

3. Only one permit will be issued for any given date.
4. The holder of permit is permitted to have three (3) additional hunters hunt on their permit, and those hunters will be identified on the permit and must provide proof of their qualifications by no later than September 5, 2025.
5. The person to whom the permit is issued must be present during the hunt.
6. The permit shall be in the form attached hereto as Schedule "B".

7. General

1. Each person hunting under the authority of the Ear Falls Golf Course Goose Hunt Permit is responsible for all other licences and permits required by law.
2. The permit does not exempt any person from compliance with any Federal, Provincial or Municipal Laws, regulations or obligations.
3. Hunters are responsible for safe hunting practices, and are responsible for any damage they may cause to the Golf Course, Equipment (benches, ball washers etc) or to other buildings/facilities.

8. Fee

1. The fee for the permit is \$100.00.

SCHEDULE "A"
EAR FALLS GOLF COURSE GOOSE HUNT POLICY
APPLICATION FORM

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

The application deadline date is noon on August 15, 2025. The draw will take place on Wednesday August 27, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. in the Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers.

Applicants (or the applicant's representative) are welcome, but not required, to be present.

Permits will be issued during normal office hours after the hunting party provides relevant qualifications. Qualifications are required to be provided for hunting party members by September 5, 2025.

Applicants shall observe all Federal, Provincial and Municipal laws and regulations. A permit issued under By-Law XXXX-25 only exempts persons authorized under the permit from prosecution under By-Law No. 670-95 of the Township of Ear Falls.

The fee and the applicant's qualifications must be submitted for this application to be valid.

Qualifications:

- a. Valid Firearms Licence
- b. Ontario Small Game Licence, and
- c. Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit.

I, _____ the undersigned, have read and understand the Golf Course Goose Hunt Policy and agree to abide by the rules in it. I further understand that there is some inherent danger in participating in this activity, and I hereby waive any legal recourse against the Council, Staff and Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls all claims resulting from personal injuries sustained, or death resulting from participation in this event. I also understand that I may be held personally liable for unsafe hunting practices, including damage to property. I understand that the municipality will report my hunting party if they are aware of any unsafe or improper hunting practices.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

SCHEDULE "B"

EAR FALLS GOLF COURSE GOOSE HUNT POLICY

EAR FALLS GOLF COURSE GOOSE HUNT PERMIT

Name of Permit Holder: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

This permit allows the Permittee to hunt on the following date between legal hunting time in the morning and must be off the Golf Course by 9:00 a.m. and will be permitted to access the Golf Course from 4:00 pm to the end of legal hunting time.

DATE PERMIT VALID FOR: _____

All persons authorized to hunt under the authority of this permit acknowledge their obligation to comply with and all Federal, Provincial and Municipal Laws including By-Law XXXX-25.

The undersigned have all read and understand the Golf Course Goose Hunt Policy and agree to abide by the rules in it. By signing below, they confirm that they understand that there is some inherent danger in participating in this activity, and waive any legal recourse against the Council, Staff and Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls all claims resulting from personal injuries sustained, or death resulting from participation in this event. They also understand that they may be held personally liable for unsafe hunting practices, including damage to property. They understand that the municipality will report the hunting party if it is aware of any unsafe or improper hunting practices.

The people below are authorized to hunt with the Permit Holder under this permit if they sign below prior to entering onto the Golf Course to hunt.

NAME	SIGNATURE

Permit Holder Signature: _____

Date: _____

This permit is issued under the authority of By-Law XXXX-25

Kevin Kahoot, Mayor, Township of Ear Falls