

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

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council # 3  
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers  
February 4, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m.

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Dan Sutton called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

**2 ROLL CALL**

Deputy Mayor Dan Sutton, Councillor Brad Mountain (electronically), Councillor Kim Thain, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Shannon Jeffries and Deputy Clerk Shawna Weston

**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.)

RESOLUTION NO. 010

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kim Thain.

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 January 14, 2026 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 011

Moved by Kim Thain. 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 February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

C12-HE

5.2.1 December 17, 2025 – Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 012

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 of Committees numbered 5.2.1 at the February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

A01-HO

5.3.1 November 27, 2025 – District of Kenora Home for the Aged Meeting Minutes

C12-ON

5.3.2 October 15, 2025 – Red Lake/Ear Falls OPP Detachment Board Meeting Minutes

Councillor Thain raised questions regarding the minutes that Councillor Woolsey may be able to address; therefore, the matter will be deferred to the next meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 013

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 February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

**6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES**

None.

**7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS**

7.1. Correspondence.

7.1.1 Letter from Kenora District Services Board (KDSB), dated January 15, 2026, re: 2025-26 Residual Funding Call.

M06-ON

7.1.2 News Release from Ontario News, dated January 13, 2026, re: Ontario Investing to Protect College and University Students for In Demand Jobs.

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7.1.3 News Release from Ontario News, dated January 13, 2026, re: Ontario Fast Tracks Largest Nickel Project.

M06-ON

7.1.4 News Release from Ontario News, dated January 14, 2026, re: Ontario Building and Expanding Sixteen Teaching Clinics.

M06-ON

7.1.5 Email from Ontario News, dated January 16, 2026, re: Ontario Investing \$700 million in Critical Water Infrastructure to Protect Communities and Support Housing.

M06-ON

7.1.6 News Release from Ontario News, dated January 19, 2026, re: Ontario Investing to Protect Rural Communities.

M06-ON

7.1.7 News Release from Ontario News, dated January 20, 2026, re: Ontario Continues to Protect Health Care Workforce in the North.

M06-ON

7.1.8 News Release from Ontario News, dated January 22, 2026, re: Ontario Fast Tracking Access to Six Breakthrough Cancer Drugs.

M06-ON

7.1.9 News Release from Ontario News, dated January 28, 2026, re: Ontario Connecting Ring of Fire with New Transmission Line.

RESOLUTION NO. 014

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 documents numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.9 at the February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

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7.2 Schedule of Fees 2026 Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 015

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the 2026 Schedule of Fees in accordance with the attached, including amendments to the following Schedules:

- Schedule “A-01” Animal Control Licences & Fees

Carried.

M03-DO

7.3 Letter from Charlene Henrie, President of Royal Canadian Legion Ear Falls Branch 238, dated January 14, 2026, re: Request to waive fees for the Recreation Centre second floor for Winterfest for March 6-7, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 016

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kim Thain.

WHEREAS the rental rate for the Second Floor of the Arena (with an S.O.P.) is currently \$60.00/hour; and

WHEREAS the Royal Canadian Legion Ear Falls Branch 238 has requested that the fees be waived for Winterfest being held March 6-7, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls hereby agrees to waive the rental fees for the Second Floor of the Arena (with an S.O.P) for the provision of Bar Services for Winterfest being held March 6-7, 2026.

Carried.

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7.4 Report to Council, dated January 23, 2026, from Manager of Public Service and Operations, re: Recreation Equipment – Remove from Service

RESOLUTION NO. 014

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council dated January 23, 2026, from the Manager of Public Service and Operations re: Olympia 3000 Ice Resurfacer.

Carried.

**M03-DO**

7.5 Letter from Ear Falls Skating Club, dated January 5, 2026, re: Request to waive fees for the Recreation Centre Canteen for Annual Ice Show on March 14, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 018**

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

WHEREAS the rental rate for the Canteen is \$30.00/hour; and

WHEREAS Ear Falls Skating Club has requested that Council waive the fees for the Canteen during their Annual Ice Show;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls approves waiving the canteen rental fees for the Ear Falls Skating Club for their Annual Ice Show scheduled for March 14, 2026.

Carried.

**F11-KA**

7.6 Submission of an application to Kal Tire's Replay Fund

**RESOLUTION NO. 019**

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Acting Treasurer/Deputy Clerk be authorized and directed to submit an application to the Kal Tire's Replay Fund for a rubberized playground surface for the New Lions Park Playground Project.

Carried.

**8 BY-LAWS**

8.1 By-Law No. 2688-26, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

**\*F11-MI**

8.2 By-Law No. 2689-26, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a 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 2025-2026.

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8.3 By-Law No., 2690-26, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Honourable Mike Harris Minister of Natural Resources for the Ontario FireSmart Community Implementation Grants Program (FCGP).

\*F11-MI

8.4 By-Law No., 2691-26, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement with His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Ministry of Transportation for the Ontario Pothole Prevention and Repair Program.

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8.5 By-Law No., 2692-26, a By-Law to Authorize the purchase of Crown land along the shores of Lac Seul, CL 20263, Plan 23R-15257.

RESOLUTION NO. 020

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law Nos. 2688-26, 2689-26, 2690-26, 2691-26 and 2692-26, as passed.

Carried.

## **PART II – OTHER ITEMS**

### **9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

None.

### **10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Deputy Mayor Dan Sutton

Kenora District Services Board (KDSB)

- Previous Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sarah Stevenson is now the permanent CEO as of January 1, 2026.

### **11 CLOSED MEETING**

None.

### **12 CLOSED REPORT**

None.

**13 ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 021

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 2:37 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk