

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council #1
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
January 14, 2026 @ 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 (electronically), Councillor Doug Woolsey, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Shannon Jeffries and 1 member of the public.

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. 7.2 and 7.4

RESOLUTION NO. 001

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

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

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5.1 The review and passing of the Minutes of the previous Meetings.

5.1.1 December 17, 2025 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 002

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

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 January 14th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

5.2.1 October 29, 2025 – Health and Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes

5.2.2 November 26, 2025 – Health and Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 003

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 Minutes of Committees numbered 5.2.1 to 5.2.2 at the January 14th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

None.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1. Correspondence.

7.1.1 Letter and Report from Northwest Community Legal Clinic,
dated December 16, 2025, re: Annual Report of the Northwest
Community Legal Clinic.

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7.1.2 Email from Ontario News, dated December 31, 2025, re:
Ontario Continuing to Protect Workers and Unlock Free Trade
Within Canada in 2026.

- 7.1.3 Email from Ontario News, dated January 6, 2026, re: Ontario Investing \$26 million to Train More Frontline Staff in Long-Term Care.

RESOLUTION NO. 004

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 documents numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.3 at the January 14th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

- 7.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – year to date (January 9, 2026)

Council reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - year to date (dated January 9, 2026) in accordance with By-Law 2283-20 and requested clarification on a specific line item listed on the report.

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- 7.3 The Township of Ear Falls Water System Financial Plan dated January 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 005

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls adopts the Township of Ear Falls Water System Financial Plan dated January 2026.

Carried.

- 7.4 Report to Council, dated January 8, 2026, from Acting Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Shannon Jeffries, re: Registration of Properties for Tax Arrears.

RESOLUTION NO. 006

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

WHEREAS there are nine (9) properties that should be registered for tax arrears in accordance with Section 373 (1) of the Municipal Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Acting Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Shannon Jeffries, is authorized and directed to register nine (9) properties for arrears of taxes; and

FURTHER THAT the fee for this service be borne by the property owner.

Carried.

Council commented on the number of properties for registration and requested information regarding properties registered in previous years.

7.5 Closure of Municipal Office for Christmas Holidays – 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 007

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls approves the closure of the Municipal Office from December 24th, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. to January 1, 2027, and that staff will return to work on January 4th, 2027.

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2686-26, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

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8.2 By-Law No. 2687-26, a By-Law to Provide an Interim Tax Levy and for Monthly Interest for Non-Payment by the Due Date.

RESOLUTION NO. 008

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law Nos. 2686-26 and 2687-26, as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

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9.1 Letter received from Anne Silander, dated December 19, 2025, re: Winter Snowplowing

For Discussion.

Council discussed the letter received regarding road maintenance and resident feedback regarding road maintenance compared to previous

years. Council noted receiving significant snowfalls within a brief period, leading to the formation of large snow windrows left in intersections. Council acknowledged room for improvement in clearing intersections more effectively following major storms. Council to provide Administration with their suggested changes to the Winter Road Maintenance – Snow Plowing Policy for review with Public Service & Operations Manager.

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9.2 Kenora District Municipal Association - Draft Resolutions

For Discussion.

Council concurred that there are not any current resolutions to be submitted to KDMA for the upcoming KDMA Conference and Annual General Meeting being held in Ignace on February 19 - 21, 2026.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mayor Kahoot and Acting Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Shannon Jeffries attended a meeting with Wabauskang First Nation regarding Interfor Sawmill operations.

11 CLOSED MEETING

None.

12 CLOSED REPORT

None.

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 009

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 3:24 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk