

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council # 4
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
February 18, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Kahoot called the meeting to order at 2:43 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor Brad Mountain (electronically), Councillor Daniel Sutton (electronically), Councillor Kim Thain, Councillor Doug Woolsey, Acting Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Shannon Jeffries, Manager of Water & Wastewater Operations Brigitte Jette 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. 022

Moved by Kim Thain. 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 February 4, 2026 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 023

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

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 18th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

None.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

None.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1. Correspondence.

C12-ON

7.1.1 Annual Report, received from Red Lake-Ear Falls OPP Detachment Board, received February 3, 2026, re: Annual Report

M06-ON

7.1.2 News Release from Ontario News, dated February 5, 2026, re: Ontario Investing Over \$21 Million to Train Staff in Long Term Care.

M06-ON

7.1.3 News Release from Ontario News, dated February 10, 2026, re: Ontario Releases 2025–26 Third Quarter Finances

RESOLUTION NO. 024

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

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 February 18th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

7.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – year to date (February 13, 2026)

Council reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - year to date (dated February 13, 2026) in accordance with By-Law 2283-20.

F00-TR

7.3 Travel to Rainy River District Municipal Association

RESOLUTION NO. 025

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

RESOLVED THAT the following be authorized travel and attendance to the Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA) Conference being held in Nestor Falls, on January 9th and 10th, 2026:

- Mayor Kevin Kahoot

Carried.

E03-RE

7.4 Annual Report for the Ear Falls Drinking Water System – 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 026

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the 2025 Annual Report for the Ear Falls Drinking Water System in compliance with Section 11 and Schedule 22 requirements of O. Reg 170/03, under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2693-26, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 027

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. 2693-26 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

- 9.1 Red Lake/Ear Falls OPP Detachment Board Meeting Minutes –
Carried forward from previous meeting for discussion.

Councillor Woolsey provided notes/minutes from the OPP Detachment Board meeting and noted that anyone interested in viewing them going forward may reach out to him, and he will ensure they are available.

- 9.2 Transportation Proposal received from MoveMobility.

For Discussion.

Council reviewed the information supplied and Mayor Kahoot reported that a MoveMobility representative will bring a bus model to the Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) conference in Ignace, February 19–21, 2026.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Woolsey

Red Lake / Ear Falls OPP Detachment Board

- At the last meeting, they discussed wanting to have more of a police presence at Sunset Leisure Centre.
- At the last meeting, Jamie Kristoff was elected Chair and Councillor Woolsey was elected Vice Chair.
- A crisis response worker has been hired recently and will be an asset to the communities.

Councillor Thain

Community Health Centre (CHC)

- A quote was submitted to the Township to request additional funding for a privacy entrance. Administration advised the quote is with the finance committee and will go to the budget committee.
- A new nurse, Katherine, has begun working at the Clinic.

Mayor Kevin Kahoot

Will attend Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Conference next week where he will have meetings with Springpole, Evolution and Kinross.

11 CLOSED MEETING

None.

12 CLOSED REPORT

None.

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 028

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 3:20 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk