

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

A G E N D A of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council # 5
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
March 4, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 ROLL CALL

**3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL
NATURE THEREOF**

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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.)

Proposed Motion.

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.

5 MINUTES

C04-MI

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

5.1.1 February 18, 2026 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

Proposed Motion.

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 March 4th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

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.

A16-CH

7.1.1 Chukuni Communities Development Corporation (CCDC) has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) under the approved Economic Diversification Strategy Project. At their request, the Township has posted the RFP on the Township website.

D05-TI

7.1.2 Letter received from Ministry of Natural Resources, Kenora District, dated February 20, 2026, re: Kenora Whiskey Jack Work Schedule.

M06-ON

7.1.3 News Release from Ontario News, dated February 17, 2026, re: Ontario Fast-Tracks One of Canada's Premier Gold Mines Under 'One Project, One Process'.

M06-ON

7.1.4 News Release from Ontario News, dated February 23, 2026, re: Ontario Beginning Construction of Berens River Bridge.

D05-MI

7.1.5 Email from Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, dated February 27, 2026, re: Notification of Public Comment Period on the Draft Environmental Assessment Report and Potential Conditions for the Proposed Springpole Gold Project.

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls receives and files the documents numbered 7.1.1 to 7.1.54 at the March 4th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

H03-TE

7.2 Volunteer Fire Department Resignations – Macey Finan and Drayshawn Poirier

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT the resignations of Macey Finan and Drayshawn Poirier from their positions as Volunteer Firefighters for the Ear Falls Fire Department be accepted, with regrets, effective February 18, 2026.

E03-WA

- 7.3 Draft 2025 Corrosion Control Evaluation Report for the Ear Falls Drinking Water System

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the 2025 Corrosion Control Evaluation Report for the Ear Falls Drinking Water System.

*E01-RE

- 7.4 Draft 2025 Annual Report for the Ear Falls Wastewater Collection System

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the 2025 Annual Report for the Ear Falls Wastewater Collection System in accordance with the Environmental Compliance Approval No. 287-W601.

E03-RE

- 7.5 Draft 2025 Annual Report for the Ear Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the 2025 Annual Report for the Ear Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant in accordance with Condition 10(5) of amended Environmental Compliance Approval No. 1492-A2ZHLC.

C11-MU

- 7.6 Report to Council, from Acting Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, Shannon Jeffries, dated February 27, 2026, re: Chief Building Official (CBO) Qualification Requirements

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report regarding termination provisions and qualification requirements for a Chief Building Official; and

THAT Council directs Administration to explore a transition plan that includes maintaining qualified CBO services while supporting a prospective candidate in obtaining the mandatory provincial qualifications; and

THAT Administration report back to Council with financial implications and a recommended implementation plan.

F11-KE

7.7 Application to the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) for the Child Poverty Reduction Reinvestment Funding - Ear Falls Youth Drop-In Centre project.

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby authorizes the Acting Treasurer/Deputy Clerk to submit an application for 2026 Child Poverty Reduction Reinvestment Funding for the Ear Falls Youth Drop-In Centre.

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2694-26, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

8.2 By-Law No. 2695-26, a By-Law to Repeal By-Law No. 2142-18, being a By-Law to Appoint Paul S. Heayn as Integrity Commissioner for the Township of Ear Falls.

8.3 By-Law No. 2696-26, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Aird Berlis for the Provision of Integrity Commissioner's Services for the Township of Ear Falls.

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law No. 2694-26, 2695-26 and 2696-26 as passed.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11 CLOSED MEETING

12 CLOSED REPORT

13 ADJOURNMENT