

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council # 10
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
May 20, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Doug Woolsey called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Councillor Brad Mountain, Councillor Daniel Sutton (electronically),
Councillor Kim Thain, Acting Mayor Doug Woolsey, Acting
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Shannon Jeffries, Deputy Clerk Shawna Weston

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared.

4 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 3 Points in Space – Sean Adams, Dan Demers and Brooklyn Jones presented virtually and gave an overview of 3 Points in Space and ARDTIC initiatives in Ear Falls, including drone innovation, workforce training, and regional economic development opportunities.

Brooklyn has worked with 3 Points since January 2026 and previously worked in the Yukon

Dan Demers combines a strong background in government relations with a distinguished career dedicated to driving innovation. He advised that there are only three sites in Canada that qualify for these test sites and Ear Falls is the best testing area, due to the remoteness.

Sean Adams is the CEO of 3 Points in Space Media, provided an overview of the company's background and current initiatives. He noted that the business has been operating for eleven (11) years and that he relocated to Ontario in 2018 to work in fire suppression within the region. During this period, 3 Points in Space Media was selected to conduct drone testing and evaluate drone durability.

In 2021, the company leased airport space from the Township and subsequently purchased the property the following year. 3 Points in Space is a Canadian technology company specializing in advanced drone and innovation solutions.

Mr. Adams reported that the company is now developing the Advanced Research Drone Testing Innovation Centre (ARDTIC), which will support innovation, engineering, certification, and manufacturing activities related to drone technology.

This centre is operated by 3 Points in Space and is currently one of locations in Canada capable of this testing and manufacturing.

ARDTIC Services include:

- Drone and onboard systems testing & certification in a regulated environment
- Beyond Visual Line of Sight operations, sensor integration, flight testing and payload experimentation
- Custom Drone Operations – development and testing of specialized drone applications for industries and National Defence

3 Points in Space has developed purpose built drone testing and innovation facilities designed to support research, operational testing and real world deployment of emerging technologies. Their work supports both urban and remote environments including Indigenous and northern communities.

Council requested clarification on the projected timeline for creating employment opportunities for the local workforce, and it was noted that manufacturing is expected to begin within the next two years. Councillor Sutton also emphasized that the Township continues to maintain a strong and positive relationship with the local First Nations.

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. 090

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 May 7, 2026 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 091

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 May 20th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

C06-JO

5.2.1 February 12, 2026 – Joint Community Safety & Well-Being
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 092

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 May 20th, 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

P03-EM

7.1.1 Letter from Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response, dated May 7, 2026, re: Township of Ear Falls- Compliance results-2025

7.1.2 Letter from Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth, dated May 8, 2026, re: Tourism Campaign - Northern Ontario municipalities

7.1.3 Letter from Ontario Provincial Police, dated May 5, 2026, re: 2027 Municipal Policing Billing Statement.

E06-IN

7.1.4 Letter from Independent Electricity System Operator, dated May 4, 2026, re: Thank you for continued support

RESOLUTION NO. 093

Moved by Brad Mountain. 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 7.1.4 at the May 20th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

7.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – year to date (May 15, 2026)

Council reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - year to date (dated May 15, 2026) in accordance with By-Law 2283-20.

7.3 Kimberly Ballance Years of Service

RESOLUTION NO. 094

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

WHEREAS Kimberly Ballance commenced her employment with the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls on December 3, 2007, and has provided eighteen (18) years of dedicated service as Clerk Treasurer Administrator; and

WHEREAS throughout her tenure, Kimberly Ballance has demonstrated exceptional leadership, professionalism, and a strong commitment to the effective administration of municipal operations; and

WHEREAS her contributions have supported Council, staff, and the community through periods of growth, change, and ongoing service delivery; and

WHEREAS her guidance, experience, and institutional knowledge have played a significant role in the continued success and stability of the Township of Ear Falls; and

WHEREAS Kimberly Ballance has built lasting relationships within the organization and the community, leaving a legacy of dedication and public service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Kimberly Ballance for her eighteen (18) years of dedicated service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council congratulates her on her many contributions and wishes her all the best in her future endeavours.

Carried.

7.4 Schedule of Fees Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 095

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the amendment to:

- Schedule “R-01” Recreation Page 6 Golf Course Fee Schedule of the 2026 Schedule of Fees in accordance with the attached, effective January 1st, 2026.

Carried.

7.5 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Data Sharing and Services Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 096

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT the Acting Treasurer / Deputy Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to sign the Data Sharing and Services Agreement with Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

Carried.

7.6 Ear Falls / Red Lake Joint Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee’s proposed Diversity and Inclusion Accord – Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 097

Moved by Brad Mountain. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Kevin Kahoot and Acting Treasurer / Deputy Clerk Shannon Jeffries are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Amended Joint Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee’s Diversity and Inclusion Accord.

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2705-26, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by

Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 098

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 No. 2705-26 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

9.1 Report to Council received May 15, 2026, from Deputy Clerk Shawna Weston, re: Seniors Recreational Activities – Ad-Hoc Working Committee Update

For Discussion.

- Councillor Woolsey noted that the Seniors group plans to hold Tuesday and Friday activities, starting with cornhole and shuffleboard over the summer. He also noted that the equipment for Pickleball has already been purchased and that they will try to have a few games to test the court set up in the pavilion.
- Seniors would like to have horseshoe pits put in on the east side of the pavilion, the area would need to be levelled have something covering the stake in the ground, for safety and liability concerns.
- Council requested that Administration bring a report to council regarding how the Township is going to support the seniors in getting these activities started, including equipment storage ideas.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Sutton

Kenora District Services Board (KDSB)

- Will be attending a KDSB meeting
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference delegations will be submitted for the Seniors Housing Complex in Ear Falls

11 CLOSED MEETING

None.

12 CLOSED REPORT

None.

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 099

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Brad Mountain.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 3:25 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk