

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

A G E N D A of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council # 9
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
May 7, 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

4.1 Shauna Thain – Resilient Roots Homestead Proposal

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 April 15, 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 May 7th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

5.2 Minutes of Committees.

None.

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations.

A01-ON

5.3.1 January 29, 2026 – OPP Detachment Board Meeting Minutes

A01-ON

5.3.2 February 12, 2026 – OPP Detachment Board Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion.

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 May 7th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1. Correspondence.

M06-ON

7.1.1 News Release from Ontario News, dated April 15, 2026, re:
Ontario Relaxing Alcohol Restrictions in Provincial Parks

M06-ON

7.1.2 News Release from Ontario News, dated April 20, 2026, re:
Province Welcomes Ontario Chamber of Commerce to Ontario
Corps.

M06-ON

7.1.3 News Release from Ontario News, dated April 22, 2026, re:
Ontario Expands Ironworker Training Centre in Thunder Bay.

7.1.4 Letter from Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks,
dated April 22, 2026, re: Streamlining Requirements-Waste
Disposal Site

M06-ON

7.1.5 News Release from Ontario News, dated April 23, 2026, re:
Ontario Fast-Tracks Red Lake Transmission Line and Launches
New Hydroelectricity Program.

7.1.6 Letter from Ministry of Municipal Housing and Affairs, dated
April 22, 2026, re: Streamlining the information and material

that planning authorities can require as part of a complete application.

M06-ON

7.1.7 News Release from Ontario News, dated April 24, 2026, re: Ontario Investing \$15 Million to Protect and Support Northern Communities.

D05-FO

7.1.8 News Release from Ontario News, dated April 28, 2026, re: Ontario Launches Roadmap to Protect Forest Sector Workers and Businesses.

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 7.1.7 at the May 7th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

7.2 Resignation of Kimberly Ballance from her position of Clerk Treasurer Administrator for the Township of Ear Falls.

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Kimberly Ballance from her position as Clerk Treasurer Administrator for the Township of Ear Falls be accepted with regrets effective July 2, 2026.

D00-FO

7.3 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's Response to the Application made under Section 357 for the 2026 Tax Year.

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has no objection to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's Response to the Application made under Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the 2026 Tax Year regarding the property identified as:

ROLL NUMBER	CURRENT PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT	REVISED PHASED-IN ASSESSMENT
6042-000-001-24700-0000	\$44,500 RT	\$44,500 E

D02-NW

7.4 Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing.

a) Ear Falls Public School-Swimming Lessons

WHEREAS Council deems that the project identified on the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated April 15, 2026, complies with the Reserve Fund Criteria;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the project, in accordance with the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated May 7, 2026, as attached.

M03-DO

7.5 Letter received from Northstead Resource Development Corporation, dated April 1, 2026, re: Request for Municipal Support-Pilot Community Farmers' Market.

Proposed Motion.

WHEREAS the rental rate for Waterfront Park is \$350.00 per day; and

WHEREAS Northstead Resource Development Corporation has requested that Council waive the fees associated with renting Waterfront Park one (1) day a week during their pilot year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls supports the proposed Pilot Community Farmers' Market initiative and approves waiving the fees associated with renting Waterfront Park.

*F00-TA

7.6 Frise Policy and Finance Agreement

Proposed Motion.

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls requires ongoing professional advisory and analytical support related to municipal property taxation, assessment and tax policy matters;

AND WHEREAS the Township has previously received such services through Municipal Tax Equity Consultants (MTE);

AND WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls wishes to transition these services to ensure continuity, responsiveness, and alignment with the Township's needs;

AND WHEREAS the Township has received a Client Engagement Agreement from Frise Policy & Finance Inc., led by Peter Frise, to provide municipal finance, taxation, and assessment advisory services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby approves entering into a Client Engagement Agreement with Frise Policy & Finance Inc. for the provision of property tax analysis and administrative support

services, in accordance with the terms outlined in the agreement;

AND FURTHER that the Acting Treasurer/Deputy Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

*E02-RE

7.7 Draft 2025 Annual Report for the Storm Water 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 Storm Water Collection System in accordance with the Environmental Compliance Approval No. 287-S701.

7.8 Letter received from Charlene Henrie, dated April 17, 2026, re: Goose Deterrent at Waterfront Park.

Proposed Motion.

WHEREAS, the presence of Canada geese at Waterfront Park has resulted in ongoing concerns related to public health, park cleanliness, and the overall enjoyment of the space by residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the accumulation of goose droppings has created maintenance challenges and increased costs for park upkeep; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls has reviewed potential solutions and determined that the installation of a humane, effective goose deterrent system is in the best interest of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls finds that the purchase of a goose deterrent units from Away With Geese will support the ongoing maintenance and usability of Waterfront Park;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby authorizes the purchase of a goose deterrent system for Waterfront Park from Away With Geese; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate staff are authorized and directed to complete the procurement, installation, and any necessary coordination to implement the deterrent system in a timely manner.

A01-KE

7.9 Letter of Support – Kenora District Services Board

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Kevin Kahoot is hereby authorized and directed to submit a letter of support to Kenora District Services Board for the Build Canada Homes-Rural Resilience Proposal.

D05-MI

7.10 Letter of Support – Impact Assessment Agency of Canada regarding Kinross Great Bear Project

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Kevin Kahoot is hereby authorized and directed to submit a letter of support to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada regarding Kinross – Great Bear Project.

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2703-26, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

L07-LE

8.2 By-Law No. 2704-26, a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement with Jaeden Cabral for the provision of Golf Course Clubhouse Services.

Proposed Motion.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law Nos. 2703-26 and 2704-26 as passed.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

9.1 Request for Delegations for Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 2026

For discussion.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11 CLOSED MEETING

Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended.

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees;

- Harassment in the Workplace

12 CLOSED REPORT

13 ADJOURNMENT