

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council # 12
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
June 17, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Kahoot called the meeting to order at 2:28 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor Daniel Sutton (electronically), Councillor Kim Thain, Councillor Doug Woolsey, Acting Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Shannon Jeffries, Deputy Clerk Shawna Weston 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. 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5

RESOLUTION NO. 112

Moved by Doug Woolsey. 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 June 3, 2026 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 113

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 June 17th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

None

5.3 Minutes from other Agencies / Organizations

A01-HO

5.3.1 March 26, 2026, District of Kenora Home for the Aged Regular Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 114

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

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 at the June 17th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6 TENDERS / PROPOSALS / QUOTES

None.

7 MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

7.1. Correspondence

M06-ON

7.1.1 New Release from Ontario News, dated June 4, 2026, re: Ontario Investing Nearly \$8 Million to Protect and Train Workers in Northern Ontario.

7.1.2 Letter received from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), dated June 1, 2026, re: Bill 119 – Zoning

By-Law contraventions which relate to land uses that are not permitted.

- 7.1.3 Letter received from Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), dated June 4, 2026, re: Notice of Commencement for a Category B Project Evaluation for the Proposed Removal of the Windfall Bridge on Windfall Road, Kenora District.

RESOLUTION NO. 115

Moved by Kim Thain. 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 June 17th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

- 7.2 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – year to date (June 12, 2026)

Council reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - year to date (dated June 12, 2026) in accordance with By-Law 2283-20.

C11-MU

- 7.3 Report to Council, dated June 2, 2026, from Manager of Water and Wastewater Operations Brigitte Jetté, re: Generator Replacement Plan

Council requested clarification regarding the status of the current generators used for Water and Wastewater Operations. Brigitte Jetté, Manager of Water and Wastewater Operations, explained that while the long-term plan is to install fixed generators at both locations, operations currently rely on a single mobile generator that is shuttled between sites during power outages. Council supports Option 2 as outlined in Ms. Jetté's report.

RESOLUTION NO. 116

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

WHEREAS the existing generator was originally intended to provide emergency power to both the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Water Treatment Plant during prolonged outages; and

WHEREAS relocating the generator to the Water Treatment Plant would leave the Wastewater Treatment Plant without legally required backup power; and

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls seeks to ensure that each facility has its own standby power source to enhance reliability and operational resilience;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby receives the Report to Council, dated June 2, 2026, from Manager of Water and Wastewater Operations Brigitte Jetté, regarding the Generator Replacement Plan; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to consider the implementation of Option 2 as outlined in the report during future budget deliberations and capital planning processes.

Carried.

C11-MU

7.4 Report to Council, dated June 2, 2026, from Manager Public Service & Operations, Glenna Wigle, re: Public Service & Operations Update

Council expressed appreciation for the report and noted positive community feedback regarding the versatile use of the new Wille multi-purpose vehicle around town.

It was noted that Public Works is scheduled to cut the grass along the hydro line twice during the upcoming summer season.

Discussion ensued regarding the beach water fountain. Council directed administration to prioritize its repair and exhaust troubleshooting options before considering removal from the water. Administration to engage an electrician to inspect the fountain on-site prior to taking any action to pull or reinstall the unit.

RESOLUTION NO. 117

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council, dated, June 2, 2026, re: Public Service & Operations Update.

Carried.

M03-DO

7.5 Letter received from Alexandre Gagnon, Timmins Fitness Alternatives, dated May 22, 2026, re: Pop Up Playground Initiative.

Council requested clarification regarding the anticipated costs for event participants. Administration confirmed that the overarching goal is to deliver a fully subsidized initiative that is free of charge for all participants across the board.

Administration to extend a formal invitation to Wabauskang First Nation to participate in this initiative.

RESOLUTION NO. 118

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

WHEREAS the Township of Ear Falls is committed to supporting inclusive, accessible, and community-building initiatives that enhance the well-being of residents of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS Timmins Fitness Alternatives, in partnership with Autism Ontario, Hands the Family Network, Empowered Kids Ontario, and various First Nations and Francophone organizations, is delivering the *Pop Up Playground* initiative across Northern Ontario beginning in 2026; and

WHEREAS the Pop Up Playground provides unique, high-quality Aerial, Ninja, Parkour, and Loose Parts Adventure Play experiences designed to serve neurodivergent youth, youth with physical, developmental, or communication challenges, Indigenous and Francophone populations, and the general public; and

WHEREAS the initiative aims to remove barriers to participation by offering free or low-cost programming, relying on community sponsorships to offset travel, staffing, and equipment expenses; and

WHEREAS the Pop Up Playground has requested the use of the Ear Falls Recreation Centre, including the arena space and associated parking areas, from August 18–20, 2026, to safely host three days of programming, including setup and takedown; and

WHEREAS Timmins Fitness Alternatives maintains a \$5 million liability insurance policy, provides certified staff, follows strict safety and matting protocols, and will additionally insure the Township for the duration of the event; and

WHEREAS supporting this initiative aligns with the Township's goals of promoting youth wellness, community engagement, physical activity, and equitable access to recreation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the use of the Ear Falls Recreation Centre, including the arena and required parking areas, by Timmins Fitness Alternatives for the Pop Up Playground initiative from August 18–20, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council waives all rental fees associated with the use of the Ear Falls Recreation Centre for this event, recognizing the Township's contribution as a major sponsor of the Pop Ups of the North initiative.

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 By-Law No. 2707-26, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

8.2 By-Law No. 2708-26, a By-Law to Levy and Collect Property Taxes

for the Year 2026.

- 8.3 By-Law No. 2709-26, a By-Law to Approve the 2026 Municipal Budget.
- 8.4 By-Law No. 2710-26, a By-Law to repeal By-Law No. 1804-13 being a By-Law to Appoint a Weed Inspector for the Township of Ear Falls.
- 8.5 By-Law No. 2711-26, a By-Law to repeal 2658-25 a By-Law to Appoint Shannon Jeffries as a Deputy Clerk and Lottery Licence Issuing Officer.
- 8.6 By-Law No. 2712-26, a By-Law to Enter into an Employment Agreement with Shannon Jeffries for the position of Clerk Treasurer Administrator.
- 8.7 By-Law No. 2713-26, a By-Law to Appoint a Weed Inspector for the Township of Ear Falls.
- 8.8 By-Law No. 2714-26, a By-Law to Appoint Shannon Jeffries as Clerk Treasurer Administrator and Lottery Licence Issuing Officer.
- 8.9 By-Law No. 2715-26, a By-Law to Amend the Employment Agreement with Glenna-Lynn Wagle for the Position of Manager of Public Service & Operations.

RESOLUTION NO. 119

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby considers By-Law Nos. 2707-26, 2708-26, 2709-26, 2710-26, 2711-26, 2712-26, 2713-26, 2714-26 and 2715-26 as passed.

Carried.

Council extended their appreciation and thanks to Acting Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Shannon Jeffries for her hard work and dedication in successfully completing the 2026 budget.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

- 9.1 Report to Council, dated June 12, 2026, from Acting Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Shannon Jeffries, re: Recreation Equipment Purchase – Seniors Ad-Hoc Recreation Working Committee.

For Discussion.

Council requested clarification regarding the specific quantity of equipment sets to be ordered and their intended utilization. Following discussion, Council approved the implementation of Option 2 as outlined in the report, noting that additional equipment may be purchased in the future should the need arise.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mayor Kahoot

Kinross

- There will be an open house meeting at the legion in Ear Falls tonight.

Councillor Woolsey

Seniors Ad Hoc Working Committee

Continuing to work with seniors on planning recreational activities.

Councillor Thain

Planning to attend the Wabauskang First Nation Pow-Wow being held on June 22.

11 CLOSED MEETING

None.

12 CLOSED REPORT

None

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 120

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 2:55 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk