

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of Ear Falls Council # 11
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
June 3, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Kahoot called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor Brad Mountain, Councillor Kim Thain, Councillor Doug Woolsey, Acting Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Shannon Jeffries 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.)

Council requested clarification on Item No. 7.2 & 7.3

RESOLUTION NO. 100

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 May 20, 2026 – Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 101

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 3, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

5.2 Minutes of Committees

5.2.1 Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2026

5.2.2 Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – March 31, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 102

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 of Committees numbered 5.2.1 to 5.2.2 at the June 3rd, 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

M06-ON

7.1.1 New Release from Ontario News, dated May 19, 2026, re: Ontario Expands Access to Skilled Trades Certification in Northern Ontario.

D05-FO

7.1.2 New Release from Ontario News, dated May 26, 2026, re: Ontario Investing \$14 Million to Strengthen Forest Sector Competitiveness.

RESOLUTION NO. 103

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 7.1.2 at the June 3rd, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

*F11-NO

7.2 Application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) – People and Talent Program – Workforce Development Stream – Finance Assistant Intern

Council requested clarification on the job description for the position and whether the position would be posted internally and externally.

RESOLUTION NO. 104

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT Acting Treasurer / Deputy Clerk Shannon Jeffries is hereby authorized and directed to submit an Application for funding to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) under the People and Talent Program – Workforce Development Stream – Finance Assistant Intern in accordance with the attached application; and,

FURTHER THAT the Township of Ear Falls will accept responsibility for its contribution to the project.

Carried.

M03-DO

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

a) Township of Ear Falls, Gaga Ball Pit – June 3, 2026

Council requested clarification on the equipment pricing and inquired about potential locations for the new play equipment. Administration advised that the equipment will be placed at Calvin Fulford Park to support easier maintenance.

RESOLUTION NO. 105

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

WHEREAS Council deems that the project identified on the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated June 3, 2026, complies with the Reserve Fund Criteria; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the project, in accordance with the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund – Project Approval Listing, dated June 3, 2026, as attached.

Carried.

F05-EX

- 7.4 Report to Council dated May 29, 2026, re: Budget Matters – Expenses Report (in accordance with O. Reg. 284/09).

RESOLUTION NO. 106

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council dated May 29, 2026, from Acting Treasurer / Deputy Clerk Shannon Jeffries re: Budget Matters - Expenses Report (in accordance with O. Reg. 284/09).

Carried.

- 7.5 Report to Council dated May 29, 2026, re: Environmental Impact Study (EIS) Requirements.

RESOLUTION NO. 107

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls accepts the Report to Council dated May 29, 2026, from Acting Treasurer / Deputy Clerk Shannon Jeffries re: Environmental Impact Study (EIS) Requirements.

Carried.

8 BY-LAWS

- 8.1 By-Law No. 2706-26, a By-Law to Affirm Minor Decisions by Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 108

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 No. 2706-26 as passed.

Carried.

PART II – OTHER ITEMS

9 ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

*F11-CH

9.1 Chukuni Communities Development Corporation – Economic Diversification Strategy for Ear Falls

For Discussion.

An update was provided on the proposal. It was noted that the timelines outlined in the document are already out of date. Administration will provide updates on project progress as they become available.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mayor Kahoot

Kinross

- Mayor Kahoot, Councillor Sutton and Acting Treasurer/Deputy Clerk had a meeting with a delegation from Kinross to discuss operations and introduce new staff to the Township.
- Mayor Kahoot reiterated to Kinross that Ear Falls is ready for an influx of workers and noted there is not a lot of red tape in doing business in Ear Falls
- Kinross requested a listing of all camps in the area with RV camping available to Kinross.

Councillor Woolsey

Seniors Ad Hoc Committee

- Would like to set up a meeting with Administration and Mayor Kahoot to discuss how the Township is going to support the Seniors in their activities.

11 CLOSED MEETING

11.1 RESOLUTION NO. 109

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 2.50 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

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;

- To review information received regarding the Ron Nichols' Bursary Award

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;
 - To review information received regarding the Jean Robinson Bursary Award.

Carried.

11.2 RESOLUTION NO. 110

Moved by Doug Woolsey. Seconded by Kim Thain.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 3:06 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried.

12 CLOSED REPORT

Council provided direction to the Acting Treasurer/Deputy Clerk on the Ron Nichols' Bursary Award.

Council provided direction to the Acting Treasurer/Deputy Clerk on the Jean Robinson Bursary Award.

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 RESOLUTION NO. 111

Moved by Kim Thain. Seconded by Doug Woolsey.

RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 3:15 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk