

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of Ear Falls Council
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
August 8, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Tracey Simon called the Meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor Tracey Simon, Councillor Jim Desmarais, Councillor Rob Eady, Councillor Daniel Sutton, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and 24 members of the public.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared.

4. MATTERS FOR WHICH SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED

R04-PA

4.1 Draft Parks and Playgrounds Plan dated July 6th, 2016.

Deputy Mayor Simon introduced the Draft Parks and Playgrounds Plan and advised that the purpose of the Meeting was to gather public input about parks and playgrounds enhancements that would benefit the community. The ideas will be discussed by Council over the next few months prior to finalizing and approving a Plan. Council will need to prioritize projects, budget and apply for funding in order to implement the Plan over time.

Members of the public reviewed the opportunities listed in the Plan in depth and provided numerous suggestions about individual parks and playgrounds as well as other public spaces that could be utilized for play spaces. Recreation and community-based programming was discussed and the community's current reliance on volunteers to continuously provide programs was identified as a challenge.

The need to maintain existing parks and playgrounds was identified as a significant concern and should be considered prior to developing new and additional park spaces. Capital costs for park enhancements can be expensive; however the final version of the Plan would be a useful tool for funding applications. The public identified that implementing enhancements while verifying that sufficient resources were available to maintain parks was critical to ensure that the community has access to safe, enjoyable and actively utilized spaces.

Deputy Mayor Simon thanked the members of the public in attendance for their input and participation in the Meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 RESOLUTION NO. 210

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT this Special Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 7:29 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk