

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of Ear Falls Council
Red Lake Heritage Centre, Red Lake, Ontario
August 25th, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vinet called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on behalf of Mayor Kahoot and welcomed Ear Falls Council to Red Lake for the joint-meeting of Council.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Phil Vinet, Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor Sandy Middleton, Councillor Fred Mota, Councillor Carol Baron, Councillor Jack Goodwillie, Councillor Rob Eady, Chief Administrative Officer Mark Vermette, Clerk Christine Goulet, and Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared.

4. MATTERS FOR WHICH SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED

4.1 Ear Falls and Red Lake Strategic Plan – Priorities.

The Red Lake and Ear Falls Councils discussed their goals and opportunities for coordinating services, projects and lobbying efforts in a manner that serves the communities of Ear Falls and Red Lake.

The Red Lake and Ear Falls Councils discussed the cottage lot development proposals that Ear Falls is addressing and the increased assessment and municipal revenue that would result from this type of development in the community. This is the type of project that can increase community sustainability. Council discussed the vacant condo approach for these developments complete with design standards in order to ensure that appropriate development is undertaken. Joint lobbying on this front is feasible.

The Red Lake and Ear Falls Councils discussed marketing tourism opportunities for the region including the development of a plan that serves both communities. Existing public sector involvement, local and regional volunteer committees and private sector involvement was discussed.

The Red Lake and Ear Falls Councils discussed some possibilities for joint-opportunities including:

- Coordinated Market Days
- Coordination of Local Economic Development projects
 - This is addressed, in part, through the Chukuni Community Development Committee (CCDC), and perhaps this forum would be a good opportunity for the CCDC to provide an

update on its activities.

- Shared services opportunities
 - Waste disposal site / recycling / industrial waste
 - Tourism / marketing activities
 - Personnel / expertise sharing / training events
 - Intercommunity transportation services

The Red Lake and Ear Falls Councils discussed the importance of each Strategic Plan coordinating with other plans that municipalities have, such as the Official Plan, Asset Management Plan, and Recreation Plan.

The Red Lake and Ear Falls Councils discussed the need for new municipal revenue tools such as access to mining taxes, stumpage fees, electricity generation or resource revenue sharing agreements. Accommodation tax is another revenue generation tool that is being used by municipalities outside of Ontario. Accommodation taxes are not the same as the Destination Marketing Fees, which are currently being used within some municipalities. Destination Marketing Fees cannot be used by municipalities and have to be directed to an outside or arms-length agency.

The Red Lake and Ear Falls Councils talked at length about the impacts that the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's assessments and Assessment Review Board appeals have on municipal operations and revenues.

4.2 Highway 105 – 70 year Anniversary – August 27, 2017

The Red Lake and Ear Falls Councils discussed an opportunity to celebrate the impact that Highway 105 has had on our communities and the district. This anniversary is an opportunity for coordination with all the communities along the highway including communities in Treaty 3, 5, and 9.

Additional consideration of the proposed event will follow.

5. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 214

Moved by Tracey Simon. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT this Special Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 6:25 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk