

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of Ear Falls Council
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
December 8, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Kahoot called the Meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor Jim Desmarais, Councillor Rob Eady, Councillor Tracey Simon, Councillor Daniel Sutton, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, Chief Clifford Bull, Councillor Raymond Angecone, Councillor Wade Bull, Councillor Samantha Kejick, Councillor E. Derek Maud, Councillor Elvis Trout, Councillor Floyd Vincent, and Manager of Business Operations Barry King

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared.

4. MATTERS FOR WHICH SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED

4.1 Issues of Mutual Interest

Discussed an interest in working towards projects that improve economic development opportunities in both Ear Falls and Lac Seul First Nation.

Chief Bull presented general information about the Lac Seul First Nation Council. It is made up of nine members which includes eight Councillors and the Chief. The Council meets on a monthly basis and has an Annual General Meeting in September where they present information to the community. They have and are working with the Municipality of Sioux Lookout and other First Nation communities and have signed a friendship accord with Sioux Lookout, Cat Lake First Nation and Slate Falls First Nation. Lac Seul First Nation has also met with the Municipality of Red Lake and are interested in establishing relationships with other municipalities as well.

Ear Falls Council discussed the partnerships that it has with neighbouring communities including Wabauskang, Red Lake, Machin and other Kenora District Municipalities. These are beneficial relationships to build as regional cooperation is necessary for a strong region, as well as in order to advance concerns and projects of mutual interest.

Ear Falls Council suggested that the communities work together on a project for the Cemetery located on Highway 657 (Gold Pines) in order to address this site in a respectful manner. Chief Bull suggested that a site visit be organized in Spring/Summer 2017 to review the

Cemetery.

Lac Seul Council suggested that the communities work on organizing a dog sled race from Lac Seul to Ear Falls and back. The logistics including the ice conditions at Steamboat Narrows and Shanty Narrows and the development of portage trails would need to be considered. The Councils discussed having the finish line alternate from one community to another. Lac Seul First Nation staff are researching what is required to become a registered race location in the dog sled race circuit. Ear Falls Council discussed scheduling a winter carnival at the same time to engage those participating in the race and to increase the profile of the race as a community event.

Councils discussed the Ontario and Canada 150 funding that will assist in holding some community events in 2017. Lac Seul First Nation Council discussed having people canoe a route from north of Pakwash to Lac Seul ending at Lac Seul First Nation on Treaty Day, which falls on July 5. Lac Seul First Nation also discussed having a booth at the Trout Forest Music Festival.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 RESOLUTION NO. 318

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT this Special Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 6:02 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk