

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the **Special / Closed** Meeting of Ear Falls Council
in the Municipal Council Chambers.
February 14th, 2014 @ 1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Kahoot called the Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor Rob Eady, Councillor Fred Melanson, Councillor Vic Robinson, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell, and seven (7) members of the public.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

3.1 Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

None Declared.

4. MATTERS FOR WHICH SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED

4.1 Community Well-Being Reserve Fund

Council discussed Resolution No. 327-13, dated December 4th, 2013, which established the Reserve Fund and reviewed the purposes of the fund, including:

- Projects, programs, services or scholarship programs for community youth;
- Projects, programs, or services for community seniors;
- Projects or programs to support community sustainability;
- Projects or programs to support community economic development;
- or
- Projects or programs to support energy efficiency.

Council discussed proposed ideas on how the Reserve Fund could be utilized. Ideas included:

- Creating a complete list of proposed projects and prioritize spending because the categories are quite broad;
- Leveraging additional funding from other orders of government, and then using the Reserve Fund as the source for the municipal portion for these specific projects. Projects of this nature should focus on energy efficiency in order to reduce operating costs for the public in the future. Consideration should also be given to the Strategic Plan priority of “Planning for 5000”;
- Water / Sewer Projects;
- Recreation Centre Projects (Recreation Centre, Skate Park);
- Seniors Programming;
- Youth Programming;
- Purchase of Crown Land for future development;

- Waterfront redevelopment/repair;
- Town beautification, particularly in coordination with the Green Thumbs Club.

Council invited the members of the public present to propose ideas. These included:

- Request for support for the re-designation of the Sunset Leisure Centre to a seniors-only facility, including financial support for the development of two-bedroom units that are fully accessible.
- Suggestion that the public should be involved in the decision-making associated with the dispersal of funds, perhaps by way of a Committee of Council. Additional public communication and public input was seen as key to the appropriate use of funds.

Council thanked the public for their input. Council discussed the population trends, economic development, Sawmill and municipal finances and public communication process.

Council directed the Clerk Treasurer Administrator to develop an information sheet to be sent to all residents and service clubs requesting input and feedback on the process for utilizing the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund as well as proposed projects.

4.2 ServiceOntario Issuing Service Agreement

Council discussed the ongoing failure of the Corporation to meet the terms of the Agreement, costs and time requirements to provide the service, and the impact on the community of not providing this service. Council advised that this topic would be reviewed again during budget discussions.

5. MATTERS FOR DELIBERATION APPROVED BY PUBLIC RESOLUTION

5.1 RESOLUTION NO. 045

Moved by Fred Melanson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 2:00 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Section 239 (2) (b) – Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – Operational / Job Responsibility Review.

Carried.

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;

- Operational / Job Responsibility Review

5.2 RESOLUTION NO. 046

Moved by Fred Melanson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 2:36 p.m. to the Special / Closed Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6. CLOSED MEETING REPORT

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administration regarding the Operational / Job Responsibility Review.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 RESOLUTION NO. 047

Moved by Fred Melanson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT this Special / Closed Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 2:36 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk