

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of Ear Falls Council
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
June 3rd, 2014 @ 1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kahoot called the Meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor Jim Desmarais, Councillor Vic Robinson, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell, Public Service & Operations Supervisor Perry Dyck, and eight (8) members of the public.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared.

4. MATTERS FOR WHICH SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED

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4.1 Review of the Strategic Plan.

Council reviewed the five Strategic Actions identified in the Strategic Plan and the actions that had been completed to date.

1. Engage in further studies regarding Nuclear Waste Management;
2. Continue to improve communications between staff, Council and the public;
3. Plan for a community of 5,000 people;
4. Develop an Asset Management Plan; and
5. Undertake an Operations Review

Council reviewed the Report to Council dated April 10th, 2014 titled the Strategic Plan Summary 2011-2014. Some of the actions have been entirely completed (Strategic Action #1, #4), some will be ongoing throughout future terms of Council (Action #2), while others have been substantially completed and will be used for future strategic planning and budget development (Action #3, #5).

Council invited the members of the public to comment on the actions taken to date.

The public proposed:

- Action 2: Use of CKDR ads for improved communication purposes; and

- Action 2: Land Sale advertisements should be quite descriptive regarding the land location as the Plan and Lot numbers can be confusing.

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4.2 Community Well-Being Reserve Fund Project Ideas

Council has taken steps to ensure that the public, service clubs, and local organizations were made aware of the Application process, and have received a number of requests for funds. Mayor Kahoot read aloud all the submissions that had been received by the Township and identified how they were categorized based on the eligibility criteria.

Council requested comments or suggestions on the list of proposed projects from the public and received suggestions for two additional projects that were subsequently added to the list.

Council discussed the importance of leveraging additional funding from other orders of government to finance some of the larger community projects.

Council discussed the need to outline the accountability requirements for the flow of any funds to community groups. These will need to be specifically outlined as part of the funding process.

Members of the public in attendance expressed the importance of ensuring accountability for the disposition of funds.

The list of project suggestions will be included on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting. Council will be considering the distribution of the funds by use (i.e. funds for reserve, funds for distribution to community groups, funds for community projects that will be taken on by the municipality or other organization) and the specific accountability methods that will be used to ensure the funds are used to the benefit of the community and in accordance with the proposals received.

4.2.1 Ear Falls Civic Centre Project - 2014

Council discussed the sustainability benefits through energy conservation and operational savings that this project would provide.

RESOLUTION NO. 158

Moved by Jim Desmarais. Seconded by Vic Robinson.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ear Falls approves the completion of Phase II Part 1 of the Ear Falls Civic Centre Project during 2014 (as identified in the Report to

Council dated May 14, 2014 titled Ear Falls Civic Centre Project 2014); and

FURTHER THAT this expense be funded through the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund (RL60-6000-9718).

Carried.

Members of the public in attendance indicated support of the Civic Centre project, however requested clarification about the source of one of the suggestions made by a member of the Whispering Pines Seniors Club.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 RESOLUTION NO. 159

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT this Special Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 2:20 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk