

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the **Special / Closed** Meeting of Ear Falls Council
in the Municipal Council Chambers.
May 17th, 2013 @ 12:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Jim Desmarais called the Meeting to order at 12:19 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor Jim Desmarais, Councillor Rob Eady, Councillor Vic Robinson, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell

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

Mayor Kahoot entered the Meeting 12:25 p.m.

4.1 Review of the 2013 Budget – Draft

Council discussed the budget documents presented including proposed tax levy total and the proposed tax policy options.

Council discussed the Water and Sewer Rates and the current deficit stemming from water and sewer operations. The costs for electrical upgrades to the Programmable Limit Controller (PLC) were discussed. Questions were raised regarding the proposed costs for Ontario Clean Water Agency's (OCWA) contract extensions, however new figures were not available.

Council discussed the Recreation Centre Roof project. Clarification was requested on the funding breakdown from Federal, Provincial, Municipal and private sources. The Ear Falls Lion's Club and EACOM were identified as the private sources of funding. Roofing materials and additional insulation for the interior walls were discussed.

Council concurred that they were amenable to borrowing (debenture) to ensure that the Recreation Centre Roof project would be completed as the Federal funding would not be available after the 2013 construction season as identified in the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF) Agreement. Proposed borrowing scenarios were presented and discussed however final scenarios would need to be approved by Council prior to the project being initiated. Council concurred that sufficient research on the materials and suppliers had been completed by Administration and that a sole sourced contract would be acceptable.

Council indicated that they were satisfied with the Budget and that it should be placed on the next Regular Meeting of Council for consideration.

Council requested that a Town Hall Meeting be planned following Budget approval to provide an update to community members.

5. MATTERS FOR DELIBERATION APPROVED BY PUBLIC RESOLUTION

5.1 RESOLUTION NO. 158

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Rob Eady.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls hereby convenes into a Closed Session at 12:59 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. 159

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ear Falls convened from a Closed Session at 1:11 p.m. to the Special / Closed Meeting of Council.

Carried.

6. CLOSED MEETING REPORT

Council provided direction to the Clerk Treasurer Administrator re: Employment Matter.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 RESOLUTION NO. 160

Moved by Vic Robinson. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT this Special / Closed Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 1:12 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk