

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of Ear Falls Council
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
May 2nd, 2015 @ 8:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Kahoot called the Meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor Rob Eady, Councillor Tracey Simon, Councillor Dan Sutton, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paulette Covell, and Public Service & Operations Supervisor Perry Dyck.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared.

4. MATTERS FOR WHICH SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED

Council discussed the proposed Agenda and proposed minor changes to the locations identified.

4.1 Ear Falls Government Building – Museum, Best Start, Day Care, Municipal Office, Public Library, Fire Hall

Council attended the Museum, Day Care, Best Start Hub, Municipal Office, Public Library and Fire Hall. Council discussed the general layout of the facility and building systems including HVAC, phone, internet and emergency power provision.

4.2 Recreation Centre

Council attended the Recreation Centre. Council discussed the facility layout, ice plant age and replacement cost estimate, use of the facility by local organizations, and the repairs / renovation recommended for the foyer, expansion of the KinFit Gym and modifications to the dressing rooms. Energy efficiency lighting upgrades were discussed.

4.3 Water Treatment Plant

Council attended the Water Treatment Plant and reviewed the general operation of the plant including the low lift pumping station and the lift station on site. Council discussed the recommended energy efficiency upgrades including the replacement of doors and windows in at the Plant.

4.4 Water Tower

Council attended the Water Tower and reviewed the general operation of the tower as part of the Water Distribution System.

4.5 Public Works Shop and Dog Pound

Council attended the Public Works Shop and reviewed the general layout, use of the facility, and equipment available. Council discussed the plan to make changes to the electrical service at the Dog Pound building in an effort to reduce cost of operation.

4.6 Institutional lots adjacent to the Ear Falls Public School

Council attended the two vacant lots located next to the Ear Falls Public School and discussed the potential use of a portion of the site for a Public Garden as requested by the Northwestern Health Unit. These properties are owned by the municipality.

4.7 Golf Course Clubhouse

Council attended the Clubhouse and discussed the plan to install a new roof on the facility in 2015. Council also proposed a project to screen in the deck that overlooks the golf course.

4.8 Waste Water Treatment Plant

Council attended the Waste Water Treatment Plant and reviewed the general operation of the plant including the aeration tanks, clarifier and digester.

4.9 Calvin Russell Fulford Memorial Park

Council attended the Park and discussed the removal of the tunnel and climbers on the site and the retrofit planned for the swing sets.

4.10 Lions Park

Council attended the Park and discussed the play structure and the upcoming replacement of the existing swing set.

4.11 Community Health Centre

Council attended the Community Health Centre and discussed the need for commercial rental space within the community and the lack of vacancies in the building.

4.12 Waterfront Park and Museum Site

Council attended the Waterfront Park and discussed the plan to demolish the Tourist Information Centre building and associated planters and infill the area with sod. This is planned to be completed

in late Fall 2015. Council also discussed the plan to install a new roof on the bathroom building in 2015, and the other pavilions in phases.

Council discussed the development of a boat launch at the site, and the use of the old Ministry of Natural Resources Garage building.

Council discussed the removal of the small red storage building on the museum property and the removal of some of the derelict items on the property. This will be brought forward to a Regular Council Meeting for consideration.

4.13 Cemetery

Council attended the Cemetery located on Highway 804 and discussed the size of the property and plans to begin work on Zone H in 2015.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 RESOLUTION NO. 131

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Tracey Simon.

RESOLVED THAT this Special Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 11:15 a.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk