

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of Ear Falls Council
Wabauskang First Nation Community Hall
September 11th, 2017 @ 11:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Martine Petiquan called the Meeting to order at 11:17 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chief Martine Petiquan, Councillor Jo-anne Petiquan Moore, Ryan Haines, Manager Wabauskang Resource Office, Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor Jim Desmarais, Councillor Rob Eady, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and one (1) member of the public.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None Declared.

4. MATTERS FOR WHICH SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED

4.1 To discuss items of mutual interest.

The Councils discussed the status of ServiceOntario and the continued presence of DriveTest Services in Ear Falls. Both communities identified that these services are good for the community.

The Councils discussed opportunities for coordinating recreation programming. Wabauskang Council provided information on the Wild Rice Camp and Birch Bark Workshop that were held recently at Wabauskang. They identified that it would be great to see participation from Ear Falls children and residents in these events at Wabauskang. Ear Falls Council identified that they were not aware that these programs were being offered and provided suggestions on locations that would be best to advertise these events as there is likely interest in the community to participate. The Councils discussed the suggestion from the previous Meeting regarding shared use of the Ear Falls KinFit Gym and the recent development of a small gym at Wabauskang for use by its residents. The Councils also discussed opportunities for coordinating applications for funding.

The Councils discussed the Ear Falls Best Start Hub as another location and opportunity for coordinated programming. Wabauskang Council identified that they have access to a number of health programs targeted at young parents that could be offered at the Ear Falls Best Start Hub for both communities to benefit from. The Clerk Treasurer Administrator and the Band Manager will review this option.

The Councils discussed waste disposal sites in their respective communities, and opportunities for the development of a recycling program. This is an area for potential coordination.

The Councils also discussed education and training opportunities including elementary and high school locations, requirements for worker training, and opportunities for coordinated municipal and band employee training. Public Works training and Heavy Equipment Operator training options were discussed. Wabauskang Council advised that they currently pay approximately \$16,000 / child / year to attend school in the district and that they would be very interested in operating a school at Wabauskang.

The Councils talked generally about their communities, including their strengths and weaknesses. The Ontario Provincial Police are holding a Meeting on September 19th, 2017 about the development of a Situation Table. This would be a multi-disciplinary team of front line human services professionals who meet to rapidly mobilize a customized intervention to mitigate the risk factors, imminent threats of harm or victimization to individuals, families, groups or places. Wabauskang Council was interested in participating and was unaware of the proposed Situation Table Meeting. The Clerk Treasurer Administrator will provide this information to Chief Petiquan.

The Councils discussed the need for better transportation in the region and the proposed new bus service, Kasper Mini Bus, which is supposed to be expanding into the area.

The Councils discussed what action should be taken to begin a process of better coordinating for more efficient use of programming, resources and use of the land in the area. Chief Petiquan identified that she would work on the development of a Memorandum of Understanding for the communities. Councils identified that they need to work to bring the communities together through coordinated local events.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 RESOLUTION NO. 239

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by Jim Desmarais.

RESOLVED THAT this Special Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 1:05 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk