

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAR FALLS

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of Ear Falls Council
Ear Falls Municipal Council Chambers
April 16th, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Kahoot called the Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Kevin Kahoot, Councillor David Carroll, Councillor Rob Eady, Councillor Wendy Pearson, Councillor Daniel Sutton, Clerk Treasurer Administrator Kimberly Ballance, and fifteen (15) members 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 Golf Course and Clubhouse Operations – 2019.

Council provided an overview of the Clubhouse Operations over the past eight (8) years moving from staffing the Clubhouse with municipal staff to having a lessee operate the Clubhouse. This Meeting was called to see if the public had any suggestions or comments that could help our community keep the Golf Course Clubhouse operational at a level that keeps it affordable for residents and businesses. Council advised that they have advertised for a new lessee, considered using volunteers or service clubs to operate it, considered modifying the level of service provided to eliminate kitchen service and staffing the clubhouse with a summer student for Fee Collection only, or even operate using an honour system with a drop-box for fees and a camera system.

Council opened the discussion to the public for their input. Clarification was requested on the prior Lease Agreement that was executed with the municipality. The group discussed use of volunteers, summer student use, Liquor Licence, volunteer course marshalls to collect fees and enforce rules, and using a video camera system with a live feed to keep people honest about fee payments. The group also discussed the option of having a local business(es) sell day passes for people that do not have a membership or Ultimate Pass.

Dutchie Loman and Devon Buckler each offered to volunteer one (1) day / week to be a Court Marshall on the course if it comes down to that. Perhaps there are other people in the community that would be interested to do this as well if another option does not present itself.

The group discussed the availability of power carts and identified that, although they are a drawing card for the course, they are not

mandatory. They are pretty important in order to run a tournament, particularly one for seniors. The group discussed how food providers, local restaurants or ladies auxiliary, could cater tournaments if necessary.

Council thanked attendees for their input and advised that a decision about Clubhouse Operations would not be made this evening, but will need to be made relatively quickly in order to identify how things will operate this season.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 RESOLUTION NO. 105

Moved by Rob Eady. Seconded by David Carroll.

RESOLVED THAT this Special Meeting of Council adjourn at the hour of 6:45 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk