

Special Council Meeting Minutes –July 27th, 2009

The Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays
MINUTES

There was a special meeting of Council held at 7:00 p.m., on July 27th, 2009, in the Council Chambers of the Township of Lake of Bays Municipal Offices, Dwight, Ontario regarding the closure of the Beachcombers Day Camp.

Attendance

Mayor
Councillors

Janet Peake
Ben Bolvin
Margaret Casey
Virginia (Granny) Burgess
Nancy Tapley
Philip Cote
Ruth McEachern Ross
Don Chevalier
Carrie Sykes

CAO/Treasurer
Deputy Clerk

Regrets

Clerk

Michelle Percival

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m., on July 27th, 2009, by Mayor Janet Peake

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution # 2(a)/07/27/09

Councillor Casey and Councillor Ross

Be it resolved that the special Council Meeting Agenda dated July 27th, 2009, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

4. MOTION TO RECONSIDER RESOLUTION #8(a)/07/21/09

Resolution #4(a)/07/27/09

Councillor Casey and Councillor Ross

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays pursuant to the Township of Lake of Bays Council Procedural By-law 08-81 approved Resolution #8(a)/07/27/09 with respect to the closure of Camp Beachcombers Day Camp as decided on July 21st, 2009;

AND WHEREAS Mayor and Council have received requests from interested parties for a further review of the matter and an opportunity to speak on behalf of the decision;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the Township of Lake of Bays Council Procedural By-law 08-81 the matter cannot be open for debate unless a motion to reconsider is passed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council wishes to reconsider Resolution #8(a)/07/21/09.

Carried

5. DEPUTATION/DELEGATIONS

- a) 7:10 p.m. Parents of Beachcombers Day Camp participants
Re: Closure of Day Camp & Request for Review

Karen Lawrence presented to Mayor and Council concerns with respect to the closure of Beachcombers Day Camp on behalf of a number of parents with children participating in the day camp program and requested that the program be reinstated.

Graham Tye described to Mayor and Council the supervision and safety control measures implemented in the day camp program during the last week of operations noting that parents welcomed the stricter procedures as reassurance that steps had been taken to rectify the situation.

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Cheryl May presented her families concerns to Mayor and Council on the day camp closure noting the need for such a program in the Township of Lake of Bays and requested Council to reconsider their decision.

b) 7:40 p.m.

Marie Poirier

Re: Closure of Beachcombers Day Camp

Marie Poirier appealed to Mayor and Council to find immediate alternatives and merits to continue the day camp program noting the difficulty in the provision of youth services in rural communities.

c) 7:50 p.m.

Frank Van Gelder

Re: Closure of Beachcombers Day Camp

Frank Van Gelder presented to Mayor and Council the difficulties parents face in raising their families here in the Township of Lake of Bays, the demand for youth programming and urged Council to continue the day camp program.

d) 8:00 p.m.

Thomas Pinckard

Re: Closure of Beachcombers Day Camp

Was not in attendance and therefore did not appear as a delegation.

Mayor Peake thanked the delegates for their comments and expressed her appreciation to the public for attending.

Council discussed many components of the Beachcombers Day Camp program including the following:

- supervision issues and safety concerns leading up to the closure;
- stricter procedures and policies implemented into program before closure;
- the existing recreational policies of the municipality;
- potential impact of closure on families and camp staff;
- hiring of a qualified supervisor;
- budget allocation for program in 2009;
- additional budget allocations for the hiring of a full time supervisor;
- maintaining the integrity of the program;

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- upholding a responsibility to ensure the safety of the program participants;
- training requirements for day camp staff;
- merits to continue program; and
- maintaining accountability and upholding commitment.

After each member of Council had an opportunity to speak on the matter Mayor Peake vacated her seat to participate in the discussions. Councillor Tapley filled the Mayor's seat during such time in the position of Acting Mayor and then resumed her Councillor seat after Mayor Peake concluded her comments.

Council introduced the possibility of offering additional reimbursement funds to parents to assist with extra costs associated with arranging alternative child care as an option if the day camp were to remain closed for the remainder of the 2009 season.

The following motion was tabled, discussed and subsequently passed:

Resolution #4(a)(ii)/07/27/09

Councillor Casey and Councillor Ross

WHEREAS Council deems it imperative that in order for Beachcombers Day Camp to continue operating for the summer of 2009 that the following shall be adhered to:

- **Health & Safety Training for camp counsellors;**
- **Refresher training for camp counsellors;**
- **Waive advertising policies;**
- **Approval of unbudgeted item of approximately \$5,000 for an additional qualified employee to supervise the program and provide leadership and guidance to counselors and campers;**
- **Any critical incident is reported to the CAO/Treasurer by the supervisor immediately.**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby direct staff to implement and carry out the above noted requirements for the continuation of the Beachcombers Day Camp.

Carried.

A short ten minute break was held.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Nil

7. COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil

8. REPORTS AND BY- LAWS

Nil

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Karen Lawrence, re: Beachcombers camp request for review.
For Council's information.
- b) Graham Tye, re: Recent decision to close Camp Beachcombers.
For Council's information.
- c) Bruce and Keely Campbell, re: Closure of Camp Beachcombers.
For Council's information.
- d) Jason and Karen Crozier, re: Closing of Camp Beachcombers.
For Council's information.
- e) Graham, Nicole and Ethan Tye, re: Request to consider reinstating the Camp Program. **For Council's information.**

10. MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nil

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

13. CLOSED SESSION

- a) Resolution #13(a)/07/27/09

Councillor Burgess and Councillor Boivin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with Section 239, (1), (2), (3) and (3.1) of the Municipal Act, c.25, S.O 2001, as amended, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays will convene in Closed Session at 8:32 p.m. for discussion regarding:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

Carried.

b) Resolution #13(b)/07/27/09

Councillor Burgess and Councillor Cote

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council reconvene in Open Session at 9:19 p.m. and report on matters discussed in Closed Session.

Carried.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Nil

15. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

- (a) By-law #09-87 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the special meeting of Council held on July 27th, 2009.

By-law #09-87 was read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #16(a)/07/27/09

Councillor Cote and Councillor Burgess

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays adjourn at 9:20 p.m. to meet again on August 11th, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office, Dwight, Ontario.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk