

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHAMBERLAIN HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON Wednesday August 23rd, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Kerry Stewart, Cary Hager, Carol Tucker, Shirley Blackburn, and Calvin Rodgers.

Regrets: None.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m.

2017-131 Cary Hager/Shirley Blackburn

WHEREAS there is a quorum of Council present;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the special meeting of August the 23rd, 2017, is hereby open for business. -Carried

2017-132 Carol Tucker/Cary Hager

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of Council for this meeting is hereby adopted as presented. –Carried

2017-133 Cary Hager/Shirley Blackburn

Accountability and Transparency Policy:

“The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Chamberlain acknowledges that it is responsible to provide good government for its stakeholders in an accountable and transparent manner...Accountability, transparency and openness are standards of good government that enhance public trust. They are achieved through the municipality adopting measures ensuring, to the best of its ability, that all activities and services are undertaken utilizing a process that is open and accessible to its stakeholders.”

Recording (audio/digital) All Council Meetings

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are legislated to ensure their meetings reflect openness and transparency even if they are closed to the public; and

WHEREAS all meetings, including closed meetings, are subject to procedural rules, including public notice of upcoming meetings and records kept for all meetings; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with subsection 239 (7) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended (The “Act”), a municipality is required to record, without note or comment, all resolutions, decisions, and other proceedings at its meetings in the official records; and

WHEREAS since January 1, 2008, Ontario citizens have the right to request municipal Closed Meeting Investigators to investigate any closed municipal meetings they believe may have violated the Act or municipal by-laws; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Ombudsman has recommended that all municipalities audio/visual/digital record their closed meetings as a best practice; and

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Treasurer/CAO BE DIRECTED to report on the logistics and costs to implement audio/digital recordings of All Council meetings. –Carried

2017-134 Cary Hager/Carol Tucker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is adjourned until the next regular meeting September 5th, 2017, or at the call of the Chair. –Carried

ADJOURNED: 7:20 p.m.

Reeve: _____

Clerk-Treasurer/CAO: _____