



MINUTES
Special Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
Fire Station #1 - 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: All members of Council were in attendance this evening.

STAFF PRESENT: Lindsey Parkes, CAO/Clerk
Angela Young, Deputy Clerk
Geoff Patterson, Recreation Director
Mandy Cannon, Executive Assistant

MEDIA PRESENT: John Carter, Metroland Media

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared at this time.

3. **Adoption of the Agenda**
 - 3.1 Dated February 9, 2016

RESOLUTION - SM - 1-2016

Moved by Deputy Mayor Armsden, seconded by Councillor Lang

THAT the agenda dated February 9, 2016 be adopted as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

4. **Special Meeting Notice**
 - 4.1 Notice of Special Meeting dated January 20, 2016

The Clerk read the Notice of the Special Meeting. The Clerk advised that the Notice of the Special Meeting was posted on the Township website calendar, in the Township Times and on the front door and front counter of the Municipal office as well as on the door to the Council Chambers.

5. Delegations and Presentations

Nil.

6. Matters Arising out of Delegations Heard

Nil.

7. Items of Business**7.1 Snowmobile Trails - Recreation Trail Map**

Mayor Peckett welcomed everyone to the Special Meeting and provided some background information explaining that last year the Snowmobile Club had approached Council for permission to use the Recreation Trail from Campbell Drive to Duncan Drive. At that time, permission was granted. The Snowmobile Club has now approached Council again to seek permission to continue the use of the trail from Duncan Drive to Division Street. Mayor Peckett explained that the purpose of this meeting was for Council to be able to hear comments from the public as to whether the Snowmobile Trail should be extended from Duncan Drive to Division Street on the current Recreation Trail.

8. By-Laws

Nil.

9. Questions/Comments

The main issues and concerns that were expressed during this meeting were for the overall safety and enjoyment of life that residents living in the surrounding area would experience if the snowmobile trail was extended from Duncan Drive to Division Street. Specific concerns are as follows: the speed of the snowmobiles travelling on the trail that would be shared with people and pets on foot, the noise of the snowmobiles and how they may wake/keep people up at night, that future use of the trail may then also include all motorized ATV's year round, and that by allowing the snowmobilers to use that portion of the trail it will decrease the value of nearby homes.

There were also many comments received that were in favour of extending the trail. Such comments were as follows: that extending the trail could influence economic development in the area, if extended, the Snowmobile Club would then be able to put up appropriate signage, set curfews and enforce rules on that portion of the trail, the trail would be groomed and maintained, which would provide a more usable trail for others during the winter months, extending this trail would be a crucial link for snowmobilers to access other trails in the area. It was also stated by some that the snowmobilers they have encountered on parts of the trail have always slowed down and been respectful when approaching pedestrians and that the Snowmobile Club helps raise funds for the upkeep of the trail.

Mayor Peckett thanked everybody for attending the meeting and for providing Council with more information. He stated that anyone who wished to provide further comments could email the CAO/Clerk and those comments would be forwarded to Council for review and consideration.

10. Closed Meeting Session

Nil.

11. Confirmatory By-Law

11.1 By-Law #2016-13 - Confirm the proceedings of the February 9, 2016 Special Meeting

RESOLUTION - SM - 2-2016

Moved by Councillor Brum, seconded by Deputy Mayor Armsden

THAT By-Law #2016-13, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the February 9, 2016 Special Meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of McNab/Braeside, I now deemed read a second and third time short and is hereby enacted and passed.

CARRIED.

12. Adjournment

This Special Meeting of Council adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK