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## **10-minute time limit restored by Council**

Marg Zwart

Members of the public will once again have 10 minutes in which to address their elected representatives at council meetings.

"Please take the necessary steps to re-instate the 10-minute rule," Orono resident Jim Richards asked councillors on Monday night.

During the last term of office, council adopted a new procedural by-law which included provisions to reduce the time allotted to members of the public making delegations to council from 10 minutes to five minutes.

"Surely those of you who were elected to represent the people, can afford the time needed for ratepayers to express themselves," Richards stated.

Even though the Municipal Clerk is updating the procedural by-law, which will be before councillors in the next few weeks, all councillors except Councillors Wendy Partner and Mary Novak voted to re-instate the 10-minute rule immediately.

Following the meeting, Partner told the Orono Times she did not vote in favour of the motion because she wanted to see the staff report before adopting the change. "I agree, we need 10 minutes," Partner said, "I just don't agree as to how it was done."