

**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish
Council Minutes
Special Meeting of
Wednesday, June 26, 2024
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**

Present:	Karen Von Pickartz	Mayor
	Sandra Trudel	Deputy Mayor
	Mary-Louise Zarichney	Councillor
	Debra Joncas	Councillor
	Ted Clague	Councillor
	Pam Lortie	CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Excused:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

At this time I would like to acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Anishnabek People of our neighbors and friends Sagamok Anishnawbek and Genaabaajing (Gii -naw-baa-jing/ Serpent River First Nation)

I would like to acknowledge the commitment and responsibility we each have in learning the true history, accepting the culture and improving our relationship with the First People of the lands we now share. I would like to acknowledge Our Mother Earth, who provides all we need.

Our neighbors often say "Mino Bimaadziwin" (minnow be-maude-zah-win) which means to "live the good life" it is meant to imply to walk thru life in a good kind way. As we begin our meeting I would like to offer those words to keep in the back of our minds and hearts as we work together for the betterment of our Community.

The Mayor asked for the disclosure of any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof. None were disclosed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #24-06-52

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Special meeting of June 26, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

The CAO presented the draft 2024 municipal budget and highlighted the following:

- Tonight's budget, as presented, reflects a 5.2% increase for residential ratepayers and 3.7% for commercial ratepayers
- The CAO then proceeded to review the estimates line by line with Council – beginning with revenues and then expenditures
- Fire Dept – increase volunteer points as they are now meeting weekly rather than bi-weekly
- Received 2 \$5,000 payments from the WSIB excellence program - \$5,000 left in operating to offset Safety Hub subscription and 2024 Health & Safety training. The other \$5,000 to be transferred to reserves – Succession Planning
- No extra funds for Integrity Commissioner investigations
- No allowance for Detachment Board – still an unknown
- The CAO advised Council that it was decided to not purchase the second hand grader, as it appears that the rear diff may be gone.
- Should we increase winter sand – ask PW Super
- Will need to include energy costs for new streetlights next year
- Discuss garbage contract and commercial bins at an upcoming meeting
- A duckweed problem has been identified at the lagoon
- Sewer surplus very low – need to increase rates to cover future costs/emergencies – the CAO presented a scenario showing a \$2.00/month increase
- Provide Council with a \$3.00/month increase in sewer rates and \$1.00/month for water rates
- The CAO will speak to OCWA about accepting domestic waste from the surrounding areas – SRFN and Township of the North Shore to increase our sewer revenues
- There is nothing in the budget to transfer funds to fire reserves
- The CAO will adjust the budget to include a transfer to fire reserves and keep the budget increase around 6.5%

BY-LAWS

RESOLUTION #24-06-53

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a by-law for establishing tax ratios, be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO/ Clerk-Treasurer, numbered by-law #2024-33 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

NEW BUSINESS

QUESTION PERIOD

MOTIONS/NOTICES OF MOTION

RESOLUTION #24-06-54

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 26th day of June, 2024 be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, numbered by-law #2024-34 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-06-55

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, July 3, 2024 for a regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Karen Von Pickartz, Mayor



Pam Lortie, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer