

**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish
Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of
Wednesday, July 3, 2024
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**

Present:	Karen Von Pickartz Sandra Trudel Mary-Louise Zarichney Debra Joncas Ted Clague Pam Lortie	Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillor Councillor Councillor CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
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The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 #24-07-01

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular meeting of July 3, 2024 be adopted as presented, with the following addition under 14 Go Into Closed Session:

Discussions under Section 239(2) of the *Municipal Act*,

- (a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board;

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

DELEGATION:

Suraci, Olszewski LPP attended virtually to present the 2023 Financial Statements.

- Ms. Olszewski reviewed the roles of the auditor, council and management for the audit process. There were no significant adjustments or errors identified.
- The Consolidated Statement of Financial Position was reviewed. There was significant collection of arrears in 2023. There was also an increase in grants, i.e. NOHFC – docks, ICIP – complex roof.
- Post Closure Landfill did not change. An actuary report was not obtained in 2023. This should be done every 3 years and a report needs to be done in 2024.
- Tangible Capital Asset increase – Hamilton Street, Docks, Algoma-Colonization
- Inventory is up – gas and diesel
- Prepaid Expenses – insurance, culverts
- Government Transfers decreased – Algoma/Colonization
- Increase in investment income
- One change to be made - \$160,00- from fees to Province of Ontario
- Admin expenses up – wages
- Protection to Persons – fire equip
- Transportation – wages
- Environmental – OCWA and garbage collection contracts
- Health Services – wages and supplies
- Recreation and cultural – wages and programming
- Accumulated Surplus - better overall position than previous year
- All testing – payroll, expenses and receipting – approximately 36 in each category checked out – HST was calculated properly, as were payroll deductions
- Very clean audit

RESOLUTION #24-07-02

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Riki Olszewski and Michael Goodship, Suraci, Olszewski LPP be thanked for their presentation this evening.

And further that the 2023 Financial Statements for the Town of Spanish be accepted as presented.

Carried

TENDERS:

Hamilton Street Reconstruction Tender Results – Tenders were opened on Thursday, June 27, 2024:

Leroy Construction	\$1,211,834.32
GIP Interpaving Ltd.	\$1,760,638.42
MCA Contracting	\$1,495,097.37
Dennis Gratton	\$1,110,392.53
Mailloux Construction	\$1,221,350.75
JI Enterprises	\$1,385,687.93

RESOLUTION #24-07-03

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chris Kirby, Tulloch Engineering, be invited to attend a Special Council meeting to discuss the Hamilton Street Reconstruction project.

Carried

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLUTION #24-07-04

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the previous meetings of June 19, 2024 (regular) and June 26, 2024 (special) be accepted as presented.

Carried

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION #24-07-05

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Supervisor be authorized to attend the Entry Level Course be held in Sudbury October 21-25, 2024 in preparation of upgrading to a Class 1 drinking water certificate;
And further that expenses be reimbursed as per the remuneration by-law;
And further that the expenses be allocated from the 2024 water operating budget.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-07-06

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all permanent full-time employees shall have Friday, December 27, 2024 as a day off with pay in lieu of a Christmas bonus.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-07-07

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence received regarding emptying of garbage bins be deferred to a future meeting of Council.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-07-08

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a grand opening be arranged once the street lighting project along Highway 17 has been completed.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-07-09

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the various uses of the lower level of the complex and their current locations within the complex be reviewed in the Fall, after the marina season is completed and the current configuration can be evaluated.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-07-10

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO's Report of July 3, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-07-11

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT WHEREAS the Town of Spanish has prepared the 2024 municipal budget in the same manner as in past years;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed Ontario Regulation 284/09 which requires each municipality to prepare a report to show the impact of the Public Sector Accounting Board PS3150 change in accounting practice on the budget process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Spanish adopts the CAO's report of **July 3, 2024** regarding Ontario Regulation 284/09 – 2024 Budget.

Carried

The CAO advised that the public was given notice of the intent of Council to pass the 2024 budget at tonight's council meeting through the posting of a notice on the municipal website and posting a notice in the municipal office lobby and through the Town's monthly newsletter for June 2024.

There were no inquiries received from the public.

RESOLUTION #24-07-12

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public utility fees be increased effective July 1, 2024 as follows:

Water Rates from \$37.00 to \$38.00 per month

Sewer Rates from \$24.00 to \$27.00 per month

Carried

Council Verbal Reports

Debra Joncas: n/a

Ted Clague: n/a

Karen Von Pickartz: n/a

Sandra Trudel: n/a

Mary-Louise Zarichney: n/a

RESOLUTION #24-07-13

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the verbal reports of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-07-14

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT further to the Recreation Minutes of June 10/17, 2024 that Council approves the events outlined for 2025 and that the CAO be directed to coordinate the Economic Development Intern to work on gathering further information to report back to the Recreation Committee.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Trudel asked Councillor Joncas for information regarding the Fishing Derby that is mentioned in the Recreation minutes.

RESOLUTION #24-07-15

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Town of Spanish fully supports the initiative of the City of Elliot Lake in their efforts for access to mobile cancer screening services in Elliot Lake and Surrounding North Shore Communities;
And further that a letter of support be forwarded to the City of Elliot Lake.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-07-16

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chad Commanda be advised that the Council of the Town of Spanish will donate the use of the ball field for the weekend of July 26th and 27th, 2024 in support of their annual slow pitch tournament in honour of his son Connor Pellitier-Commanda.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-07-17

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mary-Louise Zarichney's name be submitted as a candidate to serve as representative on the ELNOS Board of Directors for the fiscal term 2024-2025.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-07-18

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following correspondence items be noted as presented:

- a) Spanish Public Library – Minutes of June 18, 2024
- b) Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS) Audit Report 2024
- c) 2024 Summer Student Approved Funding
- d) Town of Spanish Strategic Asset Management Policy
- e) Ontario Helping Seniors Stay fit, Healthy and Active Guidelines
- f) Police Services Board Report for Spanish – April and May 2024

Carried

BY-LAWS

RESOLUTION #24-07-19

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Hydro One, re: Temporary Work Headquarters Land, be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2024-35 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-07-20

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law, being a by-law to adopt the levy and final tax rates be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2024-36 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Trudel suggested that we investigate erecting marina signs closer to Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury.

QUESTION PERIOD

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #24-07- 21

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now go in to closed session.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – TIME IN: 8:12 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – TIME OUT: 9:08 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION #24-07-22

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now return to open session.

Carried

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION #24-07-23

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 3rd day of July, 2024 be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2024-37 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

ADJOURN

RESOLUTION #24-07-24

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, September 4, 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