

**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish  
Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting of  
Wednesday, September 18, 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
	Lisa Hobbs	Deputy Clerk
	Jesse Groff	Economic Development Intern

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 #24-09-30**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda for the regular meeting of September 18, 2024 be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**DELEGATION:**

**7:00 p.m.** Danny Bacon - Danny Bacon, Northern Ontario Walleye Trail – re: organizing a walleye fishing tournament from the Spanish Marina in 2025

- Very good response from both sponsors and potential participants
- The event will be named, “The North Channel Walleye Open”
- It will run over 2 days September 19, 20 – 2025
- Early registration incentives will be offered with Registration opening in March 2025
- The prize pool will be \$70,000 - \$80,000.(potentially)
- Expecting 40 – 80 boats – 2 participants per team and entry fee will be \$500.00 per team
- The cap will be 80 boats – this will allow the event to be properly managed
- Catch and release – Fish must be releasable or points are lost
- Danny will approach the local campgrounds about the event
- CFN will be in attendance, this will be the first event in Ontario where they will have a tackle market
- Will be engaging in regular meetings with the Town to iron out details
- The event will be broadcast live
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**RESOLUTION #24-09-31**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Danny Bacon, Northern Ontario Walleye Trail be thanked for his presentation to Council;

**AND THAT** the Economic Development Intern be authorized to move forward with the planning of this event.

**Carried**

**TENDERS**

**1. Mount Calvary Cemetery Fencing Tender –**

HDVS Landscaping and Custom Design  
Maillioux Construction  
M&G Fencing

**RESOLUTION #24-09-32**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** HDVS be awarded the Cemetery Fencing tender at a cost of \$ 36,838.00, per the tender received.

**2. Audit Tender –**

**Stefanizzi Professional Corporation  
Suraci & Olszewski LLP**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-33**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Audit Tender be awarded to Suraci and Olszewski LLP per the recommendation of the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer.

**AND THAT** the costs of which will be per the tender documents received.

**Carried**

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

### **RESOLUTION #24-09-34**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of September 4, 2024 be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

## **INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

### **RESOLUTION #24-09-35**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Public Works Department be authorized to participate in the W.C. Eaket Secondary School's Co-op education program.

**Carried**

### **RESOLUTION #24-09-36**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Deputy Clerk's report of September 18, 2024 be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

### **RESOLUTION #24-09-37**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the plan/estimate received from the Public Works Supervisor be accepted as presented;

**AND THAT** public works be authorized to begin this work as soon as possible.

**Carried**

### **RESOLUTION #24-09-38**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Economic Development Intern's Report be accepted as presented.

**AND THAT** Council approves the use of funds from the Recreation Program Activities Budget to purchase pickleball equipment with an estimated cost of \$650.00;

**Carried**

### **Council Verbal Reports**

#### **Karen Von Pickartz-**

#### **Sandra Trudel**

- Attended the customer appreciation BBQ
- Gathered suggestions from the boaters on things they would like to see in the Tuck Shop for next year.
- The biggest thing they were looking for was a golf cart to go into town
- Maybe look at planning a bigger event for next year, with music and advertise it earlier, maybe at the beginning of the season

#### **Mary-Louise Zarichney-**

- Attended the Library Board meeting
- They would like to partner with Serpent River First Nation and maybe charge a lump sum to allow their residents to become patrons here( Currently the patrons from SRFN are paying a non-resident fee)
- The library at SRFN has "walked off"
- Would like this brought forward at the Joint Task Force Meeting in October.

#### **Debra Joncas-**

- Attended a Recreation Meeting , informal as they did not have Quorum
- Very good ideas and discussions were had
- Jesse Groff and Pam Lortie attended the meeting
- Many exciting prospects were discussed

#### **Ted Clague-**

- attended the Library Board Meeting
- with the addition of the new member the Library Board is now full

### **RESOLUTION #24-09-39**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council's Verbal Reports be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-40**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Planning and Economic Development Committee be accepted as presented.

**AND THAT** an agreement between the Town of Spanish and Caden Fox and Jamie Smith be entered into per the recommendation of the Committee.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-41**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Tulloch change work order/recommendation regarding the sidewalk on the Hamilton Street project, be accepted as presented;

**AND THAT** an additional cost of \$14,066.00 be added to the project total.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-42**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Metal Stair Case Assessment received from Shield Engineering be noted as presented.

**AND THAT** the Economic Development Intern be requested to search out funding opportunities to make the necessary repairs/modifications.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-43**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the engineering report from Shield to modify the existing curtain wall be noted as presented.

**AND THAT** an estimate be obtained and submitted for funding along with the deck replacement.

**Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION – NO ACTION REQUIRED**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-44**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

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

- a. Sept. 6, 2024 – Lt. Gov. Ontario Heritage awards
- b. September 9, 2024 – Committee of Adjustment minutes
- c. September 9, 2024 – Spanish Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting notes
- d. Sept 9, 2024 – Tulloch – Weekly status report No. 5
- e. September 10, 2024 – Tulloch Instruction Notice No. 3
- f. September 11, 2024 – Flood Hazard and Identification Mapping Program (funding)
- g. September 12, 2024 – Revised Operation Plan Spanish Drinking Water System
- h. OCWA Report WWTL August 2024
- i. OCWA Report WT – August 2024

**Carried**

**BY-LAWS –**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-45**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law to enter into an agreement with Jamie Smith and Caden Fox be read a first, time.

**Carried**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **It is the 25-year anniversary since the complex was opened**
- **Look into fireworks/dance to celebrate this occasion**
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**QUESTION PERIOD**

**MOTION/NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-46**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now go in to closed session for the following purposes:

To discuss matters under Section 239(2) of *The Municipal Act* as follows:

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees
- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

**Carried**

**CLOSED SESSION – TIME IN: 8:37p.m.**

**CLOSED SESSION – TIME OUT: 9:18 p.m.**

**RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-47**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

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

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-48**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to proceed with the sale of the surplus land on Fence Road as per the discussion in closed session.

**Carried**

**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**RESOLUTION #24-09- 49**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2024 be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and Deputy Clerk, numbered by-law #2024-44 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

**Carried**

**ADJOURN**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-50**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 for a regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Karen Von Pickartz, Mayor

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Lisa Hobbs, Deputy Clerk

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