

**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish
Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of
Wednesday, November 6, 2024
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**

Present:	Karen Von Pickartz	Mayor
	Sandra Trudel	Deputy Mayor
	Debra Joncas	Councillor
	Ted Clague	Councillor
	Mary-Louise Zarichney	Councillor
	Lisa Hobbs	Deputy Clerk
	Jesse Groff	EcDev Intern

Regrets:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 #24-11-01

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular meeting of November 6, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

DELEGATION: None

TENDERS - None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

RESOLUTION #24-11-02

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION #24-11-03

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Deputy Clerk to request funding in the amount of \$ 4,000.00 from BHP Corporate to support vulnerable people in our community for the holiday season;

AND FURTHER THAT if received, 50% of the funding be donated to the Blind River Christmas Baskets Committee, as they have extended their program to residents of Spanish.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-11-04

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT due to the late start and that HDVS advises that it cannot begin the fencing project this close to winter,

AND THAT the fencing materials have already been ordered;

THAT HDVS be paid for the fencing materials when they arrive and that these materials be stored in the Public Works yard until the project commences in spring 2025.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-11-05

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Works department be authorized to perform road maintenance to Stolar crescent, per the public works supervisor's recommendation.

AND that maintenance includes scarifying the existing surface and applying new Type A gravel.

AND FURTHER THAT the total cost charged to ADSAB be \$7,969.66 plus HST.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-11-06

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the deputy clerk's report of November 6, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-11-07

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Spanish will offer Pickleball and an indoor walking program;

AND THAT the cost to participate in these programs will be \$10.00/month.

AND FURTHER THAT all participants will be required to fill out a PAR-Q and waiver.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-11-08

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Spanish will donate the use of the Four Seasons' Waterfront Complex on February 8, 2024, to the Spanish River Snowmobile Club, for their annual poker run;

AND THAT the Town will hire and provide bartenders to run the bar;

AND THAT the club will pay a \$100.00 fee to clean up after the event.

Carried

COUNCIL VERBAL REPORTS

Karen Von Pickartz-

Sandra Trudel- OCWA tour was wonderful, very informative. We are very lucky to have the system that we do. The Halloween events were very well done. Recreation Committee and volunteers did an amazing job.

Mary-Louise Zarichney- Would like to reach out to the scarecrow winners to see if they have some pictures of their scarecrows that they could send us and we could forward on to ELNOS.

Debra Joncas- Kids Halloween event was a huge success, 1-2 parents attended with each child. The adult dance was not well attended approx. 39 participants. The costumes of the participants were great.

Ted Clague- has missed 3 Library board meeting due to appointments.

RESOLUTION #24-11-09

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

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

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-11-10

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Spanish will not be participating in the, Discover Georgian Bay and the North Channel 2025 publication, due to the high cost of this advertising and the uncertainty of its effectiveness.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-11-11

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Spanish supports Resolution No. 229 of the Municipality of Tweed and further calls on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by resorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities. **AND THAT** Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford , Minister of the Solicitor General, Minister of Finance and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-11-12

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Spanish nominates Jocelyne Bishop for the Ontario Senior Achievement Award.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION – NO ACTION REQUIRED

RESOLUTION #24-11- 13

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following information/correspondence items be accepted as presented:

- a) October 9, 2024 – Committee of the Whole
- b) October 30, 2024 – Committee of the Whole
- c) October 15, 2024 – Planning and Economic Development Committee Minutes
- d) Spanish Fire Department – October Fire Chief Report
- e) October 16, 2024 – Tulloch weekly status report No. 10
- f) October 21, 2024 – MECP proposed amendments to the Excess Soil Regulation
- g) October 28, 2024 – AMO Policy Update
- h) 2025 OMPF Funding
- i) OPP Costing increase – email to FONOM
- j) Public Works email to Steve Arpin – MTO Hwy 17 Capital Project
- k) November 1, 2024 – Ministry of Finance Education Tax Rate 2025

Carried

BY-LAWS –

- a) 2024-48 – Agreement with ONTERRA-First, reading

RESOLUTION #24-11- 14

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to enter into an agreement with ONTERRA be read a first time.

Carried

- b) 2024-49 – Agreement with GFL – Dumping of domestic waste

RESOLUTION #24-11- 15

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to enter into an agreement with GFL for the dumping of domestic waste 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 #2024-49 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

a) 2024-50 - Agreement with Jim's Portable Toilets

RESOLUTION #24-11-16

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to enter into an agreement with Jim's Portable toilets for the dumping of domestic waste 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 #2024-50 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS –Please check on what is happening with the Christmas lights

- We can open the GFL and Jim's Portable current contract up to accept waste now at the rate in the new contract.

QUESTION PERIOD

MOTION/NOTICES OF MOTIONS

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #24-11-17

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

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

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – TIME IN: 8:10 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – TIME OUT: 8:49 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION #24-11- 18

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

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

Carried

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION #24-11-19

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 6th Day of November, 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 #2024-51 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

ADJOURN

RESOLUTION #24-11-20

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 for a regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Karen Von Pickartz, Mayor

Lisa Hobbs, Deputy Clerk