

**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish
Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of
Wednesday, May 1, 2024
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**

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

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #24-05-01

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular meeting of May 1, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS: Ted Smider and Kevin Spec from OCWA to present/discuss the 2024 budget.

- Kevin Spec reviewed the line items that were submitted to Council and advised what he thought needed to be completed in 2024 and the items that could wait
- Noranda Upgrades are important. OCWA submitted a proposal to the CAO and are waiting to hear back.
- Drill New Well – not necessary at this time. The contact loop at Goderich Street well has been cleaned and this seems to have made a difference. Complaints are not being received regarding discoloration.
- Chlorine Analyzer, Turbidity Analyzer and Raw Water Flow Meter are coming to end of life and need to be replaced.
- Spare Pump Motor – this has been received and invoiced.
- Generator – could wait
- Recirculation System – this is okay if Noranda is kept running every few hours.
- Subsurface Well Inspection – working on quote for next year.
- Study on treatment options for Goderich Street Well – Again, complaints of discoloration are minimal.
- Verification of UV Sensor – can't be done – new upgrades to Noranda pumphouse will rectify this issue
- Both Algoma Lift Station and the Lagoon have spare pumps
- Algoma Lift Station had upgrades conducted to the dry well in 2023, but the wet well wasn't completed. Fittings have been purchased and are in the Algoma Lift Station building. 90° elbows need to be replaced.
- Proposed budget indicates 12,000 m of swabbing – Kevin to confirm length of swabbing to be conducted, as well as the cost.
- Lift Station clean outs – Kevin has a company providing a cost to do all the communities.
- We are currently using about 180 cubic meters per day.
- The following were discussed:
 - Proposed sub-division – can our system sustain a development of this size?
 - Now that we have been able to identify and have all of the various water leaks in Town repaired, does that change OCWA's opinion regarding the water demands of the proposed sub-division. If everything is running well, the system can support additional homes, but if there is a problem with the pumps or tower, it might not. Kevin explained that there may be enough water, but our Permit to Take Water (PTTW) limits the amount of water we can make in a day. He will ask about increased water making to service the proposed subdivision.

PTTW - The pump at Noranda is throttled down to 4 litres per second in order to meet the PTTW. They were asked about increasing the flow for a shorter period of time to take the resistance off the pump, but if that was done, we could potentially run out of water. Inline Pump – this was mentioned as a possibility earlier this year. Kevin advised that this is not a possibility until the subsurface well inspections have been completed. Making changes to the PTTW would require a hydrological assessment to show how much water the wells can make and at what rate.

SCADA panel – This has not been functional for several years. Kevin indicated that it is on the list to be fixed but could take up to a year before they look at the problems. He will check on it and get back to us.

RESOLUTION #24-05-02

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ted Smider and Kevin Spec from the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) be thanked for their attendance at Council this evening.

Carried

TENDERS: NONE

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLUTION #24-05-03

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the previous meetings of Council of April 17, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION #24-05-04

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution #23-12-13, passed on December 6, 2023 be rescinded; And further that Estimate 1081 and 1082, Dan's Electric, to rewire Pier #2 and Pier #3 be accepted;

And further be it noted that these quotes are accepted under the By-Law #2024-18, Being the Procurement By-Law, Section 1.0.2.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-05-05

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO and Deputy-Clerk be authorized to attend the 2024 Northern CAO/ Clerks' Forum being held in Sudbury on May 15 & 16, 2024;

And further that the registration fee is \$100.00 for each registration;

And further that expenses be reimbursed as per the remuneration by-law.

Carried

The CAO provided a verbal update on the following:

- Elliot Lake Family Health Team – coming down on May 21st to meet the doctor and look at the space.
- Pier 2 & 3 have been reinstalled in the marina and public works has completed reconnecting the water. The electrician is waiting for approval from ESA and hopes to have this in place by the end of the week, so that the electrical work can commence first thing next week.
- Gardiner Marine has advised that it will be a stretch to have the temporary repairs to Pier 4 completed by May 17th, but they will do their best.
- Gardiner Marine was unable to get the camera work done on the launch while they were here due to the murkiness of the water – rain and wind. They will be back and will do this then.
- Our engineer is coming to town tomorrow on another matter, but Chad will ask them to look at the launch.
- Public Works has completed building the wall on the deck and are finishing up the repairs to the railing. They anticipate removing the decking next week.
- The office had submitted an application to Hydro One for upgrades to the outdoor rink, but unfortunately were not successful.
- The insurance company will be doing inspections of several municipal buildings ahead of the renewal this year. This is scheduled for late May.

RESOLUTION #24-05-06

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO's Report of May 1, 2024 be noted as presented.

Carried

Council Verbal Reports

Deputy Mayor Sandra Trudel – Health Committee Spring Market is this Saturday, May 4, 2024

Councillor Mary-Louise Zarichney – Interview with ELNOS has been conducted and she has been excepted on the Board – first meeting is May 28, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-05-07

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council Verbal Reports of May 1, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-05-08

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Whereas the outdoor downtown Christmas decoration have started to deteriorate and will require new rope lights installed that Council will consider the purchase of new decorations during budget deliberations.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-05-09

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the information provided regarding the Save on Energy Program be noted as being presented;

And further that the conversion of all lights to LED at the municipal office, including library and the upper and lower level of the Four Seasons Waterfront Complex be considered during budget deliberations.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION

RESOLUTION #24-05-10

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

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

- a) Committee of the Whole Minutes of April 4, 2024 and April 24, 2024
- b) Spanish Health Centre Committee Minutes of April 22, 2024
- c) Spanish Public Library Minutes of April 23, 2024
- d) Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund
- e) Serpent River First Nation – Update on OPP Detachment Board Representation
- f) Update from the Spanish Medical Clinic
- g) W.C. Eaket Thank you for the donation

Carried

BY-LAWS –

RESOLUTION #24-05-11

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a By-Law to adopt a complaint policy be read a second time.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-05-12

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a By-Law to adopt a social media policy be read a second time.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-05-13

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a By-Law to designate reduced load periods be read a first time.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-05-14

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a By-Law to adopt an agreement with Canada Summer Jobs be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2024-26 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS – Councillor Clague advised that some of the policies have changed at the Spanish Medical Clinic regarding fees that are not covered by OHIP. Council suggested that something be put in the monthly newsletter.

QUESTION PERIOD – (on agenda items only) - Please note that responses will not be provided at the meeting, but will be responded to in a timely manner.

MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS – None

CLOSED SESSION: NONE

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION #24-05-15

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 1st day of May, 2024 be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Deputy Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2024-27 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-05-16

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney


SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 for a regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


Sandra Trudel, Deputy Mayor


Pam Lortie, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer