

**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish
Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of
Wednesday, December 4, 2024
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:09 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 #24-12-01

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular meeting of December 4, 2024 be adopted as presented, with the following additions under:

10. By-Laws:

e) By-law 2024-58 Being a by-law to enter into an agreement for the leasing of municipal property. *And*

14. Go into closed session

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

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

2. Municipal Office inappropriate behavior from agitated rate payer on December 4, 2024

Carried

DELEGATION - None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

RESOLUTION #24-12-02

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of November 20, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION #24-12-03

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the prices for the alcohol at the Four Seasons' Waterfront Complex be increased as follows:

Beer \$ 4.75, Coolers \$5.75, Shots \$4.75, Spirits \$4.75 + mix

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-12-04

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the payday of December 26th ,2024, be moved forward to December 24, 2024, to ensure employees get paid on time.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-12-05

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council meetings of January 2025 be changed to January 8th and January 22nd.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-12-06

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Deputy Clerk's report of December 4, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-12-07

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendation from the CAO regarding alternative voting methods be accepted as presented.

AND THAT the Town of Spanish uses paper ballots, manually counted, as well as vote by mail for the 2026 Municipal Election.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-12-08

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers be given 180 days notice that the Town of Spanish intends to terminate the Automatic Aid agreement, as per the terms set out in By-Law #2019-42;

And further that the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers Council and Fire Department(s) be thanked for their support and response over the past 5 years.

Carried

COUNCIL VERBAL REPORTS

Karen Von Pickartz- Attended the Public Works Meeting – Discussions regarding the need for a new Plow Truck in 2025.

Sandra Trudel- Christmas Market is coming up, things are going well there are about 8 tables left. They got a lot of donations for the penny sale

Mary-Louise Zarichney- Attended Public Works meeting- same as KVP Above

RESOLUTION #24-12-09

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

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

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-12-10

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the remaining Marina Apparel be placed on sale for 20 % off.
AND THAT some of the merchandise be brought to the Municipal Office and put on display.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-12-11

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the economic development intern be authorized to participate in the Online, Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development Course.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-12- 12

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO be authorized to draft a letter of support for the Spanish River Snowmobile Club to add to their grant application.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-12- 13

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendation from the Public Works supervisor to increase the Equipment rates with operator to be in line with OPSS rates as follows: Grader - \$186.10, scarifier -\$7 .05, Ice blades- \$9.55, Backhoe -\$92.40, Sweeper -\$12.50, Loader-\$92.60, FSS0 - \$85.10, F150 -\$40.95, Chevy ¾ ton -\$41.45, Tandem Dump Truck - \$141.20, Steam Jenny - \$99.55, be accepted as presented

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION – NO ACTION REQUIRED

RESOLUTION #24-12- 14

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

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

- a) Spanish Public Library Minutes of November 19, 2024

- b) Public Works Committee November 25, 2024
- c) Opp detachment board Update
- d) MTO Capital Hwy Project update
- e) Ontario Offsetting OPP Cost Increase for small and rural municipalities
- f) ADMA Minutes November 29, 2024
- g) ADSAB Minutes – September 26, 2024
- h) OPP PPSAP agreement – November 19, 2024
- i) Fire Department Correspondence from Sables-Spanish re: Shared Chief Services

Carried

BY-LAWS –

2024-53 Being a by-law to appoint a Fire Chief – *First, second, and third*

RESOLUTION #24-12- 15

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a by-law to appoint a Fire Chief 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 #2024-53 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

2024-54 Being a by-law for the purpose of appointing by-law enforcement services – First, second and third

RESOLUTION #24-12-16

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a by-law to appoint a By-Law Enforcement Service 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 #2024-54 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

2024-55 Being a by-law outlining the working conditions for the employees of the Corporation of the Town of Spanish. - First, second and third

RESOLUTION #24-12- 17

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a by-law to authorize a working conditions policy for the employees of the Corporation of the Town of Spanish 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 #2024-53 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

2024-56 Being a by-law to adopt an MOU between the Town of Spanish and The Spanish River Snowmobile Club. First reading

RESOLUTION #24-12- 18

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a by-law to adopt an MOU between the Town of Spanish and the Spanish River Snowmobile Club be read a first time.

Carried

2024-57 Being a by-law to adopt an agreement with Dr. Siddiqui. First reading.

RESOLUTION #24-12- 19

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a by-law to adopt an agreement with Dr. Siddiqui be read a first time.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS – Can we do a thorough clean of the space for the market before Friday night – The flies are unbelievable – Please reach out to other pest control agencies to see if there is an indoor spray or something we can do to kill them off – Get a second opinion.

QUESTION PERIOD - None

MOTION/NOTICES OF MOTIONS – None

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #24-12-20

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

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

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

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

1. Complex
2. Municipal Office inappropriate behavior from agitated rate payer on December 4, 2024

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – TIME IN: 8:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – TIME OUT: 9:00 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION #24-12- 21

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

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

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-12- 22

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO be authorized to proceed as directed in closed session.

Carried

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION #24-12- 23

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 4th Day of December, 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 #2024-58 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

ADJOURN

RESOLUTION #24-12- 24

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 for a regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Karen Von Pickartz, Mayor

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