

The Corporation of the Town of Spanish
Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of
Wednesday, April 17th, 2019
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers

Present:	Jocelyne Bishop	Mayor
	Karen Von Pickartz	Deputy Mayor
	Debra Joncas	Councillor
	Sandra Trudel	Councillor
	Mary-Louise Zarichney	Councillor
	Pam Lortie	CAO

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for the disclosure of any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof. None was disclosed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #19-04-18

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular meeting of April 17th, 2019 be adopted as presented, with the following addition:

7h) Committee of the Whole Minutes of April 10, 2019

Carried

DELEGATIONS: Dan Stala, Traffic Specialist, Ministry of Transportation, attended regarding several traffic issues in our community.

Since the meeting with Mr. Stala last year, the following has been completed:

- 60 km/h speed limit on the east end of town has been moved to Short Street
- Signage has been erected east and west of the community (note: it was reported yesterday that both of the signs had been knocked down. One sign has been recovered by public works and both will be reinstalled.
- A traffic count was conducted the last week of July 2018, as well as a pedestrian count. Numbers do not warrant a traffic light or pedestrian crossing at John/Trunk/Highway 17.
- Speed study was conducted – average speed is 67-72 km/h in the 60 km/h zone and 80-84 km/h in the 70 km/h zone – does not feel that speeding is excessive
- MTO is committed to redoing the studies if requested
- Council expressed that they are still concerned about the crossing – it is very confusing to people. Dan indicated that the amber flashing light (east to west) indicates to through traffic to be cautious and the red flashing light (north to south) is used in conjunction with the stop signs.
- A pedestrian crossover is not warranted based on the pedestrian count

- The turn lane onto Cutler Avenue was discussed and how through traffic passes on the left in this area. Dan will look into this – it is possible that signage is required “Through Traffic Stay Right”
- Dan was asked about the shoulders near the intersection downtown and why they are so wide. There is enough room for vehicles to pass stopped traffic that is turning left, on the right-hand side, and this puts pedestrians at risk. Dan will check into this.
- Council would like the 60 km/h sign at the east end of the community moved further east to where the 70 km/h sign is currently. Dan will check into this.
- Dan to confirm ownership of the sidewalks.
- Ken McVety asked about the location of signage through the downtown core and wondered if the signage could be moved to the back of the sidewalk. Dan will check into this.
- Ken advised that the cross culvert at the downtown intersection may be compromised. Dan advised that culverts are checked annually and he will have this one checked and also confirm when it was last replaced.
- Ken advised that the Contractor is watching the area in front of the bank.
- Ken advised that ditching may be required east of town. Ken has discussed this with Steve Arpen, MTO.
- Dan was asked about the area at Menard Crescent - the entrance off the highway is not visible. Dan advised that they cannot illuminate the area, but an advance sign may work – he will check into this.
- Dan was asked why traffic lights were installed at Lively – this was due to the slow moving vehicles coming from the mine.
- Dan will have traffic and pedestrian study conducted this summer.
- Ken asked about the aprons at John Street, Trunk Road, Cutler Avenue and Hamilton Street, and for what distance was MTO responsible. Dan indicated that it depended on ownership and he will check into this and get back to us.
- Dan indicated that he is open to meeting with council annually and will wait for the Town to initiate the meeting.

TENDERS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

RESOLUTION #19-04-19

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of April 3rd, 2019 be adopted as presented.

Carried

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION #19-04-20

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 2019 vacation schedule submitted by the CAO be approved.

Carried

RESOLUTION #19-04-21

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO's report dated April 17, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Carried

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Debra – Recreation – talked about possible events, Library – Easter Egg hunt is this weekend

Jocelyne – Health Committee – working on planning Spring Market, name change was explained,

Mary-Louise – National Volunteer Week was last week – posted in branch

Sandra – attended workshop in Elliot Lake

RESOLUTION #19-04-22

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a certificate for 5 launch passes and a cookbook be donated to the Friendly Massey Marathon.

Carried

RESOLUTION #19-04-23

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO be authorized to attend the AMCTO Zone 7 Spring Workshop being held May 9 & 10, 2019 in Elliot Lake;

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

Carried

RESOLUTION #19-04-24

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED Whereas public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities, and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of Ontario; and,

Whereas, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees from provincial and municipal governments and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation's transportation, water and wastewater systems, landfills, and public buildings and facilities essential for our citizens;

And Whereas it is in the public interest for the citizens and civic leaders in Canada to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Spanish hereby declares the week of May 19-25, 2019, as National Public Works Week.

Carried

RESOLUTION #19-04-25

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED Terry Jacques, Spanish Smokers ball team be advised that council agrees to waive the ball field rental fees for a fastball tournament to be held on August 16, 17 and 18, 2019;

Further that the following terms will apply:

1. Lessee to supply porta-potties and wash stations;
2. Lessee to obtain a Temporary Food Premises permit to be supplied to the municipal office prior to the event;
3. Alcohol is not permitted on municipal property;
4. Grounds are to be cleaned and all garbage be removed to the Public Works garbage bin;
5. That a refundable deposit in the amount of \$150.00 be required.

Carried

RESOLUTION #19-04-26

MOVED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Spanish hereby declares the week of May 26 – June 1, 2019, as Clean Up Week;

And further that a flyer be circulated promoting Hazardous Waste Day on May 29th, Spring Clean Up Day on May 31st and any other events that may be organized in conjunction with Clean Up Week.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION – no action required

RESOLUTION ##19-04-27

MOVED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

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

- a. Fire Minutes – March 29, 2019
- b. Spanish Health Centre Committee Minutes of April 1, 2019

- c. Ontario Clean Water Agency – Spanish Lagoon 2018 Annual Report
- d. Ontario Clean Water Agency – Waste Waster Monthly Summary Reports
- e. Minister of Infrastructure and Communities – re: Additional 2.2 billion to the Gas Tax Fund
- f. Kirk Crosson, Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks, re: Salt Storage and Snow Dump
- g. AMO Policy Update – Municipal Budget May Be Affect by Animal Cruelty Enforcement Changes, along with news article – Police concerned about who will enforce animal cruelty laws

Carried

BY-LAWS:

RESOLUTION #19-04-28

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a By-Law to establish tax ratios for the year 2019 be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, numbered by-law #2019-22 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS –

Councillor Joncas – Attended meeting at Ste-Anne today regarding day care. ADSAB has a 5-year plan and if there was enough interest they will consider establishing a day care in Spanish. Debra will provide the details of a survey that could be included in the monthly newsletter.

Mayor Bishop – Spoke to Amanda regarding females in politics. They will speak again in September to set up a meeting. There is also a media workshop coming up bringing put on by MCTV. She will keep Mayor Bishop updated on upcoming events.

QUESTION PERIOD –

MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS –

GO INTO CLOSED SESSION – Time In: 8:35 p.m.

RESOLUTION #19-04-29

MOVED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now go into closed session.

Carried

RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL – Time Out: 9:23 p.m.

RESOLUTION #19-04-30

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Karen Von Pickaraz

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

Carried

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION –

RESOLUTION #19-04-31

MOVED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO be authorized to carry out the instructions as discussed in closed session.

Carried

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION #19-04-32

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 17th day of April, 2019 be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, numbered by-law #2019-23 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #19-04-33

MOVED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 for a regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.



Jocelyne Bishop, Mayor



Pam Lortie, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer