

**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish
 Council Minutes
 Regular Meeting of
 Wednesday, May 6, 2020
 7:00 p.m., Teleconference**

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 #20-05-01

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular meeting of May 6, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS – Chris Kirby, P.Eng, Tulloch Engineering – to discuss the Algoma/ Colonization Road Project and specifically Chris’ email of March 6, 2020.

Algoma and Colonization Intersection:

- Is a walking path through the corner lot still feasible? – yes, the guide rails would have to be modified.
- Steel beam guide rail system on the east side of the culvert and a modified system on the west side.
- Could sweep the radius and still have room for a walking path.
- Does Council want a controlled intersection with stop signs?
- Alternative, could be to post signage for traffic to keep right.
- There have been close calls at the corner in the past.
- A “T” intersection would be the safest method.

Asphalt vs Surface Treatment:

- What should be included in the tender?
- Would want to wait for one winter before applying either surface.

- Could asphalt part way past Highway Variety, then change to surface treatment. – would have to determine where to end the asphalt and start the surface treatment.
- If council decides on surface treatment, this could be changed to asphalt after the road sets for a winter depending on funds available.
- Could include both in the tender to see how prices come in.

Cul de Sac:

- The design is currently pie-shaped – could make it diamond shaped, but it would lose its functionality.
- Trees – which, if any, should be kept.
- Could remove all the trees and replace with a controlled planting.
- The entire turn around should be hard surfaced in order for it to function as designed.

Washrooms:

- Does Council want this added?
- Doesn't have to be addressed right away – could wait and see how much use there is.
- If put in this location, could be setting a precedence.
- Site will include benches, fence, gazebo.
- Remove super structure of the old government dock and fill in area to provide an area for fishing or viewing.

Ditch Depth:

- Move water along Public Road to drain northerly along Spanish Street
- 18" depth of gravel instead of 24" and double geo-grid will bring bottom of ditch up
- 2' ditch

Drainage:

- Met with property owners at 53 Colonization Road
- Proposing to move the culvert at 56 Colonization to the north of 53 Colonization
- Will result in easement on 53 Colonization only
- Maintenance under the easement agreement would include cross culvert, a little ditching to the their access road and a culvert under their access road
- Ditch along Colonization will be flat, but will move the water
- Approval required from MNRF and DFO
- Ditch would be 1' deeper current culvert to new location
- Ditch would be the same depth from current culvert to cul de sac

Timelines:

- Impacted by MNRF and DFO – approvals are moving very slowly
- COVID-19 shouldn't have too much of an impact

Tender;

- Recommend that entire package be tendered – get the work from Trunk Road to Public Road done in 2020 and finish from Public to end of Colonization in 2021
- Could be a three year project, with surfacing of the bottom section to be completed in 2022
- Can invoke clause regarding asphalt prices should they change from 2020 to 2022

RESOLUTION #20-05-02

MOVED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tulloch Engineering be advised of the following:

- (a) That the road(s) be designed for a “T” intersection;
- (b) That Council is open to surface treatment in lieu of asphalt with the exception of asphalt definitely preferred in front of Highway Variety as it is a high traffic area, and the quotes be obtained for both asphalt and surface treatment;
- (c) That all trees be removed from the proposed cul de sac area and a controlled planting take place;
- (d) That washrooms, outhouse or equivalent is not required at this time;
- (e) That the tender be released as soon as possible for the entire project, with the understanding that the section of the road south of Public Road can only proceed when permits are received;
- (f) That the design include the removal of the cross culvert at 56 Colonization and reinstallation north of 53 Colonization, with an easement entered into with the owners of 53 Colonization Road;
- (g) That Chris Kirby draft a response to the owner of Spanish River Resort.

Carried

TENDERS – None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

RESOLUTION #20-05-03

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the special and regular meeting of April 15, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION #20-05-04

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Whereas the municipality has received an unsolicited offer to purchase Lot 18, Plan 17, Block D;

And Whereas the lot is adjacent to the Fire Hall;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the interested party be advised that this property will not be declared surplus, but rather will kept in our inventory for current and future municipal use.

Carried

RESOLUTION #20-05-05

MOVED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO's Report of May 6, 2020 be noted as being presented.

Carried

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councillors provided information on the following meetings they attended since the last Council meeting.

Councillor Joncas – Committee of the Whole

Councillor Von Pickartz – Committee of the Whole

Councillor Zarichney – Committee of the Whole

Councillor Trudel – North Channel Proverty Network, Spanish Foodbank has been added to the list of foodbanks to be supplied by The United Way, discussion on Community Gardens, ELNOS, Committee of the Whole, Wishart Law webinar

Mayor Bishop – East Algoma Chiefs, Mayors and Reeves, East Algoma CFDC, Wishart Law webinar

Mayor Bishop called for a recorded vote on the following resolution.

RESOLUTION #20-05-06

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT WHEREAS ON March 17, 2020, the Province of Ontario declared a state of emergency due to a pandemic caused by the spread of the deadly virus known as COVID-19;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 can cause severe impairment of the respiratory system and high fevers that can cause death

WHEREAS COVID-19 is a virus that can be spread by those that are both symptomatic and asymptomatic thus making it easy to unknowingly spread.

WHEREAS at times the effects of the virus being spread may not be known for periods of up to two weeks,

WHEREAS AS OF April 23, 2020, Algoma Public Health reports that there are 12 confirmed cases of COVID-19 IN THE District of Algoma

WHEREAS the East Algoma Region is a rural area that is populated by many who are considered vulnerable to COVID-19

WHEREAS the Mayors representing the Townships of Prince, Macdonald Meredith and Aberdeen Additional, Plummer Additional, Tarbutt, Johnson, Hilton, Bruce Mines ,North Shore, the Municipality of Huron Shores the Town of Blind River, the Town of Thessalon, the City of Elliot Lake and the Town of Spanish met on April 23, 2020 to discuss communication issues with APH related to not receiving information from Algoma Public Health, by community, in a timely manner.

WHEREAS the communities listed above are also not receiving requested information on both travel related and communal spread of the COVID-19 virus as it pertains to positive, negative, resolved and unresolved number of tested individuals in each community.

WHEREAS each of the Mayors and Municipal Councils of the aforementioned communities have a legal and moral responsibility to protect the residents of their community as clearly expressed in the Municipal Act

WHEREAS absent such information from Algoma Public Health, a situation of unnecessary yet dire stress and anxiety among Mayors, Council Members and Community Members has been created which includes large amounts of mis-information that circulates among communities

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a letter be drafted, expressing the grave concerns of the above noted communities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that each community send their letter to the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Province of Ontario with copies to be sent to the Premier of the Province of Ontario, the Minister of Health, Michael Mantha MPP, Carol Hughes MP, AMO, ROMA, FONOM and Algoma Public Health.

Councillor Joncas – Nay
Councillor Trudel – Nay
Councillor Von Pickartz – Nay
Councillor Zarichney – Nay
Mayor Bishop - Nay

Defeated

RESOLUTION #20-05-07

MOVED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tulloch Engineering be retained for Project Management Services for the Re-roofing of the Spanish Firehall as per their quote dated March 24, 2020.

Carried

RESOLUTION #20-05-08

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Perry Sarvas, Exp Consulting be invited to an upcoming Council meeting to discuss the status of the Spanish Landfill project.

Carried

RESOLUTION #20-05-09

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT draft (v1.0) for the Asbestos Management Plan as prepared by DST Consulting Engineers be adopted as presented;

And further that the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer be appointed the AMP Champion;

And further that the balance of \$2,816.46 for work performed be paid.

Carried

RESOLUTION #20-05-10

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT municipal staff assist the Spanish Foodbank with an application for funding through Cameco for start up costs for a community garden to serve residents of the Town of Spanish.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION – no action required

RESOLUTION #20-05-11

MOVED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

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

- a. Committee of the Whole Minutes of April 29, 2020
- b. Spanish Recycling and Waste Year End Report 2019 (With 2018 report for comparison)
- c. OCWA - Spanish Lagoon 2019 Annual Report
- d. Sean Meades, Algoma University, *Bring Food Home Algoma: Policy Paper on Building Resilient Futures*
- e. Huron North Community Economic Alliance (HNCEA) – re: CRTC Broadband Fund Application

Carried

BY-LAWS –

RESOLUTION #20-05-12

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a By-Law to Enter Into an Agreement with Serpent River First Nation, re: Assistance during an Emergency be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, numbered by-law #2020-13 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #20-05-13

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law for establishing tax ratios 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 #2020-15 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS – Councillor Von Pickartz asked if Council would be able to meet in the Council Chambers for the next meeting.

QUESTION PERIOD – None

MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS – None

GO INTO CLOSED SESSION – None

RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL – None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION – None

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION #20-05-14

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a regular meeting of council held on the 6th day of May, 2020 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 #2020-16 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #20-05-15

MOVED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel


BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for a Regular Meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



Jocelyne Bishop, Mayor



Pam Lortie, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer