

**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish
Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of
Wednesday, January 6, 2021
7:00 p.m., Tele-Conference (Province-wide Lockdown)**

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

Members of the Public:

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 were disclosed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #21-01-01

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular meeting of January 6, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS – None

TENDERS – None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

RESOLUTION #21-01-02

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of December 16, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION #21-01-03

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Report – December 2020 be noted as being presented.

Carried

RESOLUTION #21-01-04

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial statement for the Seasonal Cheer/Food Bank Program be noted as being presented;

And further be it resolved that surplus funds and vouchers be donated to the Spanish Food Bank.

Carried

RESOLUTION #21-01-05

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2021 Spanish Marina Fees remain the same as 2020, with the removal of the use of the gym from seasonal dockage.

Carried

RESOLUTION #21-01-06

MOVED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes interim expenditures of 2021 municipal budget line items at 50% of 2020 amounts pending the approval of the 2021 final budget.

Carried

Surplus Office Computers – Councillor Trudel suggested asking ADSAB if they could use to distribute to clients who are taking courses, etc.

RESOLUTION #21-01-07

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO's Report of January 6, 2021 be noted as being presented.

Carried

COUNCIL REPORTS:

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

Karen Von Pickartz - n/a
Debra Joncas – n/a
Sandra Trudel - n/a
Mary-Louise Zarichney – n/a
Jocelyne Bishop - n/a

RESOLUTION #21-01-08

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO be authorized to prepare a by-law to enter into an agreement with Dock Links which operates a membership-based card program that benefits marinas, retail businesses and boaters by providing its members access to several benefits available year-round from participating partner businesses in Ontario;

And further the Spanish Municipal Marina agrees to:

- Offer a “Stay 2 nights, get the third night free” program, if slips are available
- Offer a free pump out, if available, with a minimum of a 200-litre fuel purchase to Members
- Display DOCK LINKS signage at the marina
- Insert the DOCK LINKS link on our website
- Allow DOCK LINKS to use the Spanish Marina logo for website and marketing purposes
- Train staff on the DOCK LINKS program

And further that the by-law be presented back to the next regular Council meeting.

Carried

RESOLUTION #21-01-09

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Smart Green Communities to requested provide a quote for their membership-based model for core consulting services.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION – no action required

RESOLUTION #21-01-10

MOVED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

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

- a. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Municipal Allocation of \$20,000 to help with 2021 COVID-related operating pressures
- b. MPAC – 2021 Municipal Levy Notice
- c. Algoma Public Health – 2020 Municipal Levy Notice
- d. Continuous Improvement Fund – Application for a Waste Composition Study has been conditionally approved
- e. Solicitor General – new deadline for Community Safety and Well-Being plan is now July 1, 2021
- f. 2021 Assessment Comparison with 2020
- g. East Algoma Ontario Health Team – Update
- h. Algoma Radon Testing – Radon Gas Testing

Carried

BY-LAWS –

RESOLUTION #21-01-11

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 be read a first time, considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, numbered by-law #2021-01 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #21-01-12

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy and to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent per month 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 #2021-02 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS -

Councillor Zarichney was approached by a resident who doesn't understand their public utilities billing. The CAO suggested that she direct them to the municipal office.

Mayor Bishop requested that the correspondence received from the Township of Nairn and Hyman be moved from the reading file to the next regular Council agenda.

QUESTION PERIOD – None

MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS – None

GO INTO CLOSED SESSION – TIME IN: 7:40 p.m.

RESOLUTION #21-01-13

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we now go into Closed Session.

Carried

RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL – TIME OUT: 7:55 p.m.

RESOLUTION #21-01-14

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we now return to Open Council.

Carried

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION –

RESOLUTION #21-01-15

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO be authorized to proceed with staff wage increases as discussed in closed session.

Carried

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION #21-01-16

MOVED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a regular meeting of council held on the 6th day of January, 2021 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 #2021-03 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #21-01-17


MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for a Regular Meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Jocelyne Bishop, Mayor



Pam Lortie, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer