

TOWN OF SPANISH NEWSLETTER – April 2022

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YOUR COUNCIL:

Mayor: Jocelyne Bishop

Deputy Mayor:

Karen Von Pickartz

Councillors:

Sandra Trudel

Mary-Louise Zarichney

Debra Joncas

FIRE PERMITS

are required as of April 1

Permits are available at no cost at the municipal office.

Permits are issued to property owners **only**. Tenants **must** have written permission from the owner to obtain a permit

HALF LOAD is now in effect – signs have been erected and will stay in place as weather conditions dictate.

LAUNDROMAT/GYM OPEN:

Monday 6 - 9 pm

Thursday 9 am – 1 pm

Saturday 9 am – 1 pm

A Par-Q form must be completed prior to a gym membership being issued. Please contact the municipal office for more info

EASTER CLOSURES

All municipal departments will be closed **Friday, April 15th** and **Monday, April 18th**

Regular Garbage pick-up & commingle recycling will take place on **Wed., April 13th** in lieu of Good Friday holiday.
Regular Friday pick-up will resume on April 22nd.

Spanish Medical Clinic will be closed **Friday, April 15th**

NEXT TAX INSTALLMENT DUE: APRIL 30, 2022

Attention: Summer Students
Resumes for summer employment can be dropped off at the municipal office or emailed to:

info@townofspanish.com

Please mark “summer student” on your resume. You must be enrolled in school and returning in the Fall.

Municipal Landfill Site

The Municipal Landfill will be opened to the Public beginning Friday, May 6th to the end of October, as follows:
Friday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Saturday - 3rd Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Tipping fees may be paid at the Municipal Office or cash at the landfill site prior to dumping.

CLEAN UP DAY – Will be held in May/early June. Watch for date in your May newsletter.

The Spanish Landfill site is for the use of residents of the Town of Spanish or Serpent River First Nation only. Please be prepared to prove residency by providing a driver’s license or current tax bill when attending the site.

Residents can bring yard waste – leaves, brush, etc. to the Landfill at no charge. Clean metal and tires are also accepted at no charge. As well, there is an electronics bin at the Public Works yard for disposal of televisions, computers, etc. These items will not be picked up during regular curbside pick-up.

Committee/Board Vacancies

Please contact the municipal office for more information if you are interested in sitting on any of the following Committees or Boards:

- Recreation Committee
- Health Centre Fundraising Committee
- Mount Calvary Cemetery Board

Spanish Public Library Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 16, 2022

Children 12 & Under

Out of consideration for the safety of your children, the Library has made the decision to once again conduct a drive-through Easter Egg Hunt Route.

Residents can participate by decorating their homes with Easter Eggs. Contact the library to be included on the route by April 6th, 2022 route/map will be posted on Social Media & maps will be available at the Library also.

Treat Bags will be handed out at the Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please enter via driveway on north side of building and drive around rear of building to south side
705-844-2555

library@townofspanish.com

Facebook: @SpanishPublicLibrary
Instagram: @Spanish Public Library

RAINBOW DISTRICT ANIMAL CONTROL

For all dog/cat concerns, call
1-800-836-6661



Can I have a backyard fire within the Town of Spanish?

The municipality does not issue permits for warmth or food, however the following conditions as noted in by-law #97-09 still apply: Open air fires are not permitted between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm; A competent adult person must be present at all times; Suppression tools (rake, shovel, adequate water) shall be present. The fire must be 5 metres from a forested area, 2 metres from any flammable material and 15 metres from any building. No person shall set a fire in the open air which causes inconvenience or irritation to others.



BUILDING PERMIT INFORMATION

Do I need a building permit? Building permits are required for any construction in the municipality, renovations, windows, siding, etc. Storage sheds under 108 sq ft. do not require a building permit, but do require a zoning permit. Pools and fences also require permits. If you have any doubt, contact the municipal office.

How do I obtain a building permit? Applications for a building permit are available at the municipal office. The application is completed by the homeowner and returned to the office for review by the Building Inspector. If everything is in order the permit will be issued, if the Building Inspector requires further information, the homeowner will be contacted. Approvals many be required from outside agencies, e.g. Algoma Public Health, Ministry of Transportation, etc. It is important to submit your permit application well before your proposed start date to ensure everything is in order. Once the permit is ready, the homeowner will be called and arrangements made for payment and pick up of the permit.

How much does a building permit cost?

New Construction	\$10.00 per \$1,000 or part thereof of the value of the construction costs
Pre-Fab Sheds	\$50.00
Siding	\$40.00
Steel Roof (residential)	\$50.00
Shingled Roof	No Permit Required

A processing fee of \$35.00 applies to all permits.

The entire building by-law is available on the website.

What happens after I pick up my permit? The Building Inspector will make periodic inspections of the work until it is completed.

What happens if I commence work without getting a permit? Permit Fees shall be doubled if construction has started before the permit is issued.

What other permits may I require?

If you are putting in a septic system, pit privy or grey water pit, you will need a permit from Algoma Public Health. They can be reached at **1-888-356-2551**

If you are doing electrical work, you will need a permit from Electrical Safety Authority **1-877-372-7233**

If you are building along Highway 17 you may require a permit from the Ministry of Transportation **1-705-491-1634** or apply on-line www.hcms.mto.gov.on.ca

The municipal office staff is here to help and would be glad to review your building permit application and assist you with completing and submitting it to the Building Inspector. Call to set up an appointment.



Service Line Protection Available for Town of Spanish Homeowners

An important message from the Town of Spanish

It's important to help protect your finances from the unexpected expense and inconvenience of emergency repairs.

That's why the Town of Spanish has selected Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC) – a premier provider of home emergency repair solutions to homeowners – to offer *optional* Exterior Water Service Line Coverage and Exterior Sewer/Septic Line Coverage to Spanish homeowners.

Many homeowners are not aware that they are responsible for certain systems; for example, many don't know that they are responsible to pay for repairs to water service and sewer/septic lines on private property. Many homeowners are not prepared to handle the high costs of unexpected water service or sewer/septic line breakdowns. Plans from SLWC give homeowners financial relief from the cost of covered repairs due to breakdowns of major systems inside and outside their homes. An optional plan from SLWC can help protect homeowners from potentially expensive repair costs.

A plan from SLWC – an independent company – can help protect your finances against unexpected repairs, and decide whether it's right for you.

Call SLWC toll-free at 1-866-922-9004 for more information or to sign up for coverage. Please visit www.slwofc.ca for frequently asked questions and links to additional information.

Note: Confirm with your homeowner's insurance whether or not this is already covered.

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Effective Monday, April 4, 2022 – Laundromat and Gym will be OPEN as follows: Monday – 6pm – 9pm Thursday – 9am – 1pm Saturday – 9am – 1pm Gym members must complete waiver and PAR-Q prior to membership being issued.					1 Garbage pickup Recycling - Commingle	2
3	4 Health Centre Meeting 7pm	5	6 Council Meeting 7pm	7 Planning Meeting 7pm	8 Garbage pickup Recycling - Fibre Closed	9
10	11	12 Library Board Meeting 7 PM	13 Garbage pickup Recycling - Commingle in lieu of Good Friday	14	15 Food Bank 4-5pm Good Friday P.W's, Office, Library Gym/Laundromat, Medical Clinic Closed	16
17 	18 Easter Monday P.W's, Office, Library Gym/Laundromat Closed	19	20 Council Meeting 7pm	21	22 Garbage pickup Recycling - Fibre	23
24	25 Public Works Meeting 7pm	26	27	28	29 Garbage pickup Recycling - Commingle	30