# The Corporation of the Town of Spanish Council Minutes

Special Meeting of Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7:00 p.m., In Council Chambers

Present:

Sandra Trudel

Deputy Mayor Councillor

Mary-Louise Zarichney Ted Clague

Councillor

Pam Lortie

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Lisa Hobbs

Deputy Clerk

Chad Fisher

Public Works Supervisor

**Excused:** 

Karen Von Pickartz

Mayor

Debra Joncas

Councillor

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. and asked for the disclosure of any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof. None were disclosed.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

**RESOLUTION #22-11-40** 

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the special Council meeting of November 30, 2022

be adopted as presented.

Carried

**DELEGATIONS:** EXP – Perry Sarvas and John Smith – Landfill /expansion update

## John Smith - Landfill Expansion

- High level overview
- Our current landfill is over capacity
  - o Looks are deceiving as we have gone outside the original "footprint"
    - Higher than it should be by a few meters
      - Resurvey the landfill?
- MOE is currently ok with us continuing operations in the current landfill as we are in the process of rectifying the situation
- Looked at options in North section abandoned due to the cost of access road
- Settled on an area south of the current site
- Our CAZ for the proposed new site encroaches/encompasses crown land.

- Needs to be approved by MNRF
- EXP submitted Lease/Purchase land (LUP) request to the MRNF in August 2022, they expect it to take approx. 4 months for approval/denial process
- If the above is approved the next step in the process is Public/agency consultation
  - o Beginning in Mid to late January
  - o Expects this process to take 3-4 weeks
- The next step is to prepare an environmental studies report
  - o They expect this to take approx. 5-6 weeks
- They expect this to wrap up in June of 2023
- After the report, everything gets submitted to MOE for approval
- We could conceivably be working on the new site in spring of 2024
- This new site will be an above ground landfill with a max height of 3 meters
- Not much excavation required
- Would be developed into cells
- They anticipate a cost of \$400,000 \$500,000 to build the new site including the access road, and the requisite amount of monitoring wells
  - o Anticipated approximately \$80,000 \$85,000 to build the road
    - May not be accurate
- The closing of our current site is a separate project from the expansion
- EXP, would estimate it would cost approx. \$250,000 to close the current site
  - This amount would likely include the clay covering centered to final contours and contractor services
- Grants/Funding? Provincial funding- infrastructure 50%
- We would need to wait for the MNRF land use/lease/purchase before proceeding into the next phase.
- Inquired as to whether or not the MOE may lean on the MNRF to speed up the approval process
  - o This is a possibility
- How is the length of life determined?
  - Based on current rate of disposal
- New site- First 8-10 months -cost for access road and grubbing 1-2 cells
- Remaining 2 years in the current landfill
- Amend current C of A to increase
- Groundwater moves to the north from the current site

### Perry Sarvas -Monitoring wells

- o Only 3 of the promised 5 wells were completed
  - Other 2 were abandoned due to site condition
  - o EXP subcontracted Lancore to do this work
  - o The site was left sloppy pictures
- o 2 of the 3 monitoring wells are no longer usable (broken)- cannot be repaired (21-1, 21-3)
  - o EXP believes that the damage was caused by wildlife or vandalism

- Lancore technician went to the site with EXP and concluded that it was blunt force trauma that caused the failure
- Discussion there has never been any acts of vandalism etc. at the landfill in its history
- o Unlikely due to the location of the wells middle of nowhere
- o Both failed wells have been "broken" in the same manner seems unlikely
- o The last working well (21-2) is very loose and can be moved 2-3 inches all around
  - Perry indicated that there should be some mobility but not much
  - The movement is likely due to the "Bentonite" used instead of cement
- o Council questioned that both wells appear to have failed in the exact same manner
  - Approx. 2 inches below the water surface in the hole Pictures provided by EXP
- o Exp provided a visual diagram of how the monitoring wells are constructed
  - The outer protective casing is made of aluminum
- o Exp will be meeting with Lancore engineer to investigate these failures
- o Inquired as to whether or not there are other companies who could provide this service
- Inquired about getting these wells redone for free as they should have lasted 10-15 years and didn't even make 1 year
- Inquired about whether Lancore should have used cement to seal the hole as our other monitoring wells are still operational after years of service and we have never had this problem
- o Perry will contact/update us when this meeting takes place

#### RESOLUTION #22-11-41

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** EXP – Perry Sarvas and John Smith be thanked for their update to council on the Landfill Expansion Project.

Carried

**NEW BUSINESS –** 

QUESTION PERIOD – (on agenda items only)

**MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS – None** 

### **CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

RESOLUTION #22-11- 42 MOVED BY: SECONDED BY:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a special meeting of council held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022 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 #2022-63 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

**Carried** 

**RESOLUTION #22-11-43** 

**MOVED BY:** 

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now adjourn to meet again on Thursday, December <sup>1st</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers for a Special Meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

**Carried** 

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Sandra Trudel, Deputy Mayor

Pam Lortie, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer