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**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish  
 Council Minutes  
 Special Meeting of  
 Wednesday, February 8, 2023  
 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**

Present:	Karen Von Pickartz Sandra Trudel Mary-Louise Zarichney Ted Clague Pam Lortie	Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillor Councillor CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Excused:	Debra Joncas	Councillor

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and asked for the disclosure of any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof. None were disclosed.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**RESOLUTION #23-02-20**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda for the special meeting of February 8<sup>st</sup>, 2023, be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**RESOLUTION #23-02-21**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Dr. Roger Larochelle’s correspondence to terminate his contract at the Spanish Medical Clinic be accepted with regrets;

And further that Dr. Larochelle be thanked for his many years of service to the community and he be wished all the best in the future.

**Carried**

**Discussion – Next Steps to Attract a New Physician to Spanish**

The CAO provided a summary of activities that have been undertaken to date regarding recruitment of a new doctor. We have been working with the Ministry of Health and Health Ontario and have contacted the area Family Health Teams to see what services may be available to our citizens.

The CAO also advised that we are collecting information to provide to the public regarding services that may be available, i.e.:

- Pocket Health – a web-site where you can securely access your medical records and imaging on-line.
- List of local pharmacies that are participating in the new program where pharmacists can prescribe for 13 common ailments.
- Phone number and web-site for residents to register to find a family doctor or nurse practitioner who is accepting new patients.
- Services provided to non-rostered patients through the Elliot Lake Family Health Team.
- Where to get bloodwork done.
- Telehealth
- Paramedicine

#### Questions/Concerns/Comments

- Notify MP and MPP
- Notify Minister of Health
- Send Nurse Practitioner info to Council
- Non-Rostered patient services – is this through a doctor or NP?
- Elliot Lake FHT Executive Director willing to meet to discuss options
- Dynacare – confirm that results available on-line
- Who does the equipment belong to at the clinic?
- How do the payments work for doctors coming in?
- Nurse Practitioner is a good option – can do a lot of the same as a doctor
- Paramedicine – what do they have to offer
- Notify Algoma Public Health
- Ask Ministry about Nurse Practitioner agreement
- Ask about funding for satellite clinic

The CAO advised that the medical staff would like to have a Come and Go for Dr. Larochelle before he leaves. The CAO will work with the staff to come up with a budget and will present it along with some options for a gift for Dr. Larochelle.

#### **RESOLUTION #23-02-22**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council supports keeping the Clinic open with staff after Dr. Larochelle leaves in order to answer public enquiries and assist with recruiting, subject to confirmation that the Ministry of Health would approve this.

**Carried**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**QUESTION PERIOD** – (on agenda items only)

**MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS – NONE**

**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**RESOLUTION #23-02-23**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023 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 #2023-15 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #23-02-24**

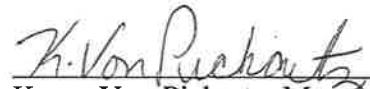
**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 for a regular meeting of council or at the call of the Mayor.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.

  
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Karen Von Pickartz, Mayor

  
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Pam Lortie, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer