

**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish
Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of
Wednesday, June 21, 2023
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**

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

Excused:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and asked for the disclosure of any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof. None were disclosed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #23-06-21

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT agenda for the regular meeting of June 21, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS: None

TENDERS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

RESOLUTION #23-06-22

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 7, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION #23-06-23

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Spanish supports an application for funding under the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC)'s Community Enhancement Program – Rural Enhancement stream for Municipal Dock Repairs; And further be it noted that the proposed value of the project is \$244,084.00, with the municipality contributing \$44,084.00; And further that the Corporation of the Town of Spanish is committed to covering all cost overruns.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-06-24

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Whereas the Spanish Volunteer Fire Department has been training with the Sables-Spanish Volunteer Fire Department for the past several months; And Whereas members of the Spanish Volunteer Fire Department are entitled to use the gym facilities at no cost; Therefore be it resolved that this benefit be extended to the Sables-Spanish Volunteer Fire Department as well, with the understanding access is limited to the hours the gym is open to the public and does not include free use of the saunas.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-06-25

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CAO/Clerk-Treasurer's report of June 21, 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried

Council Verbal Reports

Mayor Von Pickartz:

- Advised that meeting took place today with reps from the Ministry of Health regarding funding for nurse practitioners
- Talked with a councillor from Serpent River First Nation – residential school grounds search within the next few months
- New department being formed to look at funding opportunities – goal is to work on partnerships

Deputy Mayor Trudel:

Councillor Clague: Attended Police Services Board – some highlights – all officers now have cell phones, also equipped to read plates on vehicles. Attended ELNOS.

Councillor Joncas:

Councillor Zarichney: Recreation Committee Chair is very good – skilled at team building. Will be conducting a SWOT analysis with the Committee in September.

RESOLUTION #23-06-26

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT as per the recommendation of the Spanish Recreation Advisory Committee that an application for funding be submitted for the following improvements:

- Bleachers at the Ballfield
- Replace surface and boards of the outdoor rink
- Install a cover over the rink
- Install benches/sitting area at the outdoor rink
- Addition of washrooms at the changeroom area
- Upgrade lighting for the rink and ballfield

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-06-27

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Recreation Advisory Committee be thanked for submitting their proposed 2024 Program Activity budget;

And further that the Committee be advised that this will be held for 2024 budget deliberations.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-06-28

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments need to support their most vulnerable households, the ones who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Overall, housing and services for low-income, vulnerable, or marginalized people should be a primary consideration moving forward so we help those who need it the most.

WHEREAS the **Corporation of the Town of Spanish** understands every community across Ontario is impacted by a need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness.

Municipal governments are working in collaboration with all orders of government to invest in permanent solutions to the housing and homelessness crisis in Ontario.

WHEREAS the **Corporation of the Town of Spanish** understands that the Federal **National Housing Strategy** allocation formula to provinces and territories for jointly funded housing initiatives, roughly follows their share of the national population. This approach leaves Ontario underfunded because, as per the 2021 Census figures, the number of Ontario households in **Community Housing Network** as a share of the national total is 44.1 percent, which is well above the provincial share of

the national population at 38.5 percent. This is also by far the highest share of national **Community Housing Network** relative to every other province and territories.

WHEREAS receiving a by-population allocation from the federal government hampers Ontario's ability to reach more of those households in need that require assistance with housing.

WHEREAS the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock.

WHEREAS a similar situation occurs with federal homelessness funding to Ontario through **Reaching Home**, where the share allocated to Ontario is also below the provincial share of **Community Housing Network** nationally.

WHEREAS there is an inequitable distribution of **Reaching Home** funding in Ontario as only 25 of 47 Service Managers have designated communities receiving funding under the program, despite the prevalence of need across the entire Province.

WHEREAS the **Corporation of the Town of Spanish** understand the federal government takes the position that its role is to provide capital funding while Provinces and Territories are to fund operating expenses, but this approach does not create an equitable sharing of the burden of funding long-term operating costs, which continue for the life of a project.

WHEREAS taken altogether, the underfunding to Ontario for housing and homelessness relative to its share of national **Canadian Housing Network** amounts to approximately \$480 million over the term of the Federal **National Housing Strategy**.

WHEREAS the federal government previously provided leadership in ensuring the long-term financial and physical viability of the social housing stock under the **Social Housing Agreement** for several decades through federal social housing operating agreements that provided funding for both mortgages and operating costs.

WHEREAS without some flexibility on the part of the federal government, Ontario and its municipalities will be poorly positioned to take advantage of this funding, and this will turn into a significant missed opportunity, leading to a further deterioration in the long-term physical and financial sustainability of the community housing stock.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the **Corporation of the Town of Spanish** also supports the provincial ask for federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the **Corporation of the Town of Spanish** would appreciate the federal effort to repurpose this funding quickly from the main **National Housing Co-Investment Fund** program line, Service Managers across the province have indicated their challenges with meeting the terms of the federal proposal, particularly as they relate to cost matching and meeting the requirements for greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiency and accessibility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Corporation of the Town of Spanish** would like need-driven indicators incorporated into the funding allocation formulas for all federal programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that FONOM appreciates the federal government's commitment to end chronic homelessness and wishes this to be inclusive across all areas of our province by expanding **Reaching Home** funding to all Service Managers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FONOM also supports the provincial position in relation to the provinces and territories **Repair Fund** under the **National Housing Co-Investment Fund**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FONOM supports the Province of Ontario position on the application-based \$4 billion federal **Housing Accelerator Fund**. We wish to emphasize the importance of providing municipalities with maximum support in preparing applications to the HAF, understanding

that some rural and northern municipalities may face capacity challenges in applying to this program on the anticipated tight timelines.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the **Corporation of the Town of Spanish** wish to request that **Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation** consider actions taken by municipalities under the province's **Housing Supply Action Plans** into account when assessing municipal applications, recognizing that these initiatives have the potential to significantly increase the supply of housing in our communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the **Corporation of the Town of Spanish** believes the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the **Corporation of the Town of Spanish** believe the federal government should heed the precedent of the **Social Housing Agreement** and recommit itself to funding operating costs that often stretch out over decades for the lifetime of a housing project. As an example, the **Rapid Housing Initiative's** 20-year affordability requirement and lack of federal operating dollars will very likely result in housing providers asking Service Managers and the provincial government to fund operating expenses to ensure the long-term affordability of units given housing providers' limited revenue-raising capacity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED This lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the **Corporation of the Town of Spanish** urges the Federal Government provide additional funding for Ontario so that we can deal with our shortages of safe and affordable housing and at the same time build safer and healthier communities for all our residents.

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED THAT a Copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the individuals listed below for consideration and support, Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister Ahmed Hussen, Carol Hughes, MP, Premier Ford, Minister Clark, Mike Mantha, MPP, Leaders of the Federal and Provincial Opposition Parties, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-06-29

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Spanish Horticultural Society be thanked for their correspondence regarding additional planters on the south side of the highway, And further that this will be kept on file for consideration at a later date.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-06-30

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT David Rittberg, Spanish River Resort & Campground be granted an exemption from the Noise By-Law - By-Law #2003-02, Section 2.(i) for the purpose of having a family friendly fireworks display, tentatively planned for July 1st;

And further be it noted that this activity will be subject to weather and the lifting of the fire ban. And further that the Fire Chief be requested to do an inspection of the site to ensure the safety of this activity.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION

RESOLUTION #23-06-31

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

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

- a. Spanish Fire Department – Monthly Report – May 2023
- b. Committee of Adjustment Minutes of June 6, 2023
- c. Planning & Economic Development Minutes of June 12, 2023
- d. Spanish Public Library Minutes of June 13, 2023
- e. Police Services Board Minutes of June 14, 2023
- f. Committee of the Whole Minutes of June 15, 2023
- g. OCWA – Water and Wastewater Monthly Summary Report – May, 2023
- h. ELNOS – Regional BR+E Study – Final Report
- i. Great Lakes Plastic Cleanup- - 2022 Marina Report Card
- j. Sally Hagman, Algoma Public Health – Letter Support for Bill S-254, an Act to Amend the Food and Drug Act (warning labels on alcoholic beverages)
- k. Sally Hagman, Algoma Public Health – Correspondence, re: Federal School Food Policy

Carried

BY-LAWS

RESOLUTION #23-06-32

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being 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 #2023-40 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS -

Councillor Zarichney – What is happening with calcium this year. The CAO advised that Public Works has mixed some of their own as a temporary measure until the trucks come in the first week of July.

Would like to see a formal thank you go out to the City of Elliot Lake for allowing our residents to participate in Hazardous Waste Day. She attended and although the wait in line was lengthy, the event was very well organized.

Sharps Container – How does this work? What quantity can be disposed of at once? Will need to check the unit to confirm.

Mayor Von Pickartz – Would like land acknowledgement statement read at the beginning of each meeting. She will reach out to our neighbours to help compose a statement.

CAO – confirmation of meetings next week:

Monday, June 26 - Committee of the Whole - Budget Meeting

Tuesday, June 27 – Committee of Adjustment – Public Meeting

Wednesday, June 28 – Special Council – Pass Budget

QUESTION PERIOD – (on agenda items only) -

MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS – None

GO INTO CLOSED SESSION - None

RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL – None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION – None

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION #23-06-33

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 21ST day of June, 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 #2023-41 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-06-34

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 for a special meeting of council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.

K. Von Pickartz
Karen Von Pickartz, Mayor

P. Lortie
Pam Lortie, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer