

The Corporation of the Town of Spanish
Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of
Wednesday, July 19, 2023
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers

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

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 #23-07-19

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT agenda for the regular meeting of July 19, 2023 be adopted, with the following addition under 7(f) Surplus Municipal Items for Sale

Carried

DELEGATIONS: Anthony Rossi and Riki Olszewski, Rossi, Suraci Chartered Accountants attended via Zoom to present the 2022 Financial Statements for the Town of Spanish. Mr. Rossi reviewed the process for the audit and discussed materiality and controls used when conducting the audit. Ms. Olszewski then reviewed the assets and liabilities, revenues and expenditures and the overall position of the municipality.

RESOLUTION #23-07-20

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Anthony Rossi and Riki Olszewski, Rossi, Suraci Chartered Accountants be thanked for their presentation this evening.
 And further that the 2022 Financial Statements for the Town of Spanish be accepted as presented.

Carried

TENDERS: 2023 Spanish Street Pump Outs

GFL Environmental - \$2,621.60
Jim 's Portable Toilets - \$5,550.56

RESOLUTION #23-07-21

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender for the 2023 Spanish Street pumpouts be awarded to GFL Environmental, with the work to be completed prior to October 16, 2023.

Carried

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

RESOLUTION #23-07-22

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 5, 2023 and the Special Council Meeting of July 12, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION #23-07-23

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Whereas a seasonal boater has requested that their payment in full for 2023 be transferred to 2024 due to health reasons;

And whereas their boat has not been put in the water this season;

Therefore be it resolved that this request be granted minus a \$100.00 administration fee.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-07-24

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a BBQ and live music be held at the marina on Sunday, August 27, 2023 from noon – 4 p.m. and be advertised to the boaters and the public;

And further that prices be set just to cover the cost of the food;

And further that an upset budget of \$500.00 be set.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-07-25

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipal office be closed to the public on Mondays, effective Monday, September 11, 2023 for a trial period until December 31, 2023, to be reviewed at the regular Council meeting of Wednesday, December 6, 2023;

And further that the receptionist's hours be increased from 25 to 30 hours per week.

And further that this be advertised in the monthly newsletter and on the Town's web-site.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-07-26

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CAO/Clerk-Treasurer's reports of July 19, 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-07-27

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Supervisor be authorized to remove an additional 4 trees along Highway 17, as per his recommendation.

Carried

Council Verbal Reports

Mayor Von Pickartz: Brief outline of meeting held in Blind River last week with the Minister of Health.

Deputy Mayor Trudel:

Councillor Clague:

Councillor Joncas:

Councillor Zarichney: Made recommendation that Remembrance Day and Truth & Reconciliation Day be added to staff paid holidays. This was discussed and Council concurred that they would hold off on Truth & Reconciliation Day to see if the Federal or Provincial government deemed either this day or National Indigenous Peoples Day a statutory holiday.

RESOLUTION #23-07-28

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT by-law #2022-34, being a policy outlining the working conditions for employees of the Town of Spanish be amended to include Remembrance Day, November 11th, as a paid holiday;

And further that all staff be authorized to attend Truth and Reconciliation Day celebrations held in Town and the office and/or public works be closed for that time at the ceremony.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-07-29

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED Trevor Guertins' application for Volunteer Firefighter be accepted with the following conditions:

1. Successful completion of the departmental interview and physical exam,
2. Successful completion of a medical exam with family doctor on the municipality's required form,
3. Verification from the MTO regarding type and class of license and status of license,
4. Proof of ownership or of immediate access to a vehicle,
5. Criminal reference check submitted to the fire chief.

Further be it resolved that Trevor will be considered on probation and shall not attend at a fire scene until successful completion of Module A-Component 1 is received, as well as completion of Sections 1-5 above.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-07-30

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Monthly Fire Report for June, as prepared by Chief Ramsay be noted as being presented.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-07-31

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the approval letter from the NOHFC for an Economic Development Intern be noted as being presented;

And further that staff be authorized to prepare the job posting for this position.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-07-32

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be authorized to post the "Surplus Municipal Items for Sale", as per attached.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION

RESOLUTION #23-07-33

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

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

- a. OCWA – Water and Wastewater Monthly Summary Report – June, 2023
- b. 2023 Summer Student Financial Data
- c. Ministry of Health, re: Rural & Northern Physician Group Agreement (RNPGA) Complement Review
- d. Town of Espanola Provincial Offences Office – Auditor’s Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2022
- e. Co-op Student to Public Works – Thank you

Carried

BY-LAWS

RESOLUTION #23-07-34

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a by-law to adopt a Discrimination and Harassment Policy be read a second time.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-07-35

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a by-law to enter into an agreement with St. Joseph’s General Hospital Elliot Lake, re: use of the Spanish Four Seasons Waterfront Complex in the event of a city-wide evacuation be read a first time.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS - None

QUESTION PERIOD – (on agenda items only) - None

MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS – None

GO INTO CLOSED SESSION – 8:38 p.m.

RESOLUTION #23-07-36

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now go into closed session.

Carried

RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL – 9:44 p.m.

RESOLUTION #23-07-37

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now return to open Council.

Carried

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION – None

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION #23-07-38

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 19th day of July, 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 #2023-47 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-07- 39

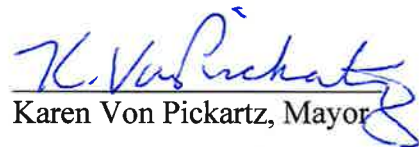
MOVED BY: Ted Clague

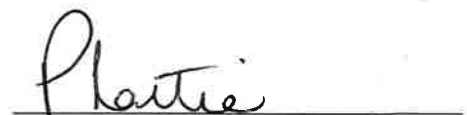
SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 for a regular meeting of council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m.


Karen Von Pickartz, Mayor


Pam Lortie, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer