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**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish
Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and asked for the disclosure of any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof. None were disclosed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #23-09-16

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT agenda for the regular meeting of September 20th, 2023 be adopted as presented, with the following addition under By-Laws (b) By-Law #2023-57, Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Telus Health regarding new electronic medical records software for the Spanish Medical Clinic.

Carried

DELEGATIONS: Fire Chief Ramsay attended to provide Council with an update on the Spanish Volunteer Fire Department.

- Firefighters have been invited to attend the live fire trailer in Sault Ste Marie
- Will look at getting a trailer here locally next year
- Province adding one more trailer next year for a total of 3
- New training program set up within the Department runs until June
- 64 fighters require Fire Fighting 1 in the area – working on getting courses
- Chief has been inspecting the municipal buildings in the town
- Medical Clinic – issues with emergency lighting, exit lights,
- Dental – exit doors need a crash bar
- Medical Clinic – needs crash bar on door at the end of the hallway, as well as the door at the bottom of the stairs
- Dental Basement – needs attention to the electrical panel by a professional
- All buildings need a fire escape plan and monthly log books

- Exit doors into the parking lot wasn't working
- Establish training log for emergency procedures for fuel and septic at the custodian building
- Municipal office – light bulb needed in emergency light, storage height, relocate recycle bin
- Also inspected Highway Variety
- Will be doing all commercial buildings in the community
- Have started the smoke alarm program and will be running a couple times a year

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

RESOLUTION #23-09-17

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 6, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION #23-09-18

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Isaac Murdoch be advised that Council supports the closure of access to the sacred grounds west of the windmill from October 1-6, 2023 for fasting ceremonies,

And further be it noted that the closing will consist of signage only advising the area is closed and that there are ceremonies taking place;

And further that the Fire Chief will be advised if a fire will be part of the ceremony.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-09-19

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO be authorized to sign an OCWA Expenditure Request and Approval to Proceed for Valve and Pipe Replacement at the Algoma Lift Station in the amount of \$46,391.63;

And further that the CAO investigate funding opportunities to have this work completed, and if not successful that the project be funded through the Funded Sewer Reserve.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-09-20

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we proceed with the removal of the deck at the complex to allow for inspection of the supporting beams;
Further be it noted that the Public Works Department is proposing to conduct this work using their own forces and that all workers will have up to date Working at Heights and Power Elevated Platform training prior to commencement;
And Further be it resolved that an application for funding be submitted for the reconstruction of the deck once it has been determined by an Engineer that it is safe to do so;
And Further be it resolved that if attempts at securing funding are not successful, that Council will look at other funding options to ensure that this work is completed in 2024;
And Further be it noted that a building permit application will be submitted to the Building Dept to ensure compliance with the Ontario Building Code.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-09-21

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO's Report of September 20, 2023 be noted as being presented.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-09-22

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT further to the Deputy Clerk's recommendation that the EMR system at the Spanish Medical Clinic be changed from Abelmed to Telus CHR and that the proper hardware to run a new new update system also be purchased;
And further that the implementation and training, standard data import and clinician implementation fee for the Telus CHR and the new hardware requirements will be covered under the overhead monies allocated for the Spanish Medical Clinic under the RNPGEA Contract.

Carried

Council Verbal Reports

Mayor Von Pickartz:	N/A
Councillor Joncas:	N/A
Councillor Clague:	Attended Library Board Meeting, Cemetery Board Meeting, Joint Task Force
Deputy Mayor Trudel:	Planning & Economic Development, Emergency Planning
Councillor Zarichney:	N/A

RESOLUTION #23-09-23

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council Verbal Reports be accepted as presented.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-09-24

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Spanish participate in the WC Eaket Cooperative Education program by accepting a student in the Public Works Department from September 25th, 2023 to the end of January 2024;

And further be it noted that WSIB coverage is covered through the Ministry of Education as long as the student is not being paid.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-09-25

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the request from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to prioritize the top Housing Affordability Task Force recommendations be deferred to the October 4, 2023 regular Council meeting pending further information from AMO following their upcoming meeting on September 29, 2023, at which time AMO will consider a recommended sector-wide approach.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-09-26

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Spanish Fire Department Inspection Reports be received:

- i. Inspection Order – Municipal Office/Library
- ii. Inspection Order – Medical/Dental Buildings
- iii. Inspection Order – Four Seasons Waterfront Complex/Marina

And further be it noted that staff is working on resolving the issues identified in each of the reports.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-09-27

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Whereas the Town of Spanish recognizes the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians;

WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate;

WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario;

WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities;

WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University's medical programs;

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Spanish strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario, as well as MPP Michael Mantha.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-09-28

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Spanish Composite Elevated Tank Clean, Inspection Report June 10, 2023 be noted as being presented;

And Further that the CAO follow up with OCWA regarding the recommendations made by Landmark and report back to Council.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION

RESOLUTION #23-09-29

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

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

- a. Committee of Adjustment – Minutes of Public Meeting – September 5, 2023
- b. Spanish Health Centre Committee – Minutes of September 5, 2023
- c. Planning & Economic Development Committee – Minutes of September 11, 2023
- d. Spanish Public Library – Minutes of September 12, 2023
- e. Shedden Community Development Corporation – Spanish Motocross Committee Minutes of September 6, 2023
- f. OCWA – Monthly Reports for August 2023 – Water and Wastewater
- g. Office of the Fire Marshall – Interpretation of s. 6(3) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*
- h. Chief Blair Ramsay – Monthly Fire Department Report – August 2023
- i. FONOM Policy Documents
- j. Algoma Radon Testing – Reports for the Municipal Building, Dentist Office and Medical Office

Carried

BY-LAWS –

RESOLUTION #23-09-30

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a by-law to adopt an agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Spanish and Municipal Property Assessment Corporation regarding Data Sharing and Services Agreement be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Deputy Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2023-55 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-09-31

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Telus Health regarding new electronic medical records software for the Spanish Medical Clinic be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Deputy Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2023-57 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS -

QUESTION PERIOD – (on agenda items only) - NONE

MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS – NONE

RESOLUTION #23-09-32

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now go into closed session for the following purposes: Discussions under section 239 of the Municipal Act, 239(2)(b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – TIME IN: 8:03 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – TIME OUT: 8:48 p.m.

RESOLUTION #23-09-33

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

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

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-09-34

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO be authorized to proceed as directed in closed session.

Carried

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION #23-09-35

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THAT a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 20th day of September, 2023 be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Deputy Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2023-56 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-09-36

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 for a regular meeting of council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned 8:51 p.m.


Sandra Trudel, Deputy Mayor


Pam Lortie, CAO