

**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish
Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of
Wednesday, October 4, 2023
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. and asked for the disclosure of any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof. None were disclosed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #23-10-01

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT agenda for the regular meeting of October 4, 2023 be adopted as presented, with the following additions:

- 7d. Equitable Life (Group Insurance) – Increase Termination Age
- 7f. AMO Policy Update – Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations

Carried

DELEGATIONS: None

TENDERS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

RESOLUTION #23-10-02

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 20, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION #23-10-03

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT one concrete barrier be donated and delivered to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 576 to use to protect their new propane tank.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-10-04

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council host a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Four Seasons Waterfront Complex on Saturday, December 9th, 2023.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-10-05

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all permanent full-time employees shall have December 29, 2023 as a day off with pay in lieu of a Christmas bonus.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-10-06

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be authorized to purchase an electric stove for the kitchen at the Four Seasons Waterfront Complex.

And further that \$1,500 be transferred from the funded Building & Equipment Reserve to help offset the cost.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-10-07

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Special Meeting be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023 to discuss the work required at the Four Seasons Waterfront Complex.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-10-08

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO's Report of October 4, 2023 be noted as being presented.

Carried

Chad Fisher, Public Works Supervisor attended to present his September workplan.

Loader – Rear end is gone. Mechanic is trying to source used and new parts. Will report to Council once information has been received.

Grader – Clutch is gone, but mechanic was able to find a used part.

Van – Not in very good shape. Used during the summer for students and equipment.

¾ Ton – On its last legs – should be looking at a new vehicle.

½ Ton – Was at garage today due to oil issue, which is now being monitored, but will be under warranty if anything should happen.

RESOLUTION #23-10-09

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Supervisor be authorized to obtain his water and wastewater Operator-in-Training certificates, with the goal of obtaining his Class 1 certificates.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-10-10

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Works report for September 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried

Council Verbal Reports

Mayor Von Pickartz: Attended Truth & Reconciliation ceremony at the complex on Sept. 30th

Councillor Joncas: Advised that due to lack of volunteers, Recreation will not be holding a Hallowe'en dance. Movie night went well.

Councillor Clague: Attended ELNOS last week

Deputy Mayor Trudel: N/A

Councillor Zarichney: MTO meeting regarding the Highway 17 Capital Project was very interesting.

RESOLUTION #23-10-11

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

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

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-10-12

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT WHEREAS the 2023/2024 group insurance renewal has been presented with two scenarios – 1. Benefits status quo, with an overall increase of 8.01% (employer share 6.48%, employee share 1.53%) and 2. With Enhancements, based on the results of an employee survey from all participating municipalities, with an overall increase of 11.37% (employer share 9.17%, employee share 2.2%)

Therefore be it resolved that the 2023/2024 group insurance be renewed with enhancements to vision care, paramedic practitioners and CPAP Machine coverage.

And further be it resolved that the plan be amended to increase the termination age from 70 to 75, with no impact on rates, effective November 1, 2023.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-10-13

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Jonas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a full-page advertising be purchased in the 2024 Discover Georgian Bay and the North Channel magazine at the cost of \$665, plus HST; Further be it noted that 15,000 copies will be printed and distributed throughout Ontario marinas and tourism centres.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-10-14

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Whereas the request from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to prioritize the top Housing Affordability Task Force recommendations was deferred to the October 4, 2023 regular Council meeting pending further information from AMO; And Whereas AMO's Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations Response was received just this week;

And Whereas the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requested that each head of council identify their top five priority recommendations;

Therefore be it resolved that the Mayor work with the CAO to respond to the Ministry prior to the October 16th deadline, using AMO's response as a guide.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-10-15

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence received from Dorothy Lidstone regarding the upgrades to Colonization Road be noted as being presented.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-10-16

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT further to the recommendation of the Public Works Committee, that the entire sewer system be flushed at the approximate cost of \$4,500;

And further that this be scheduled as an annual event;
And further that the cost be allocated to the sewer operating budget and any overruns be transferred from the funded sewer reserve.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION

RESOLUTION #23-10-17

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

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

- a. Ontario Provincial Police – 2024 Annual Billing Statement
- b. Emergency Management – Community Control Group Minutes of September 18, 2023
- c. Mount Calvary Cemetery Board – Notes of September 19, 2023
- d. Spanish Recreation Advisory Committee – Minutes of September 26, 2023
- e. Meeting with Ministry of Transportation, Major Capital Project – Highway 17 – Notes of September 27, 2023
- f. North Channel Marine Tourism Council – Minutes of September 19, 2023

Carried

BY-LAWS –

RESOLUTION #23-10-18

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a by-law to enter into an agreement for court services be read a first time.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS -

QUESTION PERIOD – (on agenda items only) - NONE

MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS – NONE

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION #23-10-19

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 4th day of October, 2023 be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2023-59 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-10-20

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, October 18th, 2023 for a regular meeting of council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.


Karen Von Pickartz, Mayor


Pam Lortie, CAO