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**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish**  
**Council Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of**  
**Wednesday, November 15, 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
	Lisa Hobbs	Deputy Clerk
	Mary Bray	Acting Clerk (7pm – 7:21pm)

Excused:

Delegation of Clerk Duties: Pam Lortie, Clerk for the Corporation of the Town of Spanish, appointed Mary Bray, in writing, to record, without note or comment, all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings of the closed session of the council meeting of November 15, 2023, subject to the *Municipal Act, 2001, S. 228(4)*.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and asked for the disclosure of any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof. None were disclosed.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-21**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda for the Regular meeting of November 15, 2023 be adopted with the following addition and corresponding amendments:

**16. Go Into Second Closed Session –**

Discussions under section 239 of the Municipal Act,

- a. 239(2)(b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Spanish Marina Incident – Damage to Private Property

**17. Return to open Council**

**18. Recommendations from Closed Session**

**19. Confirmation By-Law – By-Law 2023-71**

**20. Adjourn**

**Carried**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-22**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**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 - Staff

**Carried**

**CLOSED SESSION – TIME IN 7:04 p.m.**

**CLOSED SESSION – TIME OUT 7:20 p.m.**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-23**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

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

**Carried**

Mary Bray was thanked for providing Clerk duties for the Closed Session of the meeting and Lisa Hobbs took over for the remainder of the meeting.

**DELEGATIONS: NONE**

**TENDERS: NONE**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-24**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the previous meeting of Council of November 1, 2023 be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-25**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** council authorizes the Deputy Clerk to work with the CEMC and Fire Chief to submit an application for funding for new radios for the Fire Department through the new Emergency Preparedness Grant.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-26**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorizes the Deputy Clerk to request funding in the amount of \$ 4,000.00 from BHP Corporate to support vulnerable people in our community for the holiday season;

**AND FURTHER THAT** if received, 50% of the funding as well as the \$ 404.03 leftover from last year, be donated to the Blind River Christmas Baskets Committee, as they have extended their program to residents of Spanish this year.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-27**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Administration and site inspection estimate of \$ 15,500.00 received from Tulloch for the Hamilton Street Sewer Reconstruction Project be accepted as presented.

**AND THAT** this cost will be covered through the OCIF Formula-Based Funding.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-28**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council has considered the Fire Chief's request to start a Junior Firefighter Program and they would like to move forward on this initiative.

**AND THAT** the minimum requirement to join the Junior Ranks will be set at 13 years old or enrolled in grade 8.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-29**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council agrees to purchase the Fire Turnout coat and pants for the newest recruit, at a cost of \$2,762.10, as well as the remaining PPE (helmet, boots, gloves, balaclava and a size large MSA SCBA mask) at a cost of \$ 886.00 plus HST per the recommendation from Chief Ramsay;

**AND THAT** this cost will be funded from the reserves account.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-30**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the deputy clerk's Report of November 15, 2023 be noted as being presented.

**Carried**

**Council Verbal Reports**

**Mayor Von Pickartz:** -Attended a zoom meeting with Dr. Alison  
-She is very excited to start on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Councillor Clague:** - **Attended the library board meeting**  
- Member will be leaving the Board as she is moving to Walford  
- Elnos AGM – 3 new members were appointed, waiting to receive their contact information.

**Deputy Mayor Trudel:** - **Attended the medical committee meeting**  
- Christmas Market plans are coming along nicely  
- If you know of anyone willing to volunteer or donate to the penny sale please let the committee know.

**Councillor Zarichney:** - Attended Recreation meeting  
- Plans are in place for upcoming events  
- The committee is hosting the glo dance this Saturday

**Councillor Joncas:** - Attended Recreation meeting and Medical Committee meeting  
- The new member that was just appointed to the committee is leaving the committee because she is moving away  
- The rec committee is generating many new out of the box ideas for future events

**RESOLUTION #23-11-31**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

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

**Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-32**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

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

- a. November 1, 2023 – Blind River Christmas Baskets 2023 Meeting Minutes
- b. November 6, 2023 – Spanish Health Centre Committee Minutes
- c. Public Works winter standby schedule
- d. OCWA water and sewer report - October

**Carried**

**BY-LAWS –**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-33**

**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 Gardiner Marine LTD be read a first time, be considered read second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and Deputy Clerk, numbered by-law #2023-66 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-34**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law being a by-law to enter into an agreement with NOHFC be read a first time, be considered read second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and Deputy Clerk, numbered by-law #2023-67 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-35**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law being a by-law to appoint a by-law enforcement officer be read a first time, be considered read second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2023-68 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-36**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law being a by-law to amend by-law 2015-17 – working Conditions be read a first time, be considered read second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2023-69 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-37**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law being a by-law to adopt an agreement between: Denis Gratton Construction LTD. And the corporation of the Town of Spanish, for the Hamilton Street Project, be read a first time, be considered read second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2023-70 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

**Carried**

**NEW BUSINESS – Questions about whether the new health and safety policies cover volunteers/committee members too**

- Do the flags downtown (3) get taken down for the winter?
  - o Those flags look terrible, can we order new ones?
  - o The streetlight on pole 775 is out

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

**MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS – NONE**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-38**

**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.

- Spanish Marina Incident – Damage to Private Property

**Carried**

**CLOSED SESSION – TIME IN 8:23 p.m.**

**CLOSED SESSION – TIME OUT 8:40 p.m.**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-39**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

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

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-40**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

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

**Carried**

**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-41**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THAT** a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 #2023-71 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #23-11-42**


**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for a regular meeting of council or at the call of the Mayor.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned 8:42 p.m.

  
Karen Von Pickartz, Mayor

  
Lisa Hobbs, Deputy Clerk