

**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish
Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of
Wednesday, December 6, 2023
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and asked for the disclosure of any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof. None were disclosed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #23-12-01

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular meeting of December 6, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS: NONE

TENDERS: NONE

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLUTION #23-12-02

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the previous meeting of Council of November 15, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION #23-12-03

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT trial period for closing the municipal office to the public on Mondays be extended for a further six months, to June 30th, 2024.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-12-04

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following youth be approved as Junior Firefighters, as per the Fire Chief's recommendation:

- Lucas Stride
- Conner Hobbs
- Austin Patrie

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-12-05

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Change Order No. 1 for the Hamilton Street Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction in the amount of \$34,549.75 be approved.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-12-06

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the donation received from BHP be noted as being approved; And further that the 50% balance not donated to the Christmas Basket program be allocated as follows \$1,000 to the Spanish Food Bank and \$1,000 to the Christmas Basket program.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-12-07

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chad Fisher, Public Works Supervisor be approved to attend the Sewer and Watermain Construction Inspection Course, which is being held February 5-9, 2024 and the cost of the registration fee and 6 nights at the hotel is being subsidized, with the municipality being responsible for milage and meals. During the course a light breakfast, lunch and refreshments are provided.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-12-08

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO's Report of December 6, 2023 be noted as being presented.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-12-09

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Supervisor's November 2023 Work Plan, as well as Vehicle Replacement Timelines be noted as being presented.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-12-10

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Supervisor be authorized to proceed with the repair of the Lagoon Sewage Pump at this time and further that a new replacement pump be purchased as part of the 2024 Capital budget.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-12-11

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT further to the recommendation of the Public Works Committee, that the rear differential be replaced on the loader at an estimated cost of \$30,000, installed.

Carried

Council Verbal Reports:

Mayor Von Pickartz: n/a

Councillor Clague: Has attended Library Board meeting.

Deputy Mayor Trudel: Christmas Market was held last weekend – went very well. All proceeds will go to the Medical Equipment Fund. Received great feedback.

Councillor Zarichney: n/a

Councillor Joncas: n/a

RESOLUTION #23-12-12

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

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

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-12-13

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the quote from Dan's Electric for rewiring piers 2 and 3 be accepted with this work being conducted in the Spring of 2024;
And further that this expense be funded through the Canada Community Building Fund (Gas Tax Revenue).

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-12-14

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the quote from Gardiner Marine to upgrade and reinstall the previously broken section of dock on pier 3, bringing that slip back up to 35' be approved.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION

RESOLUTION #23-12-15

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

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

- a. November 14, 2023 – Spanish Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
- b. November 14, 2023 – Spanish Public Library Board Minutes
- c. Algoma Public Health – 2024 Municipal Levy Notice
- d. Ontario Community Infrastructure (OCIF) Revised Allocation Notice
- e. Ontario Investing in Critical Infrastructure – Province supporting municipal water projects to help build more housing and spur economic growth
- f. Chief Ramsay – Monthly Fire Department Report – December 2023

Carried

BY-LAWS –

RESOLUTION #23-12-16

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Dr. Siddiqui for the leasing of municipal property be read a first time.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-12-17

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a by-law to adopt a Junior firefighter Policy be read a first time, be considered read second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and Deputy Clerk, numbered by-law #2023-73 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-12-18

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a by-law to adopt the terms and conditions of an agreement between the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Dr. Jessie Allison and the Ontario Medical Association and the Town of Spanish, regarding a Rural and Northern Physician

Group Agreement be read a first time, be considered read second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2023-74 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-12-19

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to adopt an agreement with the Minister of Transportation, regarding the installation of 11 new lamp poles from Anne Street to Short Street be read a first time, be considered read second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2023-75 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Von Pickartz would like a insert with the upcoming tax bill outlining 2023 achievements and will work with the CAO to develop this notice.

Councillors Trudel and Zarichney advised that the Christmas lights aren't all lit up. The CAO will have public works and/or the contractor check into this.

QUESTION PERIOD – (on agenda items only) -

MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS – NONE

CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLUTION #23-12-20

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

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
- Staff Wages

Carried

CLOSED SESSION – TIME IN 8:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – TIME OUT 9:34 p.m.

RESOLUTION #23-12-21

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

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

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-12-22

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

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

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-12-23

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff wages be adjusted as per the CAO's recommendation and CPI rate at November 2023.

Carried

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION #23-12-24

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THAT a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 6th day of December, 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 #2023-76 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-12-25

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 for a regular meeting of council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned 9:36 p.m.


Karen Von Pickartz, Mayor


Pam Lortie, CAO