

FEB - 7 2024

**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish  
 Council Minutes  
 Special Meeting of  
 Wednesday, January 31, 2024  
 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**

Present:	Council:	Sandra Trudel Mary-Louise Zarichney Debra Joncas Lisa Hobbs	Deputy Mayor Councillor Councillor Deputy Clerk
Business Community:	David Rittberg Vicky Gamble	Spanish River Resort and Campground Gamble's Highway Variety	
Excused:	Karen Von Pickartz Ted Clague	Mayor Councillor	

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

At this time I would like to acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Anishnabek People of our neighbors and friends Sagamok Anishnawbek and Genaabaajing (Gii -naw-baa-jing/ Serpent River First Nation)

I would like to acknowledge the commitment and responsibility we each have in learning the true history, accepting the culture and improving our relationship with the First People of the lands we now share. I would like to acknowledge Our Mother Earth, who provides all we need.

Our neighbors often say "Mino Bimaadziwin" ( minnow be-maude-zah-win) which means to "live the good life" it is meant to imply to walk thru life in a good kind way. As we begin our meeting I would like to offer those words to keep in the back of our minds and hearts as we work together for the betterment of our Community.

The Deputy Mayor asked for the disclosure of any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof. None were disclosed.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**RESOLUTION #24-01-34**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda for the Special meeting of January 31, 2024 be adopted with the following amendment:

5. Information and Action items

- Discussion on mandate, expectations (Council's Role) , size, seats, number of meetings, when meetings are to be held, etc.

**Carried**

**DELEGATIONS: NONE**

**TENDERS: NONE**

**INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**Carried**

**Discussion item #1 – Shedden Corp**

- Participants were advised of Shedden Corp.'s mandate and advised that they are looking for members
- Mary Bray provided her contact for the corporation (Liaison)
- Discussed previous successful events that Shedden Corp. has held
- Discussed that perhaps members of the business community could join this organization

**Discussion item #2 – NOHFC Intern**

- Discussion surrounded advertising the position
- Advised where we did advertise the position and the attendees gave suggestions as to other avenues
  - Canadore College, Algoma, Fanshawe, 94.1 the moose (radio)
- Discussed how the EDO intern would be able to assist the local businesses

**Discussion item #3 – Information for Business Owners – resources/funding information**

- Resources were placed on the back table for attendees to access
- Discussions were held about sponsorship/partnering ideas and what that could look like
- Mixed opinions were brought forth about the resources that Council has compiled for this meeting
- It was discussed that finding the funding is not what some businesses need it is the access to a grant writer
- Small businesses don't have the time to write and apply for grants

#### **Discussion item #4 – Moving Forward**

- Discussed that Council would be debriefed about this meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> .
  - Mr. Rittberg advised that he would bring 5 ideas to the Municipal Office on Monday for consideration
- Business participants felt that Council should have advertised on the Spanish Buzz etc. about this meeting.
- Discussions were had about a social media policy not being in place
- Attendees were encouraged to “Spread the word” “share posts on their Facebook feeds
- Council will set a follow up meeting after the Regular meeting of Council on February 7.
- Discussed that residents feel that Council doesn’t welcome new ideas
- Discussed Council “rebranding”
- Discussions were held surrounding the difficulties of current committees to hold events because there are not enough volunteers to help
  - The same volunteers are continually being used and are getting burned out
- Discussed retention and recruitment of volunteers
  - Council raffling off a draw for a trip/tv/etc. to help encourage residents to volunteer.
- The next meeting will be to clarify what the business community would like council to do to help them
  - Ie: having a member sitting on the BIA
  - Sub committee of the Planning and Ecdev Committee

**NEW BUSINESS –**

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

**MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS – NONE**

**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

#### **RESOLUTION #24-01-35**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Marie-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THAT** a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2024 be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Clerk, numbered by-law #2024-08 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

**Carried**

#### **RESOLUTION #24-01-36**

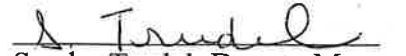
**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for a regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned 8:21 p.m.

  
Sandra Trudel, Deputy Mayor

  
Lisa Hobbs, Deputy Clerk