

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

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

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #24-02-01

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular meeting of February 7, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS: NONE

TENDERS: NONE

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLUTION #24-02-02

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the previous meeting of Council of January 24, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Discussion took place regarding the special meeting of Council held on January 31, 2024. Councillor Zarichney would like the intern position discussed at an upcoming Council meeting, and in particular – housing, wages, advertising (Algoma Workforce), reach out to colleges and universities, consideration for long-term employment, details of the grant.

Another meeting with the businesses to be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, with the goal of the meeting to determine what the objective of the group would be. Have handouts available again for those who didn't attend the first meeting. Also have a sign in sheet.

Put a notice in the newsletter for businesses to contact the municipal office with their email address if they would like to receive information that may affect them.

Look into Facebook page.

RESOLUTION #24-02-03

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of Council held on January 31, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION #24-02-04

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED council authorizes the spending of up to 50% of the 2023 budget line items pending approval of the 2024 budget.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02-05

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO's Verbal Report of February 7, 2024 be noted as presented.

Carried

Council Verbal Reports

Debra Joncas : Recreation update – Family Day Celebration on February 19

Mary-Louise Zarichney -

Ted Clague – excused

Sandra Trudel

Karen Von Pickartz

RESOLUTION #24-02-06

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

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

Carried

Volunteer Appreciation Night

- Look into volunteer pins
- Council liked the certificates
- Cup/mug/glass
- Summarize meal options and send to Council for a decision

RESOLUTION #24-02- 07

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves, in principle, the Mount Calvary Cemetery Board proposal to install new fencing at the Mount Calvary Cemetery and looks forward to receipt of a plan for funding, to be reviewed during budget deliberations.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02- 08

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council will review, during budget deliberations, the Mount Calvary Cemetery Board's request that the Town purchase of a new niche wall in 2025.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02- 09

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council review, during budget deliberations, the recommendation of the public works committee to install a solar light at the end of Colonization Road to replace an existing LED streetlight and to move the existing light to the Deagle Crescent Park to illuminate the hill used for sliding.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02-10

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fire Chief be authorized to look into the purchase of a used Rescue Pumper to replace 2 of the Fire Department's current vehicles, being the 1992 Rescue Van and the 1987 Ford Pumper/Tanker.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02-11

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Spanish is interested in sponsoring the Ontario Federation of School Athletics Association's "A" Girls Volleyball Championship, which is being co-hosted by W.C. Eaket and Elliot Lake Secondary School from March 4-6, 2024 at the Bronze level, with a \$250.00 contribution to the event.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION

RESOLUTION #24-02- 12

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

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

- 2023 Supplementary and Write Offs
- 2023 Assessment Comparison
- January 17, 2024 – Committee of the Whole Minutes
- January 18, 2024 – Algoma Public Health – Provincial Strategy Update
- January 19, 2024 – Gillian Richards letter of concern re: Green Energy Act
- January 22, 2024 – TCSC follow up regarding MTO towing legislation
- February 1, 2024 – OPP update on the new Community Safety and Policing Act

Carried

BY-LAWS –

RESOLUTION #24-02- 13

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a by-law to provide tax relief be read a second time.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02-14

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to enter into an agreement with Jim’s Portable Toilets be read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2024-05 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02-15

MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to enter into an agreement with GFL be read a second time.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS

QUESTION PERIOD – (on agenda items only) -

MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS – NONE

CLOSED SESSION: NONE

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION #24-02-16

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THAT a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 7th day of February, 2024 be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and Deputy Clerk, numbered by-law #2024-09 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02- 17


MOVED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, February 21st, 2024 for a regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned 8:33 p.m.


Karen Von Pickartz, Mayor


Pam Lortie, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer