

**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish
Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**

Present:	Karen Von Pickartz	Mayor
	Sandra Trudel	Deputy Mayor
	Debra Joncas	Councillor
	Ted Clague	Councillor
	Lisa Hobbs	Deputy Clerk
Excused:	Mary-Louise Zarichney	Councillor

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 #24-02-18

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular meeting of February 21, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS: NONE

TENDERS: NONE

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLUTION #24-02-19

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the previous meeting of Council of February 7, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION #24-02-20

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a member of Council be authorized to attend the 2024 AMO Annual General Meeting and Conference in Ottawa, from August 18-21, 2024.

AND THAT the member who wishes to attend, notifies the Clerk as soon as possible to take advantage of the early bird discounts;

AND FURTHER THAT the attending member will submit their expenses on the approved form per the remuneration policy.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02-21

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THAT the Clerk be instructed to schedule this training per Mr. Flemming's availability on March 26, 2024 @ 7:00 pm in Council Chambers.

AND THAT this cost of \$1,500.00 plus disbursements form part of the 2024 Administration Operating budget.

AND FURTHER THAT all members of Council and members of the committees be requested to attend.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02-22

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

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

Carried

Council Verbal Reports

Debra Joncas: none

Mary-Louise Zarichney - none

Ted Clague – none

Sandra Trudel- none

Karen Von Pickartz - none

RESOLUTION #24-02-23

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

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

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02- 24

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the recommendation from OCWA to purchase a spare pump motor for the Noranda well.

AND THAT this cost, totalling \$ 5,268.71 form part of the 2024 water capital budget.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02- 25

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the email received from David Rittberg of Spanish River Resort and Campground, be noted as presented.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02- 26

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of Adjustment Minutes of February 12, 2024 be noted as presented.

AND THAT Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee, per resolution 24-04 and will pass the deeming by-law accordingly.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02-27

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2024 – 2025 Capital Forecast received from OCWA be noted as presented.

AND THAT the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer request that OCWA attend a future Council meeting to discuss this further.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02-28

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Whereas the jury that heard the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam inquest (The Renfrew County Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to prevent future deaths and delivered those recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence, and

Whereas recommendation# 1 of the inquest is for the Province of Ontario to formally declare intimate partner violence an epidemic; and

Whereas every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner; and

Whereas this past year in Ontario, 52 women or one every week, were victims of femicide; and

Whereas gender- and sexually-diverse Indigenous individuals are particularly at risk, being five times more likely than non-Indigenous gender- and sexually- diverse individuals to experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime; and

Whereas according to Statistics Canada, 80 per cent of intimate partner violence goes unreported; and

Whereas violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social service agencies, and municipalities nearly \$10 billion dollars per year; and municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence; and

Whereas over 60 municipalities and regions across Ontario have declared a gender based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic, and

Whereas on August 20, 2023, Ontario Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario passed a motion declaring intimate partner violence and gender-based violence an epidemic; called on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities and regions in Ontario and Canada to do the same; and called for changes to the Criminal Code, and

Whereas Prince Township Council recognizes that issues of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence are matters of local importance, including public health, EMS, community services, and community safety

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That Council of Town of Spanish declare an epidemic in intimate partner violence and gender-based violence in accordance with recommendation# 1 of the Renfrew County Inquest;
2. That intimate partner violence be integrated into Town of Spanish community safety and wellbeing plan in accordance with recommendation# 10 of the Renfrew County Inquest, and
3. That Mayor Karen Von Pickartz be requested to write a letter to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario requesting that the Province of Ontario reconsider their previous decision and declare intimate partner violence and gender-based violence as an epidemic and act

on all of 86 recommendations from the Renfrew County Inquest by setting up a provincial implementation committee to

oversee comprehensive consideration of all of the recommendations, ·

4. That a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Arif Virani, minister of justice; the Honourable Doug Ford, premier of Ontario; the Honourable Charmaine A Williams, associate minister of women's social and economic opportunity; the Honourable Parm Gill, minister of red tape reduction, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and Ontario's Big City Mayors.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02- 29

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Municipality of Wawa regarding Resolution # RC24019 passed on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, opposing the merger of Algoma Public Health with Public Health Sudbury and District;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Board Chairs of both APH and PHSD, Municipalities in the Algoma District, FONOM and the Ministry of Health.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02- 30

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a representative from the Town of Spanish, be authorized to attend the Workshop Community Action of Toxic Drugs: Where do we go from here?, taking place on February 27th from 9am-4pm at APH in Sault Ste. Marie;

AND THAT the representative submit expenses on the approved form for reimbursement per the remuneration policy.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION

RESOLUTION #24-02- 31

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

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

- December 31, 2023 – Annual Building Fee Report 2023
- February 6, 2024 – OPP Detachment Board Feedback
- February 7th, 2024 – Quote received from 1200 Degrees to purchase new Auto Extrication Tools
- February 12, 2024 – Planning and economic Development Committee Minutes
- January 2024 – OCWA Water and Wastewater reports

Carried

BY-LAWS –

RESOLUTION #24-02- 32

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to provide tax relief to certain elderly and disabled residents who are owners of real property in the town of Spanish, be read a third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and Deputy Clerk, numbered by-law #2024-04 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02-33

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to Deem registered plans or parts thereof not to be registered be read a first, second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and Deputy Clerk, numbered by-law #2024-10 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS – need to work on business meeting agenda

QUESTION PERIOD – (on agenda items only) -

MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS – NONE

CLOSED SESSION: NONE

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION #24-02-34

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

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 21st 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 #2024-11 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-02-35

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, March 6 , 2024 for a regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned 8:03 p.m.


Karen Von Pickartz, Mayor


Lisa Hobbs, Deputy Clerk