

**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish  
Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting of  
Wednesday, March 6, 2024  
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 #24-03-01**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

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

**Carried**

**DELEGATIONS: NONE**

**TENDERS: NONE**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-02**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the previous meeting of Council of February 21, 2024 be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-03**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Public Works Supervisor's Report for February 2024 be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-04**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2024 Great Lakes Waterfront Trail Partnership membership for 2024 be paid in the amount of \$500.00.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-05**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** April 2, 2024 be proclaimed as World Autism Day in the Town of Spanish;

And further that a new flag be ordered at the cost of \$25.00 and be flown at that day.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-06**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Whereas the unrepairable Hale Volume Pump was declared surplus be Council and advertised for public bid;

Therefore be it resolved that the surplus pump be sold be the highest bid of \$176.00.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-07**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CAO and/or the Deputy Clerk be authorized to attend the FONOM conference in Sudbury on May 7, 2024;

And further that registration fees be submitted and expenses to be reimbursed as per the remuneration by-law.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-08**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town's Safety Hub subscription be renewed for 2024.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-09**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting with businesses be rescheduled to Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-10**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CAO's Report of March 6, 2024 be noted as presented.

**Carried**

**Council Verbal Reports**

**Debra Joncas:** Recreation Committee – fishing derby has been cancelled due to the weather and a movie night will be held in its place.

Health Centre Committee – Spring Market is coming up on May 4, 2024

**Mary-Louise Zarichney** - Attended Recreation Committee.

**Ted Clague** – Attended Police Board training/

**Sandra Trudel** - Attended Health Centre Committee.

Attended meeting regarding Christmas Baskets. Spanish will be included going forward.

**Karen Von Pickartz** - N/A

**RESOLUTION #24-03-11**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

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

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-12**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Spanish will opt out of the Blue Box program on the transition date of February 28, 2025;

And further that more information be provided regarding the affect on the community after transitioning to extended producer responsibility where the businesses that sell packaging and paper products to consumers will be financially and operationally responsible for collecting, processing and recycling those materials.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-13**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Recreation Advisory Committee be requested to clarify their request that any surplus funds from 2023 be transferred to 2024 reserve.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-14**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Mayor Von Pickartz be authorized to attend the spring session of the Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA) on Saturday, April 20, 2024 in Blind River; And further that expenses be reimbursed as per the remuneration by-law.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-15**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting notes of February 29, 2024, and supporting documents regarding a proposed sub-division be noted as being received;

And further that a meeting be set up with the Planner, Council and department heads for a general discuss on the sub-division process.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-16**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** correspondence received from the CAO/Clerk, Blind River outlining her conversation with the Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding the composition of the OPP Detachment Board, which includes Serpent River First Nation and Mississauga First Nation be noted as being presented;

And further be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Spanish fully supports adjusting the composition to increase the Council member seats and the community representative seats to ensure that the Town of Blind River, Township of the North Shore, Town of Spanish, Serpent River First Nation and Mississauga First Nation have equal representation; And further be it noted that the increased representation will result in 1 additional (for a total of 2) Provincial appointees.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-17**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following be appointed to the East Algoma OPP Detachment Board (Blind River Detachment) to represent the Town of Spanish:

Council Member Seat: Ted Clague

Community Representative Seat: Lawrence Anderson

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-18**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Report on the Condition of Fitness Equipment be deferred until such time that Council has had an opportunity to conduct a site visit of the lower level of the Spanish Four Seasons Waterfront Complex.

**Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-19**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

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

- a) Senior Community Grant Program
- b) Jace Dominey, MECP – Surface Water and Groundwater Reviews
- c) OCWA – 2023 Annual and Summary Reports for the Spanish Water System
- d) Spanish Fire Department – Monthly Report – January 2024

**Carried**

**BY-LAWS –**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-20**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law to enter into an agreement with GFL Environmental, re: sewage disposal, be read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2024-06 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-21**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law to enter into an agreement with Sault Ste. Marie CACC, re: Fire Dispatch be read a first time.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-22**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law respecting construction, demolition, change of use permits and inspections be read a first time.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-23**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law to set a tariff of fees for Planning Matters be read a first time.

**Carried**

**NEW BUSINESS –** Councillor Zarichney asked the CAO for an update on social media. Councillor Zarichney advised that the Librarian was interviewed this morning by CBC radio, for a program called UpNorth, which will air next Tuesday at 4:50pm.

**QUESTION PERIOD –** (on agenda items only) - Please note that responses will not be provided at the meeting, but will be responded to in a timely manner.

**MOTIONS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS –** Councillor Clague would like a copy of the original by-law setting up the Cemetery Board, as well as any procedures for the Board added to the next Council agenda.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-24**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**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.

**Carried**

**CLOSED SESSION – TIME IN 8:07 p.m.**

**CLOSED SESSION – TIME OUT 8:33 p.m.**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-25**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

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

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-26**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

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

**Carried**

**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-27**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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 #2024-16 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-03-28**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 for a regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

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Karen Von Pickartz, Mayor

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Pam Lortie, CAO

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