

The Corporation of the Town of Spanish
Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers

Present:	Karen Von Pickartz	Mayor
	Sandra Trudel	Deputy Mayor
	Mary-Louise Zarichney	Councillor
	Debra Joncas	Councillor
	Ted Clague	Councillor
	Lisa Hobbs	Deputy Clerk
	Jesse Groff	Economic Development Intern

Excused:

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 #24-05-17

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular meeting of May 15, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS: NONE

TENDERS: NONE

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLUTION #24-05-18

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the previous meetings of Council of May 1, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION #24-05- 19

MOVED BY: Ted Clague

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Economic Development Intern's report of May 15, 2024 be accepted as presented.

AND THAT the economic development intern be authorized to continue pursuing the projects identified in the ecdev report of May 10, 2024.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-05- 20

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fire Chief's Report for the month of April 2024 be noted as presented.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-05-21

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Ted Clague

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Micheal Brasch's application for Volunteer Firefighter be accepted with the following conditions:

1. Successful Completion of the Departmental Interview and Physical Exam.

2. Successful Completion of a Medical Exam with family doctor. The required form can be picked up at our office. The Town will cover the expense of the medical, with the cost being billed directly to the Town.
3. Verification regarding type and class of license and status of license.
4. Proof of ownership or of immediate access to a vehicle for transportation to emergency scene.
5. Vulnerable Sector Check

The length of your probation period will correlate to the completion of NFPA Fire Fighter 1 Certification, during which time you shall not attend at a fire scene.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-05- 22

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Deputy Clerk's Report of May 15, 2024 be noted as presented.

Carried

Council Verbal Reports

Karen Von Pickartz: attended the Joint Task Force meeting with SRFN. Mutual concerns were brought forth regarding the safety and issues in both communities. Chief Johnson advised that they are increasing OPP Positions by 1.5 in the community due to the expected release of monies to SRFN from the Treaty, as well as the increasing gang activity in the surrounding areas. Brennan Harbour Road, specifically was identified as a path through which illegal substances are entering the First Nation. Discussion was had about potential ways that the Town of Spanish and SRFN could work together on projects that will benefit both communities. (sun shelter at the Residential School Grounds as well as sharing Library resources)

- Attended FONOM in Sudbury, was geared to larger Urban centers and was used as a political platform by the Liberal and NDP Leaders to deliver a speech. Will not be attending next year.

Sandra Trudel: Attended the planning 101 – very interesting
Spring market was slower than usual, the Medical Committee will be reevaluating this event for 2025.

Debra Joncas:

Mary-Louise Zarichney: Attended the Recreation meeting and the Library Board meeting. Advised that there has been a huge improvement in the number of Library patrons since opening on Mondays.

Ted Clague: Attended the Library Board Meeting
All of the equipment is in, the desk has been refurbished, just waiting on the bill. Librarian will be purchasing a new computer with the left-over funds. Will be donating the old office chairs to the Massey Museum.

RESOLUTION #24-05-23

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council Verbal Reports of May 15, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION - NONE

BY-LAWS –

RESOLUTION #24-05- 24

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a By-Law to adopt a social media policy be read a third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and Deputy Clerk, numbered by-law #2024-23 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-05- 25

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a By-Law to designate reduced load periods be read a first time.

Carried

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 – None

CLOSED SESSION: NONE

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION #24-05-26

MOVED BY: Debra Joncas

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 15th day of May, 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 #2024-28 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-05- 27

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Debra Joncas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 for a regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Karen Von Pickartz, Mayor

Lisa Hobbs, Deputy Clerk