

**The Corporation of the Town of Spanish**  
**Council Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of**  
**Wednesday, September 4, 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
	Pam Lortie	CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
	Lisa Hobbs	Deputy Clerk

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:08 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 #24-09-01**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda for the regular meeting of September 4, 2024 be adopted as presented, with the following additions:

Under 8. Information and Action Items

- (n) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming – Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund Info Session
- (o) Tulloch Engineering – Recommendation for Payment – Hamilton Street Reconstruction

**Carried**

**DELEGATION:**

**7:00 p.m.** Presentation to Retired Firefighter Don Vincec – Chief Ramsay presented Mr. Vincec with a picture and expressed his gratitude to him for his past service. Mayor Von Pickartz thanked Mr. Vincec for his 21 years of volunteer service with the Spanish Fire Department.

**7:10 p.m.** Esther Rongoma, Executive Director, along with Rhea, Program Supervisor of the Elliot Lake Women Group Inc. attended to provide Council with information regarding programs, mandate, services, etc.

- Community based, non for profit group situated in Elliot Lake, but services all of East Algoma.
- Operate a 10 bed shelter for women and a 7 bed shelter for men.
- Goal is homelessness prevention, abuse prevention and harm reduction,.
- Transitional home for women.
- In addition to financial donations, clothing and food is also accepted.
- Winter season is worse.
- Provide life skills program
- Work closely with East Algoma Counselling Services
- Service need has increased by 50%
- Cost of living higher
- Outreach worker in the community
- Struggling financially – need operation funds, donations
- Need to have staff 24/7
- Need food and supplies
- Sponsor a bed program \$500/month
- Asking for a donation of \$10,000
- No government funding for men’s shelter – some funding from the DSAB
- Food and clothing donations are welcome

The Mayor advised that there wouldn’t be a decision made tonight.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-02**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of August 7, 2024 be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

**INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-03**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Danny Bacon, Northern Ontario Walleye Trail be invited to an upcoming meeting to provide information regarding a potential Walleye Tournament to be held in August/September 2025.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-04**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a free draw be held at the Customer Appreciation Day being held at the marina on Saturday, September 7, 2024, with prizes being a sweat shirt, t-shirt and cup from the Spanish Marina Tuck Shop.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-05**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Fall Clean Up Day be held on Friday, October 18, 2024, provided this date is acceptable to GFL Environmental.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-06**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Marilyn Jodouin is hereby appointed to sit on the Spanish Public Library Board for the remaining term of Council, as per by-law #2023-19.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-07**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a Committee of the Whole meeting be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 to discuss the upcoming changes to the residential recycling program in the Province and how this will affect commercial recycling, as well as correspondence received regarding seasonal emptying of commercial bins.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-08**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a donation in the amount of \$200.00 be made to Crime Stoppers of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-09**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CAO's Report of September 4, 2024 be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

Councillor Zarichney – ELNOS meeting last week – elevator now working

Councillor Trudel – Health Committee met this week – preparing for the Christmas Market

Councillor Joncas - nil

Council Clague – nil

Mayor Von Pickartz – Attend the luncheon for the Great Lakes Trails cyclists who attended at the Four Seasons Complex on August 17<sup>th</sup> – great turn out.

Participated in a teams meeting with representatives from Espanola, Mississauga, Sagamok and Sables-Spanish Rivers regarding Domtar. Concerns were expressed during the meeting regarding lack of decommissioning plans.

**RESOLUTION #24-09-10**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council verbal reports be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-11**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Program Director, Serpent River First Nation, be advised that the rental fees for the Spanish Four Seasons Complex will be waived for Truth & Reconciliation Day being held on Monday, September 30, 2024.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-12**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** correspondence received from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) regarding our application for funding under the Community Enhancement Program – Rural Enhancement stream towards the Spanish Municipal Dock project be noted as being received;

**And Whereas** the NOHFC has determined that part of this project is potentially eligible and proceed for further review and evaluation and has requested a more detailed proposal be submitted;

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Council of the Town of Spanish supports this application for funding under the NOHFC's Community Enhancement Program – Rural Enhancement stream for Municipal Dock Repairs;

**And further** be it noted that the proposed value of the project is \$295,170.00, with the municipality contributing \$95,170.00;

**And further that** the Corporation of the Town of Spanish is committed to covering all cost overruns.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-13**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we purchase the WMG Membership Silver Package 2 – 700 WMG lawyer minutes, which do not expire for \$4,083.34 plus HST.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-14**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** correspondence received from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility inviting submissions to nominate for the Ontario Senior Achievement Award be noted as being presented;

And further that Council members be prepared to provide a nominee at the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 regular Council meeting, for submission prior to the October 1, 2024 deadline.

And further that this correspondence be shared with the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 576.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-15**

**MOVED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command be advised that regarding advertisement space in the annual “Military Service Recognition Book” that council would be proud to purchase a business card sized ad in the amount of \$395.00 inclusive of HST. And further that this expense form part of the 2025 Operating Budget.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-16**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Spanish supports the Councils of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin in their opposition to the decision to transport naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) from the former Beaucage Mine and Nipissing First Nation reserve land, and deposit it at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) in the Township of Nairn and Hyman, as outlined in the Township of Nairn and Hyman’s Resolution #2024-EM1-2.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-17**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT WHEREAS** current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario’s economic prosperity and quality of life

**WHEREAS** nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year  
**WHEREAS** municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation

**WHEREAS** unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure

**WHEREAS** municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises

**WHEREAS** inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity

**WHEREAS** property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need

**WHEREAS** the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities

**WHEREAS** municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca).

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-18**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Mayor Von Pickartz be authorized to attend the ADMA Fall Meeting being held in Blind River on Saturday, September 21, 2024;  
And further that expenses be reimbursed as per the remuneration by-law.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-19**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Invoice 20240231, submitted by Gardiner Marine for work performed on the Spanish Lagoon regarding weed overgrowth issues in the amount of \$22,845.00, plus HST be approved for payment.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-20**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Kelly Kurki's resignation from the Spanish Recreation Advisory Committee be accepted with regrets and that Ms. Kurki be thanked for her contributions to the Committee and the Town of Spanish.

Carried

**RESOLUTION #24-09-21**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Jesse Groff, Economic Development Intern, be requested to attend an information session for the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund (OCAF) taking place via Zoom on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Von Pickartz and Councillors Zarichney, Trudel and Joncas expressed an interest in the above correspondence and requested a copy.

**RESOLUTION #24-09-22**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Recommendation for Payment, Contract: 23-1155, Progress Payment #1 for the Period Ending August 31, 2024 be approved for payment.

Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION – NO ACTION REQUIRED**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-23**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following correspondence be noted as being presented:

- a) Tulloch Engineering – Hamilton Street Reconstruction – Weekly Status Report No. 1, 2, 3 & 4
- b) Tulloch Engineering – Hamilton Street – Instruction Notice No. 1 & 2
- c) OCWA – Workorder Summary Report – July 2024 – Water and Wastewater
- d) Spanish Fire Department – Monthly Fire Department Report – July 2024
- e) POA Annual Report – 2022/2023 and Schedule of Revenue and Expenditures for Year Ended December 31, 2023
- f) Shedden Community Development Corporation – Spanish Motocross Committee – Minutes of August 14, 2024
- g) FONOM – Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development Course
- h) Clean Up Week/Free Garbage Pickup – Results of survey conducted by neighbouring Clerk
- i) Circular Materials – Preferred Proponent Identified as GFL Environmental
- j) Tyler Sturgeon, Commander, East Algoma Detachment – back to home position effective August 19, 2024
- k) Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) – Insurance for Police Boards
- l) Treasury Board Secretariat – Community Emergency Preparedness Grant Round 2

- m) Ministry of Sport – Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund
- n) Ministry of Infrastructure – Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program

**Carried**

**BY-LAWS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Councillor Zarichney asked if there was a policy in place for cameras in municipal buildings/locations. CAO to check.
- Councillor Zarichney asked what was happening with the business meetings. Note: Jesse will be reporting on this at the next Council meeting.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**MOTION/NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-24**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now go in to closed session.

**Carried**

**CLOSED SESSION – TIME IN: 8:56 p.m.**

**CLOSED SESSION – TIME OUT: 10:16 p.m.**

**RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-25**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

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

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-26**

**MOVED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**SECONDED BY:** Mary-Louise Zarichney



**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council agrees to the addition of dependents per the request made in closed session.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-27**

**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas

**SECONDED BY:** Sandra Trudel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the public works labourer2 be taken off probation and be considered a full-time employee, with a pay increase, as per the recommendation of the Public Works Supervisor.

And further that public works labourer 1 be given a pay increase as per the recommendation of the Public Works Supervisor.

**Carried**

**CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**RESOLUTION #24-09- 28**

**MOVED BY:** Ted Clague

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Joncas

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a by-law being a confirmation by-law regarding a meeting of council held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 be read a first time, be considered read a second and third time, be passed, signed by the Mayor and CAO, numbered by-law #2024-41 and be engrossed in the by-law book.

**Carried**

**ADJOURN**

**RESOLUTION #24-09-29**

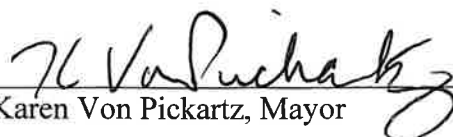
**MOVED BY:** Debra Joncas


**SECONDED BY:** Ted Clague

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 for a regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

  
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Karen Von Pickartz, Mayor

  
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Pam Lortie, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer