



**THE PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF ESPANOLA**

**Council Chambers
Municipal Office**

**January 12, 2016
7:30 pm**

His Worship Mayor Piche presided over the meeting.

Present: Councillor B. Foster, K. Duplessis, R. Duplessis, R. Dufour, B. Yocom
Staff: C. Townsend, CAO/ Treasurer, P. Roque, Clerk/Recording Secretary

Absent: Councillor S. Meikleham

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

Public Hearings None

Delegations/Petitions None

Question Period None

PART 1 **CA-001-16 K. Duplessis – B. Foster**

CONSENT AGENT Be It Resolved That: Items A1 to F5, contained in Part 1, Consent Agenda be adopted.

Carried

Items A1 – A4
Minutes

16-001 B. Foster – K. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: The following minutes are hereby accepted; Regular Meeting of Council of December 8, 2015; Special Meeting of Council of December 8, 2015; Special Meeting of Council of December 14, 2015; Special Meeting of Council of December 18, 2015.

Carried

Board and Committee Reports

**Board and
Committee Reports** None

Business arising from Board and Committees

Item E1
Confirmatory Bylaw

16-002 B. Foster – K. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2695/16 be adopted; being a Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Meeting of December 8, 2015.

Carried

Item E2
Municipal Insurance
Services Ltd

16-003 R. Duplessis - B. Foster

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2696/16 be adopted, being a Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to execute an agreement with Municipal Insurance Services Ltd.

Carried

Reports
Item F1-F5

16-004 B. Foster – K. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received: Joint Health and Safety Meeting of December 2, 2015; POA Department Departmental Report for October & November 2015; Espanola Police Services Board Meeting of November 19, 2015; Espanola Public Library Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2015; Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2015.

Carried

PART II
REGULAR AGENDA
Bylaws and Resolutions

Item G1
Financial Indicators

A discussion ensued. Council requested Staff provide where Espanola ranks in the Financial Indicators in comparison to all the communities included in the review.

Item G2
Council Insurance
Coverage

16-004A R. Yocom – R. Dufour

The Out of Province Medical and Critical Illness coverage be removed from the Insurance Coverage.

Carried

Councillor Duplessis requested Staff provide a breakdown of the employee benefits package.

Item G3
Autism Tree and
Bench Park

A discussion ensued. Council advised that they would like to proceed with an overall recreation master plan to be included in the 2016 Budget and address the issue identified in the Service Delivery and Operational Review being to rationalize the existing number of parks and playgrounds prior to making any financial commitment at this time.

Item G4
Job Evaluation
Committee

16-005 R. Dufour – R. Yocom

Be It Resolved That: Councillor Ron Duplessis be appointed to the Job Evaluation Committee.

Carried

Council directed Staff to review Item 13 of the Salary Administration Policy with respect to why a Councillor has no voting privileges on the Job Evaluation Committee.

Item G5
Municipal Council
Support Resolution
Notice to Proceed

16-006 R. Dufour – R. Yocom

006 Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the FIT Contract, Version 3.1;
AND WHEREAS the Province's FIT Program encourages the construction and operation of ground mount solar PV, generation projects;
AND WHEREAS one or more Projects may be subject to FIT Contracts and may be constructed and operated in the Town of Espanola;
AND WHEREAS in accordance with the FIT Rules, Version 3.0, the Council of the Local Municipality had previously indicated, by a resolution, its support for Projects in the Local Municipality;
AND WHEREAS Council now indicates, by a resolution dated no earlier than June 10, 2015, Council's continued support for the construction and operation of the Projects anywhere suitable in the Local Municipality;
AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the FIT Contract, where a New Resolution is received in respect of the Projects in the Local Municipality, Suppliers will be recognized as fulfilling the requirements under Section 2.4(d)(vii) of the FIT Contract, which may result in Suppliers being offered Notice to Proceed in accordance with the terms of their respective FIT Contract(s);
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council of the Town of Espanola supports the construction and operation of the Projects where suitable in the Town of Espanola. This resolution's sole purpose is to enable Suppliers to achieve Notice to Proceed under their FIT Contracts and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to a FIT Contract or Project or for any other purpose. This resolution shall expire twelve (12) months after its adoption by Council.

Carried

Item G6
Hydro Rates

16-007 R. Duplessis – R. Dufour

Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS Council of the Town of Espanola are in agreement that the increases to hydro rates will impose undue hardship on both residents and commercial businesses in northern areas having no access to alternate energy sources, such as natural gas;
AND WHEREAS Council sent a resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Energy, area MPPS, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); opposing the privatization of Hydro One in order to keep the service accountable to the public;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the Town of Espanola call upon the provincial government to recognize the plight of northern and rural Ontario residents who are directly impacted by the rate increases and the economic ramifications on rural communities as residents are forced to

leave their homes and close their businesses due to unsustainable hydro rate increases; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in the District of Sudbury in order to encourage other northern Ontario municipalities to request the provincial government to address the financial burden faced by residents and businesses due to increasing hydro rates; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of the Town of Espanola communicate this resolution to the Premier, with copies to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Energy, area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

Carried

Item G7
Interim Tax Levy

16-008 R. Yocom – R. Dufour

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2694/16 be adopted, being a bylaw to provide for an Interim Tax Levy and the Payment of Interim Taxes for the Year 2016.

Time: 8:05 pm

Carried

Correspondence For Information Only

None

This information was previously circulated to Council. If required a copy of the information is available at the Municipal Office.

CCAP correspondence re: Hydro One
MTO correspondence re: Connecting Links Program
OPP correspondence re: lift on moratorium
MOF correspondence re: OMPF
OFAH correspondence re: bear hunt
MNRF correspondence re: proposed emulsion explosive plant
AMO correspondence re: donation

Conference and Conventions

2016 OGRA/ROMA conference – February 21 – 24, 2016, Toronto ON

Mayor and Councillors Reports and Announcements

Open House

Councillor Duplessis advised that all of Council received a letter from a resident requesting that Council review the Question and Answer Period. The Chair of Corporate Services agreed to review the request at a Corporate Services Committee Meeting.

Donation

Councillor Duplessis requested that as part of Budget deliberations a donation towards the Pet Scanner in Sudbury should be considered.

Fire Hall

Councillor Duplessis requested that discussions commence with regard to the requirements of the Fire Hall. Council agreed that a Committee of the Whole discussion is warranted.

Future Council Meetings

Special Budget Meeting of January 19, 2016 @ 2:00 pm @ the Espanola Recreation Complex Bar Side Auditorium

Community Services Committee Meeting of January 19, 2016 @ 4:00 pm @ the Espanola Recreation Complex Bar Side Auditorium

Adjournment

R. Yocom – R. Dufour

Be It Resolved That: The Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned. Time: 7:55 pm

Carried

Ron Piche
Mayor

Cynthia Townsend
Clerk Treasurer/Administrator