



**THE PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF ESPAÑOLA**

**Council Chambers
Municipal Office**

**May 9, 2017
7:30pm**

His Worship Mayor Piche presided over the meeting.

Present:

Councillor R. Dufour, K. Duplessis, R. Duplessis, B. Foster, S. Meikleham, R. Yocom

Staff: P. Roque, Clerk, C. Townsend, CAO/Treasurer, T. Denault-Roque, Recording Secretary

The Mayor called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence in honour of the late Wade Pollard; an employee of the Town of Espanola who worked at the Recreation Complex.

The Mayor stated that this meeting will be live streamed.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

Public Hearing

1. Notification under the Provisions of Notice Bylaw No. 2068/08, Notice of Public Hearing

Meeting for the purpose of receiving comments on the following request from the Espanola and Area Safety Coalition:

A temporary road closure be approved on Spruce St from Mead Blvd to Park St on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 between the hours of 11am and 2pm to accommodate a mock accident simulation. Park St and Mead Blvd are not to be affected or blocked by the closure nor shall the main entrance to the Espanola High School.

The applicant was not present. There were no verbal or written comments received.

2. Notification under the Provisions of Bylaw No. 2068/08, Notice of Public Hearing

Meeting for the purpose of receiving comments on the following request from the Knight Cruisers Car Club to permit a Car Show on Saturday, May 27th, 2017 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Track and Field:

A temporary exemption from Municipal Bylaw No. 751/84, Section 14, being a bylaw to control the use of Municipally and

Recreationally owned property 14. d) no person shall park any vehicle in any park, recreational area or on municipal property of the Town of Espanola except in those areas specifically designated by appropriate signs and notices as being areas in which vehicles may be parked.

Temporarily closing Avery Dr. from the Complex to Hunter St. to traffic with the exception of emergency vehicles on Saturday, May 27th, 2017 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm to host the Knight Cruisers Car Show.

A temporary exemption from certain provisions of the Noise Bylaw No. 1189/96, on Saturday, May 27th, 2017 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. For an event being held outdoors at the Track & Field – The Knight Cruisers Car Show.

The applicant was not present. There were no verbal or written comments received.

This portion of the meeting closed at 7:36 pm.

Delegations/Petitions None

Question Period None

CONSENT AGENDA **CA-008-17R. Dufour – R. Duplessis**
Be It Resolved That: Items A1 to F5, contained in Part 1 Consent Agenda be adopted.

Carried

Items A1-A2 **17-087 R. Dufour – R. Duplessis**
Minutes Be It Resolved That: The following Minutes are hereby accepted; Regular Meeting of Council of April 25, 2017; Special Meeting of April 25, 2017.

Carried

Board and Committee Reports

Item B1 **17-088 R. Dufour – R. Duplessis**
Board and Be It Resolved That: The following Board and Committee
Committee Reports Reports are hereby received; Corporate Services Committee Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2017.

Carried

Matters arising from the "In Camera Session"

None

Business Arising from Board and Committees

**Item D1
Policy Amendments**

17-089 S. Meikleham – K. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended by the Corporate Services Committee That: Amendments to Policy L07-01290 Land Disposition, H00-01842 Employee Code of Conduct, C08-01687 Council Code of Conduct and H14-01393 Conflict of interest be adopted as presented.

Carried

**Item D2
Animal Control**

17-090 R. Duplessis – S. Meikleham

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended by the Corporate Services Committee That: The Animal Control Bylaw be amended as presented.

Carried

Bylaws and Resolutions

**Item E1
Confirmatory Bylaw**

17-091 K. Duplessis – S. Meikleham

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No 2780/17 be adopted, being a Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Meeting of April 25, 2017.

Carried

**Item E2
Municipal Hazardous
Waste Agreement**

17-092S. Meikleham – R. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2781/17 be adopted, being a Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to Authorize an Agreement for Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste.

Carried

**Item E3
Emergency
Management
Program and
Committee**

17-093 Duplessis – S. Meikleham

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No 2782/17 be adopted, being a Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to Execute an Emergency Management Program and Committee.

Carried

**Reports
Items F1 –F5**

17-094 B. Foster – K. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received; POA Department Departmental Report for January & February 2017; Joint Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2017; Lacleche Foothills Municipal Association Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2017; Town of Espanola Annual Report 2016 - Rainbow District Animal Control and Shelter Services & Quarterly Update for 2017; Espanola Police Service 2016 Annual Report

Carried

A discussion ensued regarding the recorded vote that took place during the previous meeting.

The Clerk stated the minutes will be corrected.

PART II
REGULAR AGENDA
Bylaws and Resolutions

Item G1
Road Closure

17-095 K. Duplessis – R. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: The request from the Espanola and Area Safety Coalition be granted and a temporary road closure be approved on Spruce St from Mead Blvd to Park St on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 between the hours of 11 am and 2 pm to accommodate a mock accident simulation. Park St and Mead Blvd are not be affected or blocked by the closure nor shall the main entrance to the Espanola High School.

Carried

Item G2
Knight Cruisers Car Show

17-096S. Meikleham – B. Foster

Be It Resolved That: Council authorizes:

- 1) A temporary exemption from Municipal Bylaw No. 751/84, Section 14, being a bylaw to control the use of Municipally and Recreationally owned property14. d) no person shall park any vehicle in any park, recreational area or on municipal property of the Town of Espanola except in those areas specifically designated by appropriate signs and notices as being areas in which vehicles may be parked.
- 2) Temporarily closing Avery Dr. from the Complex to Hunter St. to traffic with the exception of emergency vehicles on Saturday, May 27, 2017 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm to host the Knight Cruisers Car Show.
- 3) A temporary exemption from certain provisions of the Noise Bylaw No. 1189/96, on Saturday, May 27, 2017 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for an event being held outdoors at the Track & Field – The Knight Cruisers Car Show.

Carried

Item G3
2017 Municipal Budget

17-097 B. Foster – R. Yocom

Be It Resolved That: The 2017 Budget be adopted as presented.

Ms. Townsend presented Council with Budget highlights and explained the small changes since the last budget meeting. She stated with the changes in place there would be an increase to the levy of 1.03% from 2016. It was stated that the average residential household will see an increase of approximately \$34.62/year.

She further stated that the municipality is seeing some assessment losses for commercial and multi-residential properties in addition to changes to the legislation which does not allow the Municipality to increase the levy to the multi-residential class, which in turn causes the other classes to pick up the shortfall.

Challenges of the Municipality were reviewed; the reduction to the OMPF grant which represents approximately \$44.00 per household, therefore when looking at a \$34.00 per household increase in this year's levy, the CAO felt this amount was reasonable.

It was stated that this is a multi-year budget, however it was made clear that every year a budget must be adopted, so the municipality is not committed to the projected figures for future years.

Ms. Townsend provided information regarding the tax burden distribution as well as the assessment at risk factors and reserves and reserve funds projection for the next 3 years. Council was reminded that over the past few years the increases to the levy have been very minimal, with a small decrease last year the Municipality cannot keep up those levels. It was stated that Council will receive an updated copy of the Asset Management Plan once completed.

Councillor Foster stated that the Municipality is raising approximately half the money needed for capital projects and is relying on grants for the remaining funding.

Councillor R. Duplessis stated he was under the impression more budget meetings would be taking place to review capital expenditures and amortization. Councillor Foster explained that during the last budget meeting amortization was already discussed in certain areas and that he felt everything had been covered.

Councillor Dufour stated he thought Council was working towards a 0% budget. The Mayor explained that it would be hard to keep at 0% with rising costs and less money from the province; he did not see how that is possible.

Councillor Foster stated that Council went through the budget process line by line and that is where Council had the opportunity to request further reductions. Councillor Yocom agreed with Councillor Foster. He further stated that with the presentations held tonight it is obvious that we cannot sustain minimal increases forever as we are falling behind as was shown tonight with an \$8 million back log of infrastructure replacement costs in addition to assessment losses.

A discussion ensued.

Councillor Dufour stated he would like a recorded vote.

RECORDED VOTE

	For	Against
Mayor R. Piche	<u>✓</u>	
R. Dufour		<u>✓</u>
K. Duplessis	<u>✓</u>	
R. Duplessis		<u>✓</u>
B. Foster	<u>✓</u>	
S. Meikleham	<u>✓</u>	
B. Yocom	<u>✓</u>	

Carried

Correspondence For Information Only

- H1 Q1 Budget Variance Report**
- H2 Espanola Water Pollution Control Plant (full copies available at the Clerk's office)**

Information

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

FONOM correspondence re: Federal Government's Commitment to Northern Ontario
FONOM Spring Newsletter
AMO Communications re: 2017 Provincial Budget
LAMBAC correspondence re: Trade Fair

Conference and Conventions

FONOM, Wednesday May 10th – Friday May 12th, 2017
North Bay, Ontario

Mayor and Councillors Reports and Announcements

Animal Bylaw It was stated that the changes to the Animal Bylaw would now give the Animal Control Officer, in addition to our community police officers, authority to lay fines to those not conforming to the Bylaw.

Firehall Councillor R. Duplessis expressed his concern with regard to the existing Firehall issue. He advised that he would like a meeting of the Committee.

Future Council Meetings

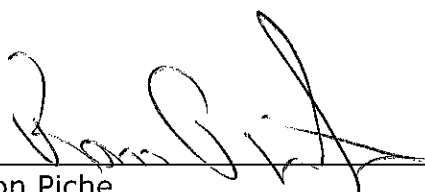
Community Services Committee Meeting of May 16th @ 3:00 pm
Regular Meeting of Council of May 23rd @ 7:30 pm

Adjournment

R. Yocom – B. Foster

Be It Resolved That: The Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned. Time:8:08pm

Carried



Ron Piche
Mayor



Paula Roque
Clerk