



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

**October 22, 2019
7:00 pm
Council Chambers, 100 Tudhope Street**

Mayor Beer presided over the meeting.

Present: Mayor J. Beer, Councillors R. Dufour, K. Duplessis, B. Foster, S. Hayden, H. Malott, M. Van Alstine

Staff: P. Roque, C. Townsend, D. Parker, J. Yusko, D. Rivet, C. Kennelly, T. Denault-Roque

A. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

C. DELEGATIONS

Mr. Hipel, Espanola United Church Trustee advised Council he was in attendance regarding the monthly sewer and water charges for the Church. He explained to Council Churches are struggling due to low attendance. He provided a brief summary of the organizations that hold meetings at the Church, free of charge, some making donations to the Church in lieu of a rental fee. Mr. Hipel asked if Council had instituted and approved those charges to the churches of Espanola; if not, who did? In addition, Mr. Hipel requested Council rethink the issue and reverse this action.

Mayor Beer thanked Mr. Hipel for his presentation and advised that due to the financial implications of this request, this item will be brought to the Corporate Services Committee for discussion.

D. QUESTION PERIOD

A local resident did not state his name, however is known as Joe Kozlowski, advised that his question was in concern of the June 7th letter received from the Whitefish River First Nations expressing an interest in buying land in the municipality of Espanola and then transferring these newly bought lands to

the reserve was not made public on the date of June 7th or shortly afterwards by the Mayor, why?

Mayor Beer advised that there is no indication that they intend to buy the land. She further advised that information comes from the federal government and was circulated to Council.

Mr. Kozlowski then asked why any of the repercussions of such a possible transfer resulting and affecting the municipality has not been investigated and reported back to the general public?

Mayor Beer advised that this was reported to Council at the May 28th meeting and there was a discussion on that issue. She advised Mr. Kozlowski that he could review the streamed meeting.

E. PART 1 - CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By M. Van Alstine

Seconded By R. Dufour

CA-18-19 Be It Resolved That: Items F.1 to K. 13 inclusive contained in Part 1, Consent Agenda be adopted.

Carried

F. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

19-209

Moved By B. Foster

Seconded By R. Dufour

Be It Resolved That: The following Minutes are hereby accepted; Regular Meeting of Council of October 8, 2019.

Carried

G. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

19-210

Moved By R. Dufour

Seconded By H. Malott

Be It Resolved That: The following Board and Committee reports are hereby accepted: Espanola Public Library Board Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2019; Joint Health and Safety Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2019.

Carried

H. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE "IN CAMERA SESSION"

None

I. BUSINESS ARISING FROM BOARD AND COMMITTEES

None

J. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

J.1 Bylaw No 2942/19

19-211

Moved By R. Dufour

Seconded By M. Van Alstine

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No 2942/19 be adopted, being a Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to confirm the proceedings of the Council at its Meeting of October 8, 2019

Carried

K. REPORTS

Councillor Van Alstine asked for clarification on the Building Department Departmental Reports regarding outstanding permits, as well as the amount of man hours used for the Department.

A discussion ensued. It was decided that Community Services will review the formats for reports.

19-212

Moved By S. Hayden

Seconded By B. Foster

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received; Building Department Departmental Report for February 2019; Building Department Departmental Report for March 2019; Building Department Departmental Report for April 2019; Building Department Departmental Report for May 2019; Building Department Departmental Report for June 2019; Building Department Departmental Report for July 2019; Building Department Departmental Report for August 2019; Building Department Departmental Report for September 2019; Public Works Department Departmental Report for September 2019; Economic Development Department Departmental Report for September 2019; Fire Department Departmental Report for August 2019; Fire Department Departmental Report for September 2019; Leisure Services Department Departmental Report for September 2019.

Carried

PART 2 - REGULAR AGENDA

L. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

**L.1 Recommendation regarding Splash Pad Options Sub Committee
19-213**

Moved By R. Dufour

Seconded By S. Hayden

Be It Resolved That: Councillors Hayden and Dufour be appointed to the Splash Pad Options Sub Committee.

Carried

L.2 Recommendation regarding indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement

A discussion ensued. Councillor Foster advised he would like to amend this motion. As per the Procedural Bylaw each amendment must be voted on separately.

Moved By B. Foster
Seconded By K. Duplessis
Using the AMO recommended protocol.

Carried

19-214

Moved By B. Foster
Seconded By K. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended by the Community Services Committee That: Council include an indigenous land acknowledgement statement before Council and Committees of Council meetings using the AMO recommended protocol.

Carried

L.3 Recommendation regarding #13 Triaxle Replacement

Staff was directed to provide a comparison of new versus used vehicles.

19-215

Moved By K. Duplessis
Seconded By S. Hayden

Be It Resolved That: Council purchase a used triaxle with a budget limit of \$120,000 using funds from the equipment reserve.

Carried

L.4 Recommendation regarding Cape Breton Chamber of Commerce recommendations for Advancing Canadian Competitiveness using Short Line Rail

19-216

Moved By B. Foster
Seconded By K. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: Council for the Town of Espanola supports the recommendations as submitted by Cape Breton Chamber of Commerce regarding Advancing Canadian Competitiveness Using Short Line Rail; And Therefore Be It Resolved That: Council for the Town of Espanola recommends that the federal government:

1. Create a dedicated short line capital funding program that is accessible to all short line companies.
2. Establish a tax credit program to assist short line rail companies in making capital investments;

And Furthermore, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; all local MP's and MPP's.

Carried

L.5 Building Permit Requirements For Information

Staff was directed to place this item on the next Community Services Agenda.

M. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None

N. INFORMATION

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

N.1 MOF correspondence re: OMPF discussions

N.2 East Ferris resolution re: Conference child care services

N.3 Borden Ladner Gervais correspondence re: OEB decision and Order

N.4 Mayor of Ingersoll correspondence re: Landfill Development

O. CONFERENCE AND CONVENTIONS

None

P. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Training Session It was stated that the training session with Nigel Bellchamber and Fred Dean was very informative.

Library Board Budget Councillor Duplessis advised that the Board will discuss the Library Budget on November 6th.

Pumpkin Festival Festival volunteers were thanked for their contributions to the Festival, which was well attended.

Hydro Councillor Duplessis reminded everyone that during negotiations it was stated that there would be a Hydro Advisory Board and that should be kept in mind.

Q. FUTURE COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mayor Beer advised that a Special Budget Meeting will take place Wednesday October 23rd @ 4:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Corporate Services Committee Meeting of November 5, 2019 @ 4:00 pm

Regular Meeting of Council of November 12, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

R. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By R. Dufour

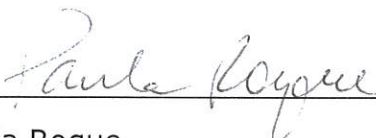
Seconded By S. Hayden

Be It Resolved That: The Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

Time: 7:53 pm



Jill Beer
Mayor



Paula Roque
Clerk

Carried