

# THE PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ESPANOLA

Council Chambers Municipal Office

October 25, 2016

7:30pm

His WorshipMayor Pichepresided over the meeting.

**Present:** 

CouncillorR. Dufour, B. Foster, K. Duplessis, R. Duplessis, S.

Meikleham, B. Yocom

Staff: P. Roque, Clerk; C. Townsend, CAO/Treasurer; T.

Denault-Roque, Recording Secretary

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

Public Hearing

None

**Delegations/Petitions None** 

**Question Period** 

None

**CONSENT AGENDA** 

CA-017-16 R. Duplessis- K. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: Items A1 to F4, contained in Part 1,

Consent Agenda be adopted.

Carried

Items A1
Minutes

16-153 S. Meikleham - K. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: The following minutes are hereby

accepted; The following minutes are hereby accepted; Regular

Meeting of Council of October 11, 2016

Carried

#### **Board and Committee Reports**

None

Matters arising from the "In Camera Session"

None

**Business Arising from Board and Committees** 

None

# **Bylaws and Resolutions**

#### Item E1

# **Confirmatory Bylaw**

# 16-154 R. Duplessis - S. Meikleham

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2741/16 be adopted, being a Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Meeting of October 11, 2016.

Carried

# Item E2 Amendment to Procedural Bylaw

# 16-155 K. Duplessis - S. Meikleham

Be It Resolved That: A Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to Amend Bylaw No 2062/08, A Bylaw to provide for the Adoption of Rules of Procedure for the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Espanola

Carried

# Reports Items F1 - F4

#### 16-156 S. Meikleham - R. Dufour

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received; Leisure Services Department Departmental Report of September 2016; Public Works Department Departmental Report for September 2016; Fire Department Departmental Report for September 2016; Espanola Police Services Board Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2016.

Carried

Councillor Yocom suggested that the Community Services Committee review the possibility and any benefits of conducting a follow up with those who do not renew their memberships at the Espanola Recreation Complex.

# PART II REGULAR AGENDA Bylaws and Resolutions

# Item G1 Notice of Motion

## 16-157 B. Foster - R. Yocom

Be It Resolved That: Building permits no longer be required for all residential home interior walls.

Be It Also Resolved That: building permits no longer be required for the installation of kitchen cabinets as long as there are no changes to the plumbing locations. Should a resident wish to have an inspection, then a permit would be required.

Carried

#### A discussion ensued.

Councillor Yocom stated that as noted in the accompanying staff report, the Building Department is following the applicable legislation regarding gypsum. He further stated that the municipality doesn't require a permit for kitchen cupboards providing there is no changes to the plumbing. Councillor Ron Duplessis stated that residents have been told they do require a permit when just replacing kitchen cabinets when a permit wasn't required and advised that Councillor

Dufour's wife was one of those residents.

Councillor Dufour then stated that he is aware of a resident that had to pay MPAC an additional \$350 after obtaining a building permit to repair flood damages. Councillor Dufour stated that this was a money grab.

Councillor Yocom clarified that MPAC does use building permits as one source to ensure property value is assessed correctly. Further discussion ensued.

The Clerk advised Council that previous practice for dealing with a notice of motion is to vote on the notice of motion, a vote to carry the motion would move the item forward to the next agenda. At that time Council could direct Staff to bring the item to a committee meeting or back to a future Council meeting with a Staff Report. Also, if a notice of motion is carried, Council can also request that the motion be heard at that meeting, a majority vote of Council is required for this option.

# Item G2 School Crossing Guard Program

#### 16-158 R. Yocom - B. Foster

Be It Resolved That:

- 1) The Mead/Spanish River crossing guard position be reinstated as a permanent position for morning and afternoon hours.
- 2) The Highway 6 crossing is reduced to one hour.

Carried

A discussion ensued regarding the safety of school children being dropped off at the AB Ellis School. It was stated that many caregivers are not using the designated drop off circle, but rather picking up and dropping off in the middle of the street.

A discussion ensued regarding police presence in that area. Council requested that Staff follow up with the Police on this issue.

# Item G3 NSSAR Road Toll

### 16-159 B. Foster - R. Yocom

Council for the Town of Espanola permit the North Shore Search and Rescue to hold a voluntary road toll on November 19, 2016 from 9 am and 5 pm between the entrance of McCulloch Drive and the entrance to Canadian Tire on Hwy 6 providing the same security measures are followed as in previous years.

Carried

# Item G4 Council Committees

#### 16-160 R. Yocom - B. Foster

Be It Resolved That: Council accept the committee appointments as presented, effective January 1, 2017.

Carried

CouncillorDufourrequested that the Mayor move him to the Corporate Services Committee. A discussion ensued. The Mayor stated that the Committees will remain as is.Councillor Foster advised that the Mayor's intentions were to maintain some continuity. Councillor R. Duplessis offered his position on the Corporate Services Committee to CouncillorDufour, he declined the offer.

Mayor Piche stated that he will review the Committees again at the end of 2017 and at that time Councillor Dufour would be

moved to the Corporate Services.

# **Correspondence For Information Only**

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

NE LHIN Correspondence re: Aboriginal Health Care Plan

MNR Correspondence re: Aggregate Resources Act

AMO Correspondence re: Council resolution of Support and What's Next Ontario?

Town of Madawaska Valley Resolution Municipality of Grey Highlands Resolution FONOM Correspondence re: BOD Meeting

Ministry of Energy Correspondence

LAS Correspondence MPAC Correspondence

## **Conference and Conventions**

ROMA Conference, January 29 - 31, 2017, Toronto Ontario OGRA Conference, Sunday, February 26 - Wednesday, March 1, 2017 Toronto, Ontario

# **Mayor and Councillors Reports and Announcements**

Fibre Arts Festival Councillor Yocom stated that the Fibre Arts Festival was

another success. He further stated that Ms. Pilon and her group of volunteers should be complimented on all their hard

work.

Black Creek Councillor R Duplessis stated that the Espanola Game and Fish

were doing some maintenance work to the ramps at Black

Creek.

### **Future Council Meetings**

Corporate Services Committee Meeting of November 1, 2016 @ 3:00 pm Regular Meeting of Council of November 8, 2016 @ 7:30 pm

# <u>Adjournment</u>

# B. Foster - R. Yocom

Be It Resolved That: The Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned. Time:8:10pm

Carried

Ron Piche Mayor Paula Roque

Clerk