



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

His Worship Mayor Gervais presided over the meeting.

September 10, 2024

7:00 pm

Council Chambers, 100 Tudhope Street

Present: K. Duplessis, S. Hayden, A. Kelly, C. Kennelly, G. Massicotte,
A. Kallioinen, D. Gervais

Staff: J. Burke, CAO/Clerk, D. Parker, Superintendent of Public
Works, K. Bouwmeester, Recording Secretary, J. Bouthillette,
Treasurer

A. INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Please acknowledge with us, that meetings of Council are held in the traditional territory of the Anishinabek where the Chiefs of Sagamok Anishnawbek, Whitefish River First Nation, and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek agreed to share this land through the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850.

B. Reading of the Oath by Councillor Kennelly

Cheryl Kennelly made the Declaration of Office pursuant to Section 232 of the Municipal Act and the Oath pertaining to Conflict of Interest Guidelines Addendum 3 to Schedule C. Following this declaration and oath, Cheryl Kennelly provided remarks and was then invited by Mayor Gervais to take her seat at the Council table.

C. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None

D. PUBLIC HEARING

None

E. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

None

F. QUESTION PERIOD

None

G. CONSENT ITEMS TO BE SEVERED

None

H. PART 1 - CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By A. Kallioinen

Seconded By S. Hayden

CA-24-14 Be It Resolved That: Items I.1 to M.2 inclusive contained in Part 1, Consent Agenda be adopted.

Carried

I. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

24-217

Moved by A. Kallioinen

Seconded by S Hayden

Be It Resolved That: The following Minutes are hereby accepted; Regular Meeting of Council of August 13, 2024, Special Meeting of Council of August 13, 2024, Special Meeting of Council of August 28, 2024.

Carried

J. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

24-218

Moved by A. Kallioinen

Seconded by S Hayden

Be It Resolved That: The following board and committee reports are hereby received: Joint Health and safety Committee Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2024 and Corporate Services Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2024.

Carried

K. BUSINESS ARISING FROM BOARD AND COMMITTEES

K.1 Recommendation regarding Exit Interview Policy

24-219

Moved by A. Kallioinen

Seconded by S Hayden

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended by the Corporate Services Committee that the Exit Interview Policy be adopted as presented.

Carried

L. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

L.1 Bylaw No. 3208/24

24-220

Moved by A. Kallioinen

Seconded by S Hayden

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No 3208/24 be adopted, being a Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to confirm the proceedings of Council during their regular meeting of council of August 13, 2024.

Carried

L.2 Bylaw No. 3209/24

24-221

Moved by A. Kallioinen

Seconded by S Hayden

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No 3209/24 be adopted, being a Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to execute an Agreement with the Ontario Trillium Foundation for funding to renovate an underutilized court into a women's changeroom for female rink users.

Carried

M. REPORTS

24-222

Moved by A. Kallioinen

Seconded by S Hayden

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received; Economic Development Department Departmental Report; POA Department Departmental Report.

Carried

PART 2 - REGULAR AGENDA

N. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

N.1 Recommendation regarding Legion Week

24-223

Moved By S. Hayden

Seconded By A. Kelly

Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS, established in 1929, the Legion is the largest Veterans Service Organization in Canada with more than 330,000 members; and

WHEREAS, the Legion's mission is to serve all veterans including serving Canadian Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police members, and their families, to promote Remembrance and to serve our communities and our country; and

WHEREAS, Canadians are fortunate to enjoy the freedom and rights that were acquired by the sacrifices of those who fought for our country; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that we should join with members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 39 to promote this special week and honour our veterans. The Legion Branch 39 will be open to visitors for an open house throughout the week to showcase all that the Legion does.

NOW THEREFORE, we the Council for the Town of Espanola, do hereby proclaim September 15th to September 21st as Legion Week in the Town of Espanola and encourage citizens to join the Legion members in this observance and to attend their activities throughout this week. A Legion Branch 39 flag will be flown at Town Hall throughout the week in this honour.

Carried

N.2 Recommendation regarding Truth and Reconciliation Day

24-224

Moved By K. Duplessis

Seconded By S. Hayden

Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of reconciliation; and

WHEREAS all levels of government have a role to play in addressing the recommendations in the TRC's Calls to Action; and

WHEREAS Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the federal government, in collaboration with Indigenous Peoples, to establish, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada declared September 30th, 2021 as the first annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to

commemorate the tragic and painful history and ongoing impact of residential schools; and

WHEREAS the Town of Espanola is home to many Indigenous people and is a neighbour to many surrounding Indigenous Nations that have faced and endured these tragic histories;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Town of Espanola does hereby recognize September 30th, 2024, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and that an Orange Flag gifted to the Town by Whitefish River First Nation be raised on September 30th at the Town Hall and that orange flags be flown at all municipal facilities on September 30th in respect of this day.

Carried

N.3 Recommendation regarding Franco-Ontarian Day

24-225

Moved By C. Kennelly

Seconded By A. Kallioinen

Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS on May 18th, 2010, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario enacted the *Franco-Ontarian Day Act*, 2010 proclaiming September 25th in each year as the Franco-Ontarian Day; and

WHEREAS the *Franco-Ontarian Day Act* recognizes that Franco-Ontarians commemorate September 25th to celebrate their language and heritage and also take pride in their collective accomplishments; and

WHEREAS September 25 is the anniversary of the first unveiling of the Franco-Ontarian flag in Sudbury in 1975 at the University of Sudbury; and

WHEREAS by proclaiming September 25th as Franco Ontarian Day, this resolution officially recognizes the contributions of the Francophone community of Ontario to the social, economic, and political life of the Province and the community's importance in Ontario's society; and

WHEREAS French is one of Canada's Official Languages and Espanola and the surrounding regions of Northeastern Ontario have a longstanding Franco-Ontarian community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Council for the Town of Espanola recognize September 25, 2024 as Franco-Ontarian Day and that the Franco-Ontarian Flag be raised on September 25, 2024 in honour of this day.

Carried

O. MEMBER MOTIONS

O.1 Resolution of Support for Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

24-126

Moved By A. Kallioinen

Seconded By S. Hayden

Be It Resolved That: Ontario's public libraries are essential to equitable, reliable access to broadband internet and computers; AND

WHEREAS the Ontario government has already committed to recognizing the importance of public libraries to broadband connectivity, including the "Building a Digital Ontario" initiative whereby \$4.8 million in investments were provided for broadband upgrades to over 100 public libraries across the province; and whereas people rely on local public libraries for access to digital resources, including for job and career skills training, language learning, tutoring, health information and virtual appointments, and accessibility services; AND

WHEREAS the Espanola Public Library provides critical access to digital resources for many residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Province of Ontario support the creation of an Ontario Digital Public Library, in line with the attached recommendation from the Ontario Federation of Public Libraries, (FOPL); AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honorable Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Gaming; Dina Stevens, Executive Director of FOPL, MPP Michael Mantha; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

O.2 Resolution of Support for Removing Outstanding Annual Healthcare Costs Borne by Ratepayers

24-227

Moved By A. Kallioinen

Seconded By A. Kelly

Be It Resolved That: Whereas delivering Ontario's Health services is a chiefly provincial responsibility; AND WHEREAS rural Ontario municipalities foot a significant share of the bill when it comes to administering the cost of health services; nearly \$481 million in property taxes in 2022 alone; AND

WHEREAS rural Ontario municipalities are limited in the ways in which they can raise revenues; AND

WHEREAS health services should be primarily funded through provincial and federal income tax revenues; AND

WHEREAS the Province has a duty to meet its obligations under the *Canada Health Act*;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Province of Ontario support the advocacy of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) with respect to removing health cost from property taxes; AND

FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honorable Silvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Honorable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Michael Mantha; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

P. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None

Q. INFORMATION

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

- Town of South Bruce Peninsula and Whitewater Region resolutions re: Blue Box Program
- Pembroke resolution re: Mental Health Support
- Township of Nairn and Hyman correspondence re: Agnew Lake Radioactive Deposition
- Stirling-Rawdon resolution re: Public Salary Disclosure
- Town of Grismby and Town of Lincoln resolutions re: Support for Public Libraries
- Quite West resolution re: Community Building Fund
- Bradford West Gwillimbury resolution re: Joint Health Resolution Campaign
- Stratford; Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan resolution re: Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries
- Bradford West Gwillimbury resolution re: Good Conduct Medal Honours

- Municipal Engineers Association correspondence re: Ontario Provincial Standards
- Township of Larder Lake resolution re: Review of Stability and Sustainability of Municipal Finances
- Town of Caledon resolution re: Wild Animals
- Plympton-Wyoming resolution re: Cell Tower Installation
- Town of Caledon resolution re: Water Testing and Support for Family Doctors
- Limerick resolution re: AMPS in Ontario Building Code

R. CONFERENCE AND CONVENTIONS

None

S. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Members welcomed new Councillor Cheryl Kennelly.

Councillor Massicotte thanked the Recreation Staff and volunteers for the well organized youth baseball tournament over the weekend.

Councillor Kallioinen echoed comments regarding the youth baseball tournament, provided a summary on his attendance at the recent AMO Conference and commended those involved in the Trillium Grant received for HVAC upgrades at the recreation centre for which an announcement was held earlier in the day.

Councillor Kennelly again thanked fellow Councillors for their words of welcome, provided a summary regarding her attendance at the recent AMO Conference. Councillor Kennelly then noted her attendance at the recent Drug Awareness Walk and Boogie Mountain Fundraiser, thanking all those involved.

Deputy Mayor Kelly echoed comments regarding the youth baseball tournament and expressed condolences regarding the recent passing of former Mayor Ron Piche and former employee Gary Buzdygan.

Mayor Gervais echoed comments regarding the youth baseball tournament, provided a summary on his attendance at the recent AMO Conference and made comments regarding his recent attendance at the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850 Gathering held at Anderson Farms in Lively and displayed a gift received on behalf of Mayor and Council from the Treaty First Nations for Espanola's support throughout their treaty annuities case.

T. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Community Services Committee Meeting of September 17, 2024 @ 4:00 pm
in the Main Level Boardroom

Regular Meeting of Council of September 24, 2024 @ 7:00 pm in Council
Chambers

U. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By A. Kelly

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

Time: 7:37 pm

V. CLOSED MEETING (if required)

Douglas Gervais

Mayor

Joseph Burke

CAO/Clerk