



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

**His Worship Mayor Gervais presided over the meeting.**

**February 25, 2025  
7:00 pm  
Council Chambers, 100 Tudhope Street**

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

Absent: S. Hayden

Staff: J. Burke, CAO/Clerk, T. Denault-Roque, Deputy Clerk, J.  
Bouthillette, Treasurer

**A. INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

We would like to begin this meeting by acknowledging the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850 and acknowledging that the Town of Espanola is located on the traditional territories of the Whitefish River First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek. We acknowledge this as part of our commitment to truth and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and to working together for our future generations.

**B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None

**C. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**D. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS**

None

**E. QUESTION PERIOD**

None

**F. CONSENT ITEMS TO BE SEVERED**

None

**G. PART 1 - CONSENT AGENDA**

**Moved By:** A. Kelly

**Seconded By:** C. Kennelly

CA-25-04 Be It Resolved That: Items H.1 to L.7 inclusive contained in Part 1, Consent Agenda be adopted.

Carried

**H. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**25-020**

**Moved By:** A. Kelly

**Seconded By:** C. Kennelly

Be It Resolved That: The following Minutes are hereby accepted; Regular Meeting of Council of February 11, 2025.

Carried

**I. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**25-021**

**Moved By:** A. Kelly

**Seconded By:** C. Kennelly

Be It Resolved That: The following board and committee reports are hereby received; Community Services Committee Meeting of February 18, 2025.

Carried

**J. BUSINESS ARISING FROM BOARD AND COMMITTEES**

None

**K. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**K.1 Bylaw No 3229/25**

**25-022**

**Moved By:** A. Kelly

**Seconded By:** C. Kennelly

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 3229/25 be adopted, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of Council during their regular meeting of February 11, 2025.

Carried

**L. REPORTS**

**25-023**

**Moved By:** A. Kelly

**Seconded By:** C. Kennelly

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received; Recreation Department Departmental Report; Public Works Department Departmental Report; Environmental and Special Projects Department Departmental Report; Fire Department Departmental Report; Building Department Departmental Report; Joint Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2024; Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2025.

Carried

PART 2 - REGULAR AGENDA

**M. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**None**

**N. MEMBER MOTIONS**

**None**

**O. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**None**

**P. INFORMATION**

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

- Country of Fronenac, Town of Kearney resolutions re: Support increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$250,000
- Town of Newmarket, Town of Lincoln resolutions re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Repective Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
- Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Notice of Motion re: Cell Towers and their Associated Maintenance
- Fort Frances Oral Motion re: Supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution regarding Sovereignty of Canada
- Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Notice of Motion re: Mandate that all cars and trucks sold in Canada be equipped with a tow hook
- Town of Hanover resolution re: United States Imposition of Tariffs on Canada
- Township of McGarry resolution re: Ontario Government to amend the Ontario Building Code - provisions for pre-approved affordable housing plans

- Town of Halton Hills, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury re: Ontario Deposit Return Program
- City of Brampton resolution re: Driver Training and Examinations Auditor General Report
- Town of Fort Erie resolution re: Provincial Election Health Care Advocacy

**Q. CONFERENCE AND CONVENTIONS**

2025 FONOM Conference; May 5th - 7th; North Bay ON

2025 AMO Conference; August 17th - 20th; Ottawa ON

**R. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Kallioinen thanked all the volunteers that assisted in making the Pompe Skat-a-thon a successful event. Special recognition was given to the Lions Club for providing the BBQ and selling raffle tickets.

Councillor Kennelly stated that Boogie Mountain has seen an increase in use from residents of surrounding areas.

A reminder to vote in the upcoming provincial election was provided by Councillor Kennelly.

Mayor Gervais spoke of the Housing Accelerator Funding that was awarded to the Town of Espanola in the amount of \$2 million and was pleased to share details on the recent funding announcement.

**S. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Corporate Services Committee Meeting of March 4, 2025 @ 4:00 pm; Main Level Boardroom

Regular Meeting of Council of March 11, 2025 @ 7:00 pm; Council Chambers

**T. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by:** A. Kelly

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

Time: 7:08 pm

**U. CLOSED MEETING (if required)**

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Douglas Gervais

Mayor

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Joseph Burke

CAO/Clerk

