



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

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

**March 11, 2025  
7:10 pm  
Council Chambers, 100 Tudhope Street**

Present: K. Duplessis, S. Hayden, A. Kallioinen, D. Gervais, C. Kennelly  
Absent: A. Kelly, G. Massicotte  
Staff: J. Burke, CAO/Clerk, T. Denault-Roque, Deputy Clerk

**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** S. Hayden

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

CA-25-05 Be It Resolved That: Items H.1 to L.3 inclusive contained in Part 1, Consent Agenda be adopted.

**Carried**

**H. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**25-024**

**Moved By** S. Hayden

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

Be It Resolved That: The following Minutes are hereby accepted; Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2025; Special Council Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2025.

**Carried**

**I. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**25-025**

**Moved By** S. Hayden

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

Be It Resolved That: The following board and committee reports are hereby received: Corporate Services Committee Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2025; Joint Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2025.

**Carried**

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

**J.1 Bylaw No 3231/25**

**25-026**

**Moved By** S. Hayden

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

Be It Resolved That: As recommended by The Corporate Services Committee That: Bylaw No. 3231/25 be adopted, being a Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to confirm and authorize participation in the OMERS Primary Pension Plan ("Primary Plan") and the Retirement Compensation Arrangement for the OMERS Primary Pension Plan ("RCA").

**Carried**

**J.2 Recommendation regarding Bylaw Enforcement Services and Animal Control Contract**

**25-027**

**Moved By** S. Hayden

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

Be It Resolved That: As recommended by The Corporate Services Committee That: The Bylaw Enforcement Services and Animal Control Contract be accepted as presented and that Bylaw No. 3230/25 be adopted accordingly.

**Carried**

**J.3 Recommendation regarding Multi-Worksite Joint Health and Safety Committee Agreement**

**25-028**

**Moved By** S. Hayden

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

Be It Resolved That: As recommended by the Joint Health and Safety Committee That:

Whereas the Joint Health and Safety Committee does not wish to make any changes to the agreement with the exception of updating Appendix's A, B and D.

Now therefore be it resolved that Council endorse the Multi-Workplace Joint Health and Safety Agreement and that it be submitted to the Ministry of Labour once endorsed by Council and all representatives.

**Carried**

**K. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**K.1 Bylaw No 3232/25**

**25-029**

**Moved By** S. Hayden

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 3232/25 be adopted, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of Council during their Regular Meeting of February 25, 2025.

**Carried**

**L. REPORTS**

**25-030**

**Moved By** S. Hayden

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received; Economic Development Department Departmental Report; POA Department Departmental Report; Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Control 2024 Annual Report.

**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.**

- Township of the Archipelago, Hanover resolution re: Response to Tariffs
- Town of Goderich, EOWC resolution re: Support Ontario-wide licencing framework for rideshare companies
- Northumberland County, EOWC resolution re: Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs
- Niagara on the Lake resolution re: Reconsideration of Amendment of Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act
- City of Toronto, Puslinch resolution re: Buy Local, Buy Canadian Campaign
- Port Colborne, Town of Fort Erie resolution re: Provincial Election Health Care Advocacy
- Port Colborne, Fort Frances, Town of Halton Hills resolution re: Sovereignty of Canada
- Champlain Township correspondence re: Steps to respond to U.S. tariff threats on the steel sector
- Coleman Township resolution re: Northern Highway Safety Plan
- Duram Region motion re: Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada
- Township of Limerick, Northumberland County resolution re: Ontario Deposit Return Program

**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 Ashley Lindsay of the Espanola and Area Family Health Team and NISA for organizing the Peer Support program which helps to support mental health in our community.

Espanola Pond Hockey has completed its season and Councillor Kallioinen thanked all coaches, parents, volunteers and sponsors for ensuring another successful season.

Councillor Duplessis sent compliments to the Espanola Skating Club for another successful Carnival, thanking all volunteers and complex staff.

Councillor Kennelly gave special recognition to the staff of the library and recreation departments as well as Boogie Mountain for providing the many different March Break programs.

Mayor Gervais stated that he was happy to attend the Lions Club District Meeting where he was able to learn more about the organization, all the great work being done and the size of the district.

**S. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Community Services Committee Meeting of March 18, 2025 @ 4:00pm;  
Main level Boardroom

Regular Meeting of Council of March 25, 2025 @ 7:00pm; Council  
Chambers

**T. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** S. Hayden

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

Time: 7:16pm

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

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Douglas Gervais

Mayor

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Joseph Burke

CAO/Clerk