



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

His Worship Mayor Gervais presided over the meeting.

May 27, 2025

7:00 pm

Council Chambers, 100 Tudhope Street

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

Staff: T. Denault-Roque, Deputy Clerk, J. Bouthillette, Treasurer, T.
Courtemanche, Recording Secretary

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 declared.

C. PUBLIC HEARING

C.1 Notification under the Provisions of Notice Bylaw No. 2068/08, Notice of Public Hearing

Council of the Town of Espanola considered a request from the Knight Cruisers Car Club for an exemption to Municipal Bylaws to permit a Car Show on Saturday, May 31st, 2025 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Track and Field;

1. A temporary exemption from Municipal Bylaw No. 1219/96, Section 14, being a bylaw to control the use of Municipally and Recreationally owned property 14. 4) no person shall park any vehicle in any park, recreational area or on municipal property of the Town of Espanola except in those areas specifically designated by appropriate signs and notices as being areas in which vehicles may be parked.

2. Temporarily closing Avery Dr. from the Complex to Hunter St. to traffic with the exception of emergency vehicles on Saturday, May 31st, 2025 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm to host the Knight Cruisers Car Show.

3. A temporary exemption from certain provisions of the Noise Bylaw No. 1189/96, on Saturday, May 31st, 2025 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. For an event being held outdoors at the Track & Field – The Knight Cruisers Car Show.

The applicant was not present. There were no written or verbal comments received.

This portion of the meeting closed at 7:03 pm

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-25-09 Be It Resolved That: Items H.1 to L.5 inclusive contained in Part 1, Consent Agenda be adopted.

Carried

H. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

25-164

Moved By A. Kelly

Seconded By C. Kennelly

Be It Resolved That: The following Minutes are hereby accepted; Regular Meeting of Council Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2025; Special Meeting of Council Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025.

Carried

I. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

25-165

Moved By A. Kelly

Seconded By C. Kennelly

Be It Resolved That: The following board and committee reports are hereby accepted; Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025.

Carried

J. BUSINESS ARISING FROM BOARD AND COMMITTEES

None

K. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

K.1 Bylaw No 3247/25

25-166

Moved By A. Kelly

Seconded By C. Kennelly

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No 3247/25 be adopted, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of council during their regular meeting of May 13, 2025.

Carried

L. REPORTS

25-167

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 and Building Department Departmental Report.

Carried

PART 2 - REGULAR AGENDA

M. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

M.1 Recommendation regarding Knight Cruisers Car Show

25-168

Moved By L. Wahamaa

Seconded By C. Kennelly

Be It Resolved That: Council authorizes: 1. A temporary exemption from Municipal Bylaw No. 1219/96, Section 14, being a bylaw to control the use of Municipally and Recreationally owned property 14. 4) no person shall park any vehicle in any park, recreational area or on municipal property of the Town of Espanola except in those areas specifically designated by appropriate signs and notices as being areas in which vehicles may be parked. 2. Temporarily closing Avery Dr. from the Complex to Hunter St. to traffic with the exception of emergency vehicles on Saturday, May 31st, 2025 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm to host the Knight Cruisers Car Show. 3. A

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Carried

M.2 Bylaw No 3243/25

25-169

Moved By A. Kallioinen

Seconded By G. Massicotte

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 3243/25 be adopted, Being a Bylaw to Adopt Estimates of all Sums Required During the Year and to Levy and Collect Property Taxes for the 2025 Taxation Year

Carried

M.3 Recommendation regarding PRIDE Week

25-170

Moved By K. Duplessis

Seconded By A. Kelly

Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS the Town of Espanola values inclusion; AND WHEREAS the citizens of Espanola, who are Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, + (2SLGBTQI+) are equal and important members of society; AND WHEREAS many Ontario communities are celebrating their citizens who are 2SLGBTQI+ by declaring a Pride Week or Month; raising awareness for equal rights and full equality for individuals locally and globally; THEREFORE Be It Resolved that Council declares the month of June as PRIDE Month in the Town of Espanola.

Carried

N. MEMBER MOTIONS

None

O. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None

P. INFORMATION

- The Town of Orangeville, The Municipality of Chatham-Kent resolution re: Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5
- The Town of The Blue Mountains supports the efforts of the Ontario Craft Cider Association
- The Township of West Lincoln, The Town of Goderich, The Township of Russell resolution re: USA Tariffs on Canadian Goods

- The Township of Puslinch resolution to support Motion to ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada
- The Municipality of North Perth, The Town of Goderich, The Town of Orangeville, The Town of Mattawa resolution re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in Municipalities.

Q. CONFERENCE AND CONVENTIONS

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

R. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillors recognized and thanked the Recreation Department for their work in arranging the Minor Ball Tournament.

Councillors also thanked all the Volunteers in the community for all their hard work in organizing different events in the community.

S. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Corporate Services Committee Meeting of June 3rd, 2025 4:00 pm; Main Level Boardroom

Regular Meeting of Council of June 10th, 2025; 7:00 pm; Council Chambers

Community Services Committee Meeting of June 17th, 2025 4:00 pm; Main Level Boardroom

T. ADJOURNMENT

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

Time: 7:15pm

Carried

U. CLOSED MEETING (if required)

Douglas Gervais

Mayor

Traci Denault-Roque

Deputy Clerk