



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

His Worship Mayor Gervais presided over the meeting.

June 24, 2025

7:00 pm

Council Chambers, 100 Tudhope Street

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

Absent: A. Kallioinen

Staff: J. Burke, CAO/Clerk, T. Denault-Roque, Deputy Clerk, J. Yusco, Manager of Environmental Services & Special Projects, D. Parker, Superintendent of Public Works, B. Bouwmeester, Manager of Community and Recreation, J. Bouthillette, Treasurer, L. Luopa, Library CEO, M. Pichor, Fire Chief, M. Leclair, CBO.

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

Consent Application B01/25

Applicant: Adrian Bortolussi (Agent for Daniel Pichoski)

Location: MERRITT CON 1 LOT 9 PCL 7997 (PIN 73427-0132)

Application: B01/25

The Purpose: The purpose of the proposed consent is to sever approximately 7938 m² from MERRITT CON 1 LOT 9 PCL 7997 (PIN 73427-0132), to be added to MERRITT CON 1 LOT 9 PCL 21225 RP SR1941 PART 2 (PIN 73427-0039).

The applicant was not present. There were no written or verbal comments received. This portion of the meeting closed at 7:07 pm.

Consent Application B02/25

Applicant: Tulloch (Agent for Greg and Lynn Bednarski)

Location: PCL 23531 SEC SWS PT LT 17 PL M174 MERRITT, PT LT 18 PLAN M174 MERRITT PT 2 53R4263; ESPANOLA

Application: B02/25

The purpose of the proposed consent is to create a new lot by severing the existing semi-detached dwelling located at 373 -377 Thornloe Ave into 2 separate properties.

The applicant was present. There were no written or verbal comments received. This portion of the meeting closed at 7:11 pm.

D. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

None.

E. QUESTION PERIOD

None.

F. CONSENT ITEMS TO BE SEVERED

None.

G. PART 1 - CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By: L. Wahamaa

Seconded By C. Kennelly

CA-25-11 Be It Resolved That: Items H1 to L4 inclusive contained in Part 1, Consent Agenda be adopted.

Carried

H. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

25-183

Moved By: L. Wahamaa

Seconded By C. Kennelly

Be It Resolved That: The following Minutes are hereby accepted; Regular Meeting of Council of June 10, 2025; Special Meeting of Council of June 10, 2025.

Carried

I. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

J. BUSINESS ARISING FROM BOARD AND COMMITTEES

None

K. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

K.1 Bylaw No 3249/25

25-184

Moved By: L. Wahamaa

Seconded By C. Kennelly

Be It Resolved that Bylaw No 3249/25 be adopted, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of Council during their meeting of June 10, 2025.

Carried

L. REPORTS

25-185

Moved By: L. Wahamaa

Seconded By C. Kennelly

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received; Leisure Services Departmental Report; Building Department Departmental Report; Fire Department Departmental Report; Public Works Department Departmental Report.

Carried

PART 2 - REGULAR AGENDA

M. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

M.1 Recommendation regarding Consent Application B01/25 (see public hearing)

25-186

Moved By A. Kelly

Seconded By: L. Wahamaa

Be It Resolved That: Council Approve Application B01/25, providing that: 1. The owner file with the Clerk one copy of the registered Reference Plan, prepared by an Ontario Land Surveyor registered in the Province of Ontario, for the purposes of facilitating the transactions to which these consents apply, and that this plan be approved by the Municipality prior to being deposited with the Land Registry Office. The Reference plan should conform substantially to the sketch filed with the Application for Consent 2. The balance of any outstanding taxes, including penalties and interest shall be paid to the Town of Espanola, if required. 3. Any outstanding orders in relation to the Zoning Bylaw on the subject lands including the benefitting property be resolved. 4. That the land being severed by application B01/25 be conveyed as an

addition to MERRITT CON 1 LOT 9 PCL 21225 RP SR1941 PART (PIN 73427-0039).

Carried

M.2 Recommendation regarding Consent Application B02/25 (see public hearing)

25-187

Moved By C. Kennelly

Seconded By A. Kelly

Be It Resolved That: Council Approve Application B02/25, providing that: 1. The owner file with the Clerk one copy of the registered Reference Plan, prepared by an Ontario Land Surveyor registered in the Province of Ontario, for the purposes of facilitating the transactions to which these consents apply, and that this plan be approved by the Municipality prior to being deposited with the Land Registry Office. The Reference plan should conform substantially to the sketch filed with the Application for Consent 2. The balance of any outstanding taxes, including penalties and interest shall be paid to the Town of Espanola, if required. 3. That prior to the issuance of a certificate, the Owner(s)/Applicant(s) prove to the satisfaction of the Town of Espanola that the shed located on the severed lands ("Proposed Lot A") has been removed. 4. That prior to the issuance of a certificate, the Owner(s)/Applicant(s) prove to the satisfaction of the Town of Espanola that the shed location on the retained lands (proposed lot B) has been removed OR appropriately fireproofed, and if fireproofed, a Minor Variance be obtained to recognize Zoning Bylaw deficiencies.

Carried

M.3 Recommendation regarding 2025 Gravel Tender Award

25-188

Moved By K. Duplessis

Seconded By G. Massicotte

Be It Resolved That: Council award the 2025 gravel tender to E. Corbiere & Sons Contracting.

Carried

**M.4 Recommendation regarding Pool Chemical Addition Upgrades
RFP NO: 2025-05-01REC**

25-189

Seconded By C. Kennelly

Be It Resolved That: Council approve the acceptance of Acapulco's bid of \$68,910 plus HST for the pool chemical upgrade project at the ERRC.

Carried

M.5 2024 Year in Review

25-190

Moved By: L. Wahamaa

Seconded By C. Kennelly

Be It Resolved That: Council approves the allocation of the operating surplus of approximately \$332,000 in the following fashion:

16% - working funds

18% - POA Reserve (NEW)

12%- Recreation Infrastructure Reserve

18%- Public Works Infrastructure Reserve

9%- Fire Equipment Infrastructure Reserve

27%- Fire Facility Infrastructure Reserve

And Further That: Council confirm the actual transfers to reserves with a grand total of \$294,931 and from reserves with a grand total of (\$4,487,670) as outlined in the staff report.

And Further That: Council acknowledges the transfer of \$30,475 to the Cemetery Trust Fund and \$26,950 to the Library reserve.

Carried

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.

- City of Pickering resolution re: Raising Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program
- Town of Bracebridge resolution re: Road Salt Usage
- City of Guelph, Town of LaSalle, Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc, Town of Orangeville, Township of Puslinch, Town of Shelburne resolution re: Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025
- Municipality of Markstay Warren, Municipality of Kincardine, Municipality of Bluewater resolution re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers
- County of Prince Edward resolution re: support for "disability without poverty"
- Municipality of Tweed resolution re: Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers be fully accountable for their products once they reach their end of life.

- Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury re: Advocacy for Increase Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans
- Municipality of Bluewater resolution re: Northern Health Travel Grant Program
- Township of Black River - Matheson resolution re: Request for Exemption to Proposed Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements

Q. CONFERENCE AND CONVENTIONS

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

R. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council acknowledged the work and thanked the Treasurer and staff for the 2024 Year in Review Report.

Staff was commended on the work done to make the Seniors Appreciation Event another huge success.

Councillor Wahamaa spoke of the events taking place at the Espanola Public Library, commented on the great use of the Splash Pad and spoke highly of the NHL street hockey program that is currently underway, hoping that it returns next year.

Mayor Gervais reminded Council of the upcoming Health and Safety BBQ.

S. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Meeting of Council of July 8th, 2025; 7:00pm; Council Chambers.

T. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: G. Massicotte

Be It Resolved That: The Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.
Time: 8:50 pm.

U. CLOSED MEETING (if required)

Douglas Gervais

Mayor

Joseph Burke

CAO/Clerk