



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

His Worship Mayor Gervais presided over the meeting.

**February 13, 2024
7:00 pm
Council Chambers, 100 Tudhope Street**

Present: K. Duplessis, S. Hayden, A. Kelly, J. Nadeau, G. Massicotte,
A. Kallioinen, D. Gervais

Staff: J. Burke, CAO/Clerk, T. Denault-Roque, Deputy Clerk, J.
Yusko, Manager of Environmental Services & Special Projects

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. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared.

C. PUBLIC HEARING

None

D. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

Mr. Lewis provided Council with a summary of operations as well as the programs being offered by the Helping Hand Food Bank.

On behalf of the food bank, a request was made to Council to have the town assume the rental costs for the food bank on an annual basis.

Mayor Gervais thanked Mr. Lewis for his presentation and advised that the request would be referred to the Corporate Services Committee.

E. QUESTION PERIOD

None

F. CONSENT ITEMS TO BE SEVERED

None

G. PART 1 - CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By A. Kallioinen

Seconded By S. Hayden

CA-24-03 Be It Resolved That: Items H.1 to L.2 inclusive contained in Part 1, Consent Agenda be adopted.

Carried

H. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

24-015

Moved By A. Kallioinen

Seconded By S. Hayden

Be It Resolved That: The following Minutes are hereby accepted; Special Meeting of Council of January 31, 2024; Regular Meeting of Council of January 24, 2024 and Special Meeting of Council of January 24, 2024.

Carried

I. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

24-016

Moved By A. Kallioinen

Seconded By S. Hayden

Be It Resolved That: The following board and committee reports are hereby received: Corporate Services Committee Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2024.

Carried

J. BUSINESS ARISING FROM BOARD AND COMMITTEES

J.1 Non-Union Staff Remuneration

24-017

Moved By A. Kallioinen

Seconded By S. Hayden

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended by the Corporate Services Committee That: The non-union salaries be increased by 4.0% for 2024, effective January 1, 2024.

Carried

K. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

K.1 Bylaw No 3182/24

24-018

Moved By A. Kallioinen

Seconded By S. Hayden

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No 3182/24 be adopted, being a bylaw of the Town of Espanola to confirm its proceedings of Council during their Regular Meeting of January 24, 2024.

Carried

L. REPORTS

24-019

Moved By A. Kallioinen

Seconded By S. Hayden

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received; Economic Development Department Departmental Report of December 2023 and January 2024; POA Department Departmental Report for July 2023 to December 2023.

Carried

PART 2 - REGULAR AGENDA

M. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

None

N. MEMBER MOTIONS

N.1 Recommendation regarding Childcare Availability in Ontario

24-020

Moved By A. Kallioinen

Seconded By J. Nadeau

Be It Resolved That: Council supports the attached letter from the Municipality of Bluewater, and further;

That this motion be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), all Ontario municipalities, MPP Michael Mantha, Premier Doug Ford, and Michael Parsa, Ontario Minister of Children, Community and Social Services.

Carried

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.

- FONOM correspondence re: Comprehensive Social and Economic Prosperity Review

- Municipality of Calvin resolution re: Abandoned Cemeteries and government funding for provincial firefighting and national strategy
- Orangeville Police Services correspondence re: Intimate Partner Violence and Gender-Based Violence
- Municipality of Tweed resolution re: Licence plate renewal fees
- Newmarket resolution re: Notice of Policy and Procedure Update
- Township of McKellar resolution re: amendment to the Legislation Act
- Mississauga resolution re: Landlord and Tenant Board
- Jan cheque register

Q. CONFERENCE AND CONVENTIONS

FONOM conference; City of Greater Sudbury May 6 - 8, 2024

AMO Conference; Ottawa August 18 – 21, 2024.

R. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council thanked everyone involved in making the 2024 Winter Carnival a successful event. It was stated that each event was well attended.

Councillor Kallioinen shared the news that the Cascades Inc has announced the permanent shut down of their paper mill in Trenton ON, which will affect hundreds of job losses. He stated that the Federal and Provincial government need to receive this news as a wake-up call and need to act now to stop further closures of mills.

S. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Community Services Committee Meeting of February 20th, 2024 @ 4:00 pm.

Regular Meeting of Council of February 27, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

T. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By A. Kelly

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

Time: 7:28 pm.

Carried

U. CLOSED MEETING (if required)

Douglas Gervais
Mayor

Joseph Burke
Clerk