



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

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

**March 26, 2024  
7:00 pm  
Council Chambers, 100 Tudhope Street**

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

Absent: S. Hayden

Staff: J. Burke, CAO/Clerk, T. Denault-Roque, Deputy Clerk, J. Yusko, Manager of Environmental Services & Special Projects, L. Orford, Economic Development Officer, R. Rae, Library CEO

**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**

None

**E. QUESTION PERIOD**

None

**F. CONSENT ITEMS TO BE SEVERED**

None

**G. PART 1 - CONSENT AGENDA**

**Moved By** J. Nadeau

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

CA-24-06 - Be It Resolved That: Items H.1 to L.5 inclusive contained in Part 1, Consent Agenda be adopted.

**Carried**

**H. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**24-142**

**Moved By** J. Nadeau

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

Be It Resolved That: The following Minutes are hereby accepted; Regular Meeting of Council of March 12, 2024; Special Meeting of Council of March 12, 2024; Special Budget Meeting of Council of March 20, 2024.

**Carried**

**I. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**24-143**

**Moved By** J. Nadeau

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

Be It Resolved That: The following board and committee reports are hereby received: Community Services Committee Meeting of March 19, 2024

**Carried**

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

**J.1 Recommendation regarding annual endorsement of Policy # H04-01474**

**24-146**

**Moved By** J. Nadeau

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

Be It Resolved That: Whereas the Corporation is responsible for conducting an annual review and approval of Policy #H04-01474, the Health and Safety Policy; and

Whereas the Joint Health and Safety Committee is responsible for assisting and advising on the implementation and operation of the Health and Safety Program for the Corporation;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Joint Health and Safety Committee endorse the annual approval of Policy # H04-01474, the Health and Safety Policy as presented.

**Carried**

**J.2 Decrease the minimum age for Fitness Centre use with an accompanied paying adult**

**24-147**

**Moved By** J. Nadeau

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

Be It Resolved That: Council approves the adoption of a lower age limit for youths to 9 years to use the fitness centre with an accompanied paying adult.

**Carried**

**J.3 Annual Drinking Water Report**

**24-148**

**Moved By** J. Nadeau

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

Be It Resolved That: Council Receive the Annual Drinking Water Report for 2023.

**Carried**

**J.4 Household Hazardous Waste Day**

**24-149**

**Moved By** J. Nadeau

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

Be It Resolved That: The contract to provide Household Hazardous Waste Service be awarded to GFL.

**Carried**

**K. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**K.1 Bylaw No. 3188/24**

**24-150**

**Moved By** J. Nadeau

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 3188/24 be adopted, being a Bylaw to confirm the proceedings of Council during their regular meeting of March 12, 2024.

**Carried**

**L. REPORTS**

**24-151**

**Moved By** J. Nadeau

**Seconded By** A. Kallioinen

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 for February 2024.

**Carried**

PART 2 - REGULAR AGENDA

**M. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**N. MEMBER MOTIONS**

**N.1 Recommendation regarding supporting the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward – Review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates**

**24-156**

**Moved By** A. Kallioinen

**Seconded By** A. Kelly

Be It Resolved That: Council supports the attached resolution from the County of Prince Edward, 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**

**N.2 Recommendation regarding supporting AMO's request for a Social and Economic and Prosperity Review**

**24-157**

**Moved By** A. Kallioinen

Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life; AND WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year; AND WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation; AND WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; AND WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises; AND WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity AND WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income redistribution programs for those most in need AND WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities AND WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca)

**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.**

- Township of South Glengarry resolution re: support for comprehensive social and economic review
- Township of Puslinch resolution re: support for comprehensive social and economic review
- Loyalist Township resolution re: Blue Box Regulation for Ineligible sources; signification financial and budgetary pressures relation to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs.
- Town of Bracebridge resolution re: New Provincial - Municipal Fiscal Framework
- Township of Puslinch resolution re: Enbridge Gas Follow Up
- Municipality of Powassan resolution re: Municipal Equipment Operator Course
- Township of Amaranth resolution re: Fair Operational Budget Funding
- Town of Kearney resolution re: Cemetery Administration Management
- Township of Limerick resolution re: National Fire Fighting Strategy; Comprehensive Review of Social and Economic Prosperity
- Town of Grimsby resolution re: Review of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates; Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of Employer
- Township of Amaranth resolution re: Resolution on Highway 413
- The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa resolution re: Bill C-310

- Hanover resolution re: Bill C-310

**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**

Happy Easter wishes were extended to the attendees and community.

**S. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Corporate Services Committee Meeting of April 2, 2024 @ 4:00 pm; Main Level Boardroom

Regular Meeting of Council of April 9, 2024 @ 7:00 pm; Council Chambers

**T. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** A. Kelly

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

Time: 7:13 pm

**Carried**

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

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Douglas Gervais  
Mayor

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Joseph Burke  
CAO/Clerk