



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

**Council Chambers  
Municipal Building**

**January 25, 2011  
7:30 pm**

**Her Worship Deputy Mayor Jill Beer presiding.**

**Present:** Councillor Fairbairn, Howard, McMaster, McMillan, Meikleham  
Staff: J. MacKenzie, Clerk Treasurer/Administrator, P. Roque, Deputy  
Clerk, T. Denault-Roque, Recording Secretary

**Absent:** Mayor Lehoux - Vacation

**Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.**

None

**Delegations/Petitions**

None

**Public Hearings**

None

**PART 1  
CONSENT AGENT**

**CA-002-11 J. McMillan – S. Meikleham**

Be It Resolved That: Items A1 to F2 inclusive contained in Part 1, Consent  
Agenda be adopted as amended.

**Carried**

**Items A1-A2**

**Minutes**

**11-013 S. Meikleham – J. McMillan**

Be It Resolved That: The following minutes of Council are hereby accepted;  
Regular Meeting of Council of January 11, 2011; Special Meeting of Council  
of January 11, 2011.

**Carried**

**Items B1-B2  
Board and Committee  
Reports**

**11-014 J. McMillan – S. Meikleham**

Be It Resolved That: The following Board and Committee reports are hereby  
received; Community Services Committee Meeting of January 18, 2011; Joint  
Health and Safety Meeting of December 1, 2010.

**Carried**

**Matters arising from the "In Camera Session"**

None

**Business Arising from Board and Committee**

**Item D1**

**Traffic Signal**

**11-015 J. McMillan – S. Meikleham**

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended By The Community Services Committee That: Council allocate funds in the 2011 municipal budget from flashing green advance signals to turn arrow advance signals at all 4 signalled intersection in Espanola.

**Carried**

**Item D2**

**Pick Up Truck Replacement**

**11-016 S. Meikleham – J. McMillan**

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended By The Community Services Committee That: Council allocate funds in the 2011 municipal budget to replace the Public Works Department's 1995 Ford F-350 pick-up truck.

**Carried**

**Item D3**

**Salter/Sander Truck Replacement**

**11-017 J. McMillan – S. Meikleham**

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended By The Community Services Committee That: Council allocate funds in the 2011 municipal budget for the purchase of a new salter/sander chassis to replace the 2 existing salter/sander truck chassis'.

**Carried**

**Item D4**

**Slip-in Tank Purchase**

**11-018 S. Meikleham – J. McMillan**

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended By The Community Services Committee That: Council allocate funds in the 2011 budget to purchase a slip-in tank for the 2010 International Plow Truck.

**Carried**

**Item D5**

**Asphalt Mini-recycler**

**11-019 J. McMillan – S. Meikleham**

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended By The Community Services Committee That: Council allocate funds in the 2011 budget for the purchase of an asphalt mini-cycler.

**Carried**

**Item D6**

**Reflectometer**

**11-020 S. Meikleham – J. McMillan**

Be It Resolved That: As recommended by the Community Services Committee That: The Public Works Department purchase a reflectometer for the purposes of satisfying the Minimum Maintenance Standards for roadway signs and allocate funds in the 2011 budget.

**Carried**

**Item D7**  
**Secord Fitness Trail**

**11-021 M. McMaster – T. Howard**

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended By The Community Services Committee That: JL Richards be contracted to provide detailed engineering design for the two wooden walkway structures on the Secord Fitness Trail.

**Carried**

**Item D8**  
**Emergency Action Plan**

**11-022 M. McMaster – T. Howard**

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended By The Community Services Committee That: Policy #R05-01623, being the emergency action plan be adopted

**Carried**

**Item D9**  
**Video Surveillance**  
**Record Retention**

**11-023 T. Howard – M. McMaster**

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended By The Community Services Committee That: Policy #R05-01632, being video surveillance record retention policy be adopted.

**Carried**

**Item D10**  
**Youth Leadership**  
**Program**

**11-024 T. Howard – M. McMaster**

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended By The Community Services Committee That: Policy #R05-01634, and form #R99-01635 being the youth leadership program be adopted.

**Carried**

**Bylaws and Resolutions**

**Item E1**  
**Confirmatory Bylaw**

**11-025 R. Fairbairn – M. McMaster**

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2330/11 be now read a first time and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the rules of procedure be considered as having been read a second and third time and finally passed in open council. Being a confirmatory bylaw of Council.

**Carried**

**Reports**

**Item F1 – F2**

**11-026 M. McMaster – R. Fairbairn**

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received: Employee Requisition Forms; Economic Development Departmental Report of December 2010.

**Carried**

A discussion ensued regarding the Business Directory. It was explained to Council that all municipal residents will receive a copy upon its completion.

**PART II**  
**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Bylaws and Resolutions**

**Item G1**  
**Group Insurance**  
**Benefits**

**11-027 R. Fairbairn – M. McMaster**

Be It Resolved That: The Great West Life policy be renewed for 1 year incorporating the cost containment strategies from contract negotiations for the year 2009-10 and a bylaw be executed to recognize the agreement/renewal.

**Carried**

**Item G2**  
**DSSAB 2010 Estimate**  
**Adjustment**

**11-028 R. Fairbairn – M. McMaster**

Be It Resolved That: The Town of Espanola allocate the funding DSSAB did not pass on to the Municipality as the provincial upload stated in the OMPF funding calculations.

**Carried**

A discussion ensued regarding this payment and why it had not already been made. The Clerk/Treasurer Administrator advised Council that this payment should be made; DSSAB can legally charge interest on outstanding balances.

**DSSAB 2010 Estimate**  
**Adjustment**

**11-028B S. Meikleham – R. Fairbairn**

Be It Resolved That: Council defer motion #11-028 to the Corporate Services Committee in order to obtain further information.

**Defeated**

**Item G3**  
**Industrial Ratio**  
**Regulation Application**

**11-029 S. Meikleham – J. McMillan**

Be It Resolved That: The attached report is accepted by the Corporation and that a resolution be adopted to support the application.

**Carried**

**Item G4**  
**Industrial Ratio**  
**Regulation**

**11-030 S. Meikleham – J. McMillan**

Be It Resolved That: The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Espanola Hereby Resolves: **THAT** Council supports the Mayor's request for the assistance and support of the Minister of Finance and Municipal Affairs and Housing in the Town's efforts to mitigate and manage the otherwise inevitable tax shifts resulting from a reduction of approximately thirty percent (30%) to the assessed value of Domtar's large industrial property for 2011 taxation; and

**FURTHER THAT** this request is to be specific in asking he Minister of Finance to exercise his authority under section 308 of the Municipal Act, 2001, to regulate a revised schedule tax ratios for the 2011 taxation year; and

**THAT** this request shall further specify that the only tax ratio change being sought is the tax ratio for the Large Industrial property class and solely for the purpose of enabling the Town to effectively address the fundamental changes that have occurred within our property tax assessment base in a measured and incremental manner; and

**THAT** the ratios to be requested are:

- For the pipeline property class: 1.210970
- For the multi-residential property class: 2.002931
- For the commercial residential property class: 1.567361

- For the shopping centre property class: 2.183144
- For the residual industrial property class: 1.746598, and
- For the large industrial property class: 3.700000

**Carried**

The Clerk Treasurer/Administrator explained to Council that the Municipality was advised by Municipal Tax Equity to proceed with this request in this manner. A discussion ensued. Staff advised Council that there have been ratio adjustments for other municipalities in the past but are not necessarily for the same reason and classes that we are requesting.

**Item G5**  
**Remuneration Paid**

**11-031 S. Meikleham – J. McMillan**

Be It Resolved That: For the term of Council, December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2014 that the provisions of sub-section 255 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M45, as amended apply;

Whereas subsection 255(1) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M45, as amended, provides that one third of the remuneration paid to the elected members of Council and their local boards shall be considered as expenses incident to the discharge of their duties as members or council or local board; and

Whereas sub-section 255(c) of the Municipal Act R.S.O. 1990, c. M45 as amended provides that the provisions of sub-section (1) shall only continue to apply to members of council or its local boards after January 1, 2001 if the municipality passes a resolution before January 1, 2033 stating its intention that the provisions of subsection 255(1) shall continue to apply to elected members of council and its local board; and

Whereas the council of the Municipality of Espanola hereby deems it desirable to continue the provisions of subsection 255 (1) of the Municipal Act beyond January 1, 2003.

Now be it resolved that it is the intention of this Council that the provisions of sub-section 255(1) continue to apply to the elected members of this Council and its local boards on and after January 1, 2003.

**Carried**

**Correspondence For Information Only**

None

**Information**

**This information was previously circulated to Council. If required a copy of the information is available at the Municipal Office.**

- Cheque Register
- Queen's Park Report
- Letter re: Funding for Municipal Interns
- Heads up Alert 2011 ROMA/OGRA

**Conference and Conventions**

OGRA/ROMA Combined Convention – Toronto, February 27<sup>th</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

**Mayor and Councillors Reports and Announcements**

- Tax Payments** Councillor Meikleham would like to review the possibility of having Municipal Tax invoices distributed every two months.
- Notice of Motion** Councillor Meikleham provided a notice of motion to Staff that a copy of the full Council Agenda, supporting research and staff reports, excluding confidential items, be available to local media by 12:00 pm on the Monday before the Tuesday council meeting.
- Notice of Motion** Councillor Meikleham provided a notice of motion to Staff that Council review the existing Sign By-law and make changes where appropriate.
- Councillor Training** Councillor Beer and Councillor Meikleham attended the Councillor training that was held in North Bay. Councillor Fairbairn and Councillor Howard will be attending the training in Sault Ste. Marie
- Winter Carnival** Council is looking forward to attending the 2011 Winter Carnival.
- Invitation** Councillor McMaster has asked Staff to prepare a letter and invite Cheryl Kay, President of the Lacloche Foothills Chamber of Commerce to make a presentation to Council with respect to the concerns of local businesses.
- LED sign** Councillor McMaster asked if there was an opportunity for local businesses to use the LED sign as a way of advertising. Council was advised that this item would be brought to CEDAC for the members to review.


**Future Council Meetings**

Corporate Services Committee Meeting of February 1, 2011  
Regular Meeting of Council of February 8, 2011

**Adjournment** **M. McMaster – T. Howard**  
Be It Resolved That: The Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.  
Time 8:30 pm.

**Carried**

  
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Jill Beer  
Deputy Mayor

  
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Joel MacKenzie  
Clerk Treasurer/Administrator