



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

**Council Chambers  
Municipal Building**

**February 8, 2011  
7:00 pm**

**His Worship Mayor Mike Lehoux presiding.**

**Present:**

Councillor, Beer, Howard, McMaster, McMillan, Meikleham  
Staff: P. Roque, Deputy Clerk, T. Denault-Roque, Recording Secretary, D. Polden, Manager of Leisure Services, J. Yusko, Manager of Public Works

**Absent:**

Councillor Fairbairn – Training  
J. MacKenzie, Clerk Treasurer/Administrator - Vacation

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

**None**

**Delegations/Petitions**

Bryan Searle, Municipal Advisor presented Council with background information on what the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has to offer.

Mr. Searle explained to Council that it is the Ministry's mandate to meet with new Council if there has been more than a 50% turnover.

Key activities include financial reviews of municipalities, working to improve performance, policies and practices where opportunities are identified through financial review or by Council request.

Working with the municipality, they will give advice and assist in response to inquiries, organize and assist with training sessions as well as act as information brokers. They work to enhance provincial/ municipal relationships, and consult in major challenges and initiatives.

Mayor Lehoux thanked Mr. Searle for his presentation.

**Public Hearings**

**None**

**PART 1**

**CONSENT AGENT**

**CA-003-11 J. Beer – T. Howard**

Be It Resolved That: Items A1 to F3 inclusive contained in Part 1, Consent Agenda be adopted.

**Carried**

**Items A1-A2**  
**Minutes**

**11-032 T. Howard – J. Beer**

Be It Resolved That: The following minutes of Council are hereby accepted; Regular Meeting of Council of January 25, 2011; Special Meeting of Council of January 25, 2011.

**Carried**

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

**11-033 J. Beer – T. Howard**

Be It Resolved That: The following Board and Committee reports are hereby received; Community Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting of January 20, 2011; Corporate Services Committee Meeting of January 18, 2011.

**Carried**

**Matters arising from the “In Camera Session”**

No session held

**Business Arising from Board and Committee**

None

**Bylaws and Resolutions**

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

**11-034 T. Howard – J. Beer**

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2331/11 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**

**Great West Life**

**11-035 J. Beer – T. Howard**

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2333/11 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 bylaw to renew group insurance benefits.

**Carried**

**Reports**  
**Item F1 – F3**

**11-036 T. Howard – J. Beer**

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received: Employee Requisition Form, Economic Development Departmental Report, POA Departmental Report

**Carried**

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

**Bylaws and Resolutions**

**Item G1**

**Fire Alarm Monitoring**

**11-037 J. Beer – T. Howard**

Be It Resolved That: The 5 year agreement with True Steel Security for fire alarm monitoring be executed.

**Carried**

**Item G2**

**Healthy Communities  
Fund application**

**11-038 J. McMillan – S. Meikleham**

Be It Resolved That: Council of the Town hereby submits to the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sports, a Healthy Communities Fund application for a project titled; Community in Motion.

**Carried**

A brief discussion ensued. Dianne Polden, Manager of Leisure Services explained to Council that this application would probably have a 2 – 3 month turnaround time; if funding is approved, this project would run for 2 years.

**Item G3**

**A-1 CRCS Credit  
Recovery & Collection  
Services Ltd.**

**11-039 S. Meikleham – J. McMillan**

Be It Resolved That: The Town of Espanola POA enrol with A-1 CRCS for a 3-6 month “trial” term for collections of second assignments.

**Carried**

**Item G4**

**Authorize an Easement**

**11-040 J. McMillan – S. Meikleham**

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2332/11 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 bylaw to authorize an easement to Espanola Regional Hydro.

**Carried**

**Item G5**

**Provincial Municipal  
Fiscal and Service  
Delivery Review**

**11-041 S. Meikleham – J. McMillan**

Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS the Provincial Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review (PMFSDR) final report was released on October 31, 2008; AND WHEREAS the PMFSDR Infrastructure Table concluded that the infrastructure investment gap per household for Northern Ontario municipalities is generally higher than other regions in Ontario; AND WHEREAS the PMFSDR Fiscal Health table concluded that the fiscal health of Northern municipalities is poorer than other regions of Ontario; AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario municipalities are more reliant on funding from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) than other regions of Ontario; AND WHEREAS many municipalities in Northern Ontario have seen a reduction in their OMPF equal to their upload benefits resulting in very little net upload benefit for several years; AND WHEREAS the net upload benefits per household for the Northern Ontario region are and further forecasted to be well below the net upload benefits per household for all other regions of the Province; AND WHEREAS many municipalities in Northern Ontario have had to raise taxes and use reserves to address their Infrastructure Deficit;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the province of Ontario increase the Northern Communities Grant, on the OMPF by \$75.00 per household, to ensure all Municipalities in the North will receive the necessary "Required Support";

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Dalton McGuinty, Minister of Finance Dwight Duncan, to FONOM and to the Leaders of the Opposition.

**Carried**

**Item G6**  
**Sign Bylaw**

**For Discussion**

A discussion ensued regarding the protocol of reviewing a bylaw. Council decided that once the CBO has completed his review of the Sign Bylaw, a Special Meeting of Council will be scheduled to review it.

**Item G7**  
**Staff Reports**

**11-042 S. Meikleham – J. McMillan**

Be It Resolved That: The Procedural Bylaw 2062/09 Article 5, be amended to include full council agenda, supporting research and staff reports excluding confidential items be available to the public and media by 12:00 pm on Monday before the Tuesday council meeting.

**Carried**

**Item G8**  
**Advertising**

**For Discussion**

A discussion ensued. Council will work together to create a template that will house information to be printed weekly in the Mid North Monitor. Mayor and Council will determine what will be included in the weekly Ad.

**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.**

- Letter from EHS 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee
- Email re: AMO's pre-budget submission
- Letter from the Monitor
- Letter from Domtar
- Letter re: Gore Bay Fish Hatchery
- Letter re: Passenger Rail Service Development
- Letter re: Manitoulin Trade Fair
- Letter re: AORS 2011 Training and Professional Development Program
- Cheque Register

**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**

- Snowarama Dinner** Councillor McMillan represented the Town by attending the Easter Seals Snowarama Dinner on February 6, 2011.
- Winter Carnival** Staff was congratulated on a job well done organizing the 2011 Winter Carnival.
- Ski Hill** Councillor McMaster displayed the newly created Ski Hill brochures and informed Council of the upcoming events that the Ski Hill will be hosting in an effort to generate much needed funds.
- Meetings** Councillor Meikleham attended his first Master Fire Plan meeting. He advised Council that during the meeting Staff was directed to obtain costing for a new fire hall as well as costing for a retrofit of the existing hall.
- Councillor Howard attended the East Algoma Chiefs Mayors and Reeves Council meeting of Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are proposing a Bike Path that will run from Sault Ste. Marie to Sudbury.
- Office Hours** Mayor Lehoux will commence office hours starting the week of February 14<sup>th</sup>. His hours will be 11:00 am – 3:00 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**Future Council Meetings**

Community Services Committee of February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting of Council of February 22, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**J. McMillan – S. Meikleham**

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

**Carried**

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Mike Lehoux  
Mayor

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Paula Roque  
Deputy Clerk