

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

**Council Chambers
Municipal Building**

**April 26, 2011
7:30 pm**

His Worship Mayor Mike Lehoux presiding.

Present:

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

None

Public Hearings

None

Delegations/Petitions

None

**PART 1
CONSENT AGENT**

CA-009-11 T. Howard - M. McMaster

Be It Resolved That: Items A1 to F4 contained in Part 1, Consent Agenda be adopted.

Carried

**Items A1-A5
Minutes**

11-101 T. Howard – M. McMaster

Be It Resolved That: The following minutes of Council are hereby accepted; The following minutes of Council are hereby accepted; Special Meeting of Council of April 5, 2011; Special Meeting of Council of April 12, 2011; Regular Meeting of Council of April 12, 2011; Special Meeting of Council of April 12, 2011; Special Meeting of Council of April 19, 2011

Carried

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

11-102 J. Beer – T. Howard

Be It Resolved That: The following Board and Committee minutes are hereby received; Emergency Management Committee Meeting of April 6, 2011; Community Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting of April 14, 2011; Espanola Public Library Board Meeting of April 18, 2011; Community Services Committee Meeting of April 19, 2011.

Carried

Matters arising from the “In Camera Session”

No session held

Business Arising from Board and Committee

Item D1

Municipal Tax Comparison

11-103

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended by the Community Economic Development Advisory Committee That: The Town of Espanola engage McSweeney & Associates to prepare a Tax Comparison Study for the amount of \$10,000 plus HST.

Carried

This item was severed and moved to G section in the Regular Agenda for discussion.

Item D2

Beautification of Green Space

11-104 M. McMaster – T. Howard

Be It Resolved That: As recommended by the Community Services Committee That: A Public Hearing/ Open House be held to receive public feedback prior to Council approval.

Carried

Item D3

Playground Inspection Policy

11-105 T. Howard – M. McMaster

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended By The Community Services Committee That: Policy #R04-1631 (Playground Inspections) and related forms R99-1625 through R99-1630 be approved and adopted.

Carried

Item D4

Safe Ladder Policy

11-106 M. McMaster – S. Meikleham

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended By The Community Services Committee That: Policy H04-01638, safe use of ladder policy be adopted.

Carried

Item D5

Arena Lighting

11-107 M. McMaster – S. Meikleham

Be It Resolved That: As recommended by the Community Services Committee That: Leisure Services Department replace 44 existing Medium Bay Metal Halide fixtures with 36 high efficiency, high output T-5 fixtures in the arena.

Carried

Item D6

User Fees

11-108

Be It Resolved That: As recommended by the Community Services Committee That: The rates for Leisure Services respecting User Fees be approved as recommended by 2.4%.

This item was severed and moved to G section in the Regular Agenda for discussion.

Item D7
Recording Devices

11-109 M. McMaster – J. Beer

Be It Resolved That: As recommended by the Community Services Committee That: Policy #R05-01639, use of recording devices, cameras, etc., in municipal owned/operated facilities be adopted.

Carried

Item D8
Standard Operating Guidelines

11-110 S. Meikleham – R. Fairbairn

Be It Resolved That: As recommended by the Community Services Committee That: Council accept the new guidelines, as amended, for the purpose of establishing procedures when completing inspections.

Carried

Item D9
M.N.R. Agreement

11-111 R. Fairbairn – S. Meikleham

Be It Resolved That: As recommended by the Community Services Committee That: Council approve the agreement between the Town of Espanola and the Ministry of Natural Resources for the next year, beginning April 1, 2011 and a bylaw be prepared to adopted the agreement.

Carried

Item D10
International Building Safety Month

11-112 R. Fairbairn – J. Beer

Be It Resolved That: As recommended by the Community Services Committee That:

WHEREAS May, 2011 is recognized as International Building Safety Month, AND WHEREAS the Municipalities of Ontario are encouraged to support and recognize the critical role their Building Departments and Building Officials play in maintaining and improving public safety, AND WHEREAS the Municipal Building Departments of Ontario have been involved in extensive training upgrades to meet the new regulatory requirements of the Ontario Building Code Act, AND WHEREAS the Ontario Building Officials Association continually represents the needs of Building Departments and their municipalities, AND WHEREAS the Ontario Building Officials Association has developed an International Building Safety Month promotional poster to promote the profession of Building Official, AND WHEREAS this council deems it appropriate to recognize the dedication and commitment of its Building Department Staff, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Council of the Town of Espanola hereby proclaim May, 2011 as International Building Safety Month and further, it acknowledges the professionalism of its Building Officials and their dedication to Public Safety.

Carried

Bylaws and Resolutions

Item E1
Confirmatory Bylaw

11-113 R. Fairbairn – J. Beer

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2348/11 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

Item E2
Application to Cambrian College

11-114 R. Fairbairn – M. McMaster

Be It Resolved That: A bylaw be prepared authorizing the Summer Job Service Application to Cambrian College.

Carried

Item E3
Application to the Ministry of Northern Development & Mines.

11-115 M. McMaster – R. Fairbairn

Be It Resolved That: A bylaw be prepared authorizing the Summer Job Service Application to the Ministry of Northern Development & Mines.

Carried

Reports
Item F1 –F4

11-116 R. Fairbairn – T. Howard

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received: Leisure Services Department Departmental Report for March 2011; Building Services Department Departmental Report for March 2011; Fire Department Departmental Report for March 2011; Public Works Department Departmental Report for March 2011

Carried

PART II
REGULAR AGENDA
Bylaws and Resolutions

Item D1
Municipal Tax Comparison

11-103 M. McMaster – T. Howard

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended by the Community Economic Development Advisory Committee That: The Town of Espanola engage McSweeney & Associates to prepare a Tax Comparison Study for the amount of \$10,000 plus HST.

Carried

A discussion ensued regarding the study.

Councillor McMillan asked that the vote be recorded.

RECORDED VOTE

	For	Against
Mayor M. Lehoux	_____	_____/_____ ✓
J. Beer	_____/_____ ✓	_____
T. Howard	_____/_____ ✓	_____
R. Fairbairn	_____	_____/_____ ✓
M. McMaster	_____/_____ ✓	_____
J. McMillan	_____	_____/_____ ✓
S. Meikleham	_____/_____ ✓	_____

The, Clerk Treasurer/Administrator instructed that it be noted in the minutes that he is not recommending the study.

**Item D6
User Fees**

11-108 J. Beer – M. McMaster

Be It Resolved That: As recommended by the Community Services Committee That: The rates for Leisure Services respecting User Fees be approved as recommended by 2.4%.

Carried

Councillor McMaster stated that she would like to have this item tabled until the Manager of Leisure Services can provide council with information respecting any program changes that will be taking place.

**Item G1
Heart and Stroke
Advocacy Grants
Application**

Be It Resolved That: The Town of Espanola submit a spark advocacy grant application to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Carried

**Item G2
Protocol for Sharing
Information**

11-118 R. Fairbairn – T. Howard

Be It Resolved That: Council accepts the Protocol for Sharing of Information Agreement and a bylaw be prepared to execute the agreement

Carried

**Item G3
Council Meetings**

11-119 J. Beer – R. Fairbairn

Be It Resolved That: Councillor Fairbairn and Councillor Howard be granted a leave of absence for the Regular Meeting of Council of May 10, 2011.

Carried

**Item G4
WPCP 2010 Annual
Report**

11-120 R. Fairbairn – J. Beer

Be It Resolved That: Council accepts the 2010 Annual Report for the Espanola Water Pollution Control Plant.

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
- Press Release
- Letter re: HST Gas Tax Revenue
- AMO letter re: Firefighters
- Letter re: YouTheatre
- Letter re: Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month
- Letter from FedNor
- AMO re: Accessible Communities
- Letter from County of Grey
- Chief Day Proposal
- Letter from FedNor
- Amnesty Week
- Letter from the Metis Nation of Ontario
- Letter from Ontario Arts Council
- Letter re: HST Gas Tax Revenue
- Letter re: Growth Plan
- Letter re: McHappy Day
- Letter re: Vision Health

Conference and Conventions

FONOM – MMAH Annual Northeastern Municipal Conference – Timmins – May 11th – 13th, 2011

Mayor and Councillors Reports and Announcements

Volunteer & Sponsor Appreciation Breakfast Staff was commended on their efforts in executing this celebration.

Ontario Fire Marshall Training for Councillors Councillor Jill Beer attended the training for councillors by the Ontario Fire Marshall in Sault Ste. Marie. She would like to have the training offered in Espanola and invite other municipalities to attend.

Future Council Meetings

Corporate Services Meeting of May 3rd, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Budget Meeting of May 3rd @ 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting of Council of May 10th, 2011 at 7:30 p.m

Adjournment

J. Beer – R. Fairbairn

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

Time 8:30 pm.

Carried

Mike Lehoux
Mayor

Joel MacKenzie
Clerk Treasurer/Administrator