



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

**Council Chambers
Municipal Building**

**Tuesday, March 27, 2012
7:35 pm**

Mayor Lehoux presided over the meeting.

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

Delegations/Petitions

Mr. Ray Hunt, CEO of Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre presented council with information on the usage of the Doctor's residence. He explained that the house plays an important part in recruiting physicians and students to the Espanola Hospital, which in turn helps to alleviate "burn out" of the full time physicians.

A discussion ensued regarding the amount of time double bookings were taking place on the Second St. residence as well as the James St. rental unit. It is a concern for members of council that the financial burden associated with keeping the house is placed on the taxpayers; without the house being utilized as it was intended.

It was stated that although council does support the Doctor Recruitment program, funding must fit within the municipal budget.

Mayor Lehoux thanked Mr. Hunt for his presentation.

Public Hearings

None

**PART 1
CONSENT AGENT**

CA-006-12 M. McMaster – T. Howard

Be It Resolved That: Items A1 to F7, contained in Part 1, Consent Agenda be adopted.

Carried

**Items A1 – A2
Minutes**

12- 050 T. Howard – M. McMaster

Be It Resolved That: The following minutes of Council are hereby accepted; Regular Meeting of Council of March 13, 2012; Special Meeting of Council of March 13, 2012.

Carried

B1
Board and Committee
Reports

12- 051 M. McMaster – S. Meikleham

Be It Resolved That: The following minutes of the Board and Committee are hereby received; hereby received; Community Services Committee Meeting of March 20, 2012.

Carried

Matters arising from the “In Camera Session”

No session held

Business Arising from Board and Committee

Item D1
Amnesty Week 2012

12-052 J. Beer – M. McMaster

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended by the Community Services Committee That: Amnesty Week begins on Saturday April 28, 2012 and then run through the week of April 30 – May 5, 2012.

Carried

Item D2
Household Hazardous
Waste Day

12-053 M. McMaster – J. Beer

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended by the Community Services Committee That: Council award the contract to conduct Espanola’s May 5, 2012 Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Disposal Day to Drain-All.

Carried

Item D3
Standard Operating
Policy # 206

12-054 J. Beer – R. Fairbairn

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended By The Community Services Committee That: Council accept and approve the change to page 3 of the policy for the purpose of establishing methods of medical screening and testing for firefighters.

Carried

Item E1
Confirmatory Bylaw

12-055 S. Meikleham – J. Beer

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2429/12 be adopted. Being a Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to confirm the proceedings of council at its Meeting of March 27, 2012.

Carried

Item E2
MNR Fire Protection

12-056 J. Beer – S. Meikleham

Be It Resolved That Bylaw No. 2428/12 be adopted. Being a Bylaw to execute an agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Carried

Item F1 - F7
Reports

12-057 J. Beer – R. Fairbairn

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received: Public Works Department Departmental Report for February 2012, Fire Department Departmental Report for February 2012, Building Services Department Departmental Report for February 2012, Leisure Services Department Departmental Report for February 2012, Espanola WPCP 2011 Annual

Report, Espanola WTP 2011 Annual and Summary Report; Statement of the Treasurer.

Carried

PART II
REGULAR AGENDA
Bylaws and Resolutions

Item G1
Resolution regarding
Wind Turbines

12-058 R. Fairbairn – J. Beer

Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS the Ontario Federation of Agriculture which is Ontario's largest farm organization has asked Premier McGuinty and the Provincial government to suspend the building of Industrial Wind Turbines across the province as of January 20, 2012;

WHEREAS dozens of municipalities across this province have repeatedly asked for a moratorium on the construction of Industrial Wind Turbines until questions such as health concerns of people living in proximity to the Industrial Wind Turbines, proper setbacks of Industrial Wind Turbines, devaluation of neighbouring properties, decimation of the rural landscape, and destruction of wildlife habitats are properly studied and addressed; WHEREAS many of these municipalities have asked for the province to hand back the planning authority of Industrial Wind Turbines, but to no avail; and WHEREAS the Ontario Auditor General has even tried to explain to this government the serious errors being made under the Green Energy Act with regards to more jobs being lost than created, the consumer and taxpayer subsidizing the Industrial Wind Turbine projects to create huge profits for large off-shore companies while making electricity very expensive for the citizens of this province, of the implications of decommissioning Industrial Wind Turbines twenty years from now

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Espanola along with all other municipalities across this province who share these concerns regarding the damaging and devastating repercussions within our communities, hereby request that the Premier invoke an immediate moratorium of one year, with the Province of Ontario until the concerns noted above are properly studied and addressed; and

FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to AMO, to all municipalities in the Province of Ontario, Premier McGuinty, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Minister of Energy and the Minister of Environment.

Carried

Item G2
90th Birthday of the War
Pensioners of Canada

12-059 R. Fairbairn – J. McMillan

Be It Resolved That: Council of the town of Espanola proclaims 2012 the year of the 90th Birthday of the War Pensioners of Canada Incorporated.

Councillor Howard asked staff to contact the War Pensioners of Canada to inquire if they would like to send a flag that would be flown at the municipal office.

Item G3
Northern Ontario's

12-060 J. McMillan – R. Fairbairn

Be It Resolved That. WHEREAS any readjustment of the boundaries of an

Federal Ridings

electoral district must respect the principle of fair representation, and the inhabitants of Northern Ontario are entitled to be governed by that principle; WHEREAS electoral boundaries commissions, in determining boundaries, do not only consider the average population per electoral district but also give weight to historical, geographic, linguistic (Franco Ontarien population) and democratic factors and principles;

WHEREAS it is important that the electoral districts in remote northern and rural regions, because of their low population density and extreme weather conditions, must have reasonable dimensions in order to ensure the fair representation of the inhabitants of those regions;

AND WHEREAS the northern part of Ontario is greater in geographic size than every other province and territory except for Quebec and British Columbia;

The municipality of Espanola supports the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act introduced in the House of Commons by Nickel Belt MP Claude Gravelle that includes broad support across the north and across partisan lines.

We support the electoral districts in Northern Ontario being no less than 10 and that Northern Ontario means the geographic area comprising the following ten current electoral districts:

Algoma – Manitoulin – Kapuskasing; Kenora; Nickel Belt; Nipissing – Timiskaming; Parry Sound – Muskoka; Sault Ste Marie; Sudbury; Thunder Bay – Rainy River; Thunder Bay – Superior North; and Timmins – James Bay.

Carried

Item G4

Bylaw to Stop up and Close a Portion of a Lane

12-061 R. Fairbairn – J. McMillan

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw 2432/12, being a bylaw to stop up and close a portion of a lane as laid out on Plan M-173 and designated as Part 1 on Plan 53R-19717 be adopted.

Carried

Item G5

Notice of Motion

12-062 S. Meikleham – R. Fairbairn

Be It Resolved That: Council reconsider resolution number 3 dated December 13, 2011.

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
- Information re Autism Registry

Regular Council Meeting of March 27, 2012

- Letter re: McHappy Day
- AMO correspondence re: Provincial government budget
- AMO Municipal Learning
- Letter re: Senior of the Year Award
- AMO Watch File
- AMCTO Certificate
- AMO Watch File
- AMO's pre-budget submission
- Letter re: Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act

Conference and Conventions

None

Mayor and Councillors Reports and Announcements

Fire in the Downtown Core Mayor Lehoux and many council members thanked those who were involved in controlling the fire that destroyed a portion of the downtown core.

Future Council Meetings

Corporate Services Meeting of April 3, 2012 at 7:00 pm
Regular Meeting of Council of April 10, 2012 at 7:30 pm

Adjournment

R. Fairbairn – S. Meikleham

Be It Resolved That: The Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.
Time: 8:49pm

Carried

Mike Lehoux
Mayor

Cynthia Townsend, CA, CMA
Clerk Treasurer/Administrator