



**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF ESPAÑOLA**

**Council Chamber
Municipal Building**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2013
6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Lehoux presided over the meeting.

Present: Councillors Beer, Howard, McMillan, Meikleham, Rose
Staff: C. Townsend, Clerk Treasurer/Administrator, A. Towns,
Deputy Treasurer, P. Roque, Deputy Clerk, T. Denault-Roque,
Recording Secretary

Absent: Councillor McMaster

**2013 Budget
Deliberations**

The Clerk Treasurer/Administrator provided council with an overview of the budget cuts that were made to the Fire Department. It was stated that items such as the Rescue Vehicles will be identified in the Asset Management Plan. Prior to Chief Robert Towns presenting the cutbacks to the Police Services budget, the Clerk reminded council of section 39 of the Police Services Act, which states that council does not have the authority to approve or disapprove specific items in the estimates.

Dan Rivet, CBO presented council with the budget cuts made to the General Inspections category. Staff was directed to reduce the Property Standards budget by \$1000.00. Staff was further directed to cut \$500 from the Health and Safety committee, revert the 2013 budget estimates for Emergency Planning to the same amount as 2012, cutting \$1200.00 from this area. The Manager of Public Works Department, Mr. Joel Yusko presented council with the budget cuts made to Transportation, Environmental and Collection & Disposal.

It was explained that there will be a reduction to part time positions as well as summer students; furthermore students will only be kept throughout the duration of the grant that the municipality takes part in on a yearly basis.

It was explained to council that \$50,000 remains in the Transportation budget to correct the health and safety issue of ice forming on the public works building roof. Staff was directed to remove that item from discretionary to required. Direction was given to staff to explore other options of financing the Hwy 6 project after the budget process is complete, and to provide council with an actual cost savings of closing the Al Secord Boardwalk.

A discussion ensued regarding Clean Up Week, council directed staff to cut this item from the budget, however they would still like to heavily promote this program to the public, notifying the

residents that the municipality will no longer be covering the tipping fees. Staff was directed to research leaf and branch composting sites.

It was also decided that the Apsey Lake Weevil project will be put on hold for one year.

Council directed staff to incorporate the costs of an external Service Delivery Review into the budget.

In Camera

1. J. Rose – T. Howard

Under authority of Section 26.1.3 of Bylaw No. 2062/08, Committee goes into an "in camera" session for the purpose stated in Section 239.2 of the Municipal Act.

The security of the property of the municipality or local board;

personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

labour relations or employee negotiations;

litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act. 2001, c. 25, s. 239 (2).

Time: 7:50 p.m.

Carried

Transportation Budget

Staff was directed to bring forth a resolution in regard to the Crossing Guard program.

Resume Special Meeting

1. J. Rose – J. McMillan

Be It Resolved That: Council hereby resumes the special meeting and reports.

Time: 8:12 p.m.

Carried

Adjournment

T. Howard – J. Rose

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

Time: 8:13 p.m.

Carried

Mike Lehoux
Mayor

Cynthia Townsend
Clerk Treasurer/Administrator