



**THE PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL  
OF THE TOWN OF ESPAÑOLA**

**Council Chambers  
Municipal Building**

**October 22, 2013  
7:30pm**

**Mayor Lehoux presided over the meeting.**

**Present:**

Councillor Beer, McMaster, Meikleham, Rose  
Staff: C. Townsend, Clerk Treasurer/Administrator, P. Roque, Deputy Clerk, A. Towns, Deputy Treasurer, J. Yusko, Manager of Public Works, T. Denault-Roque, Recording Secretary

**Absent:**

Councillors McMillan, Howard

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

**Delegations/Petitions**

Mr. Bryan Searle, Municipal Advisor with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing presented council with a Financial Indicator Review which is based on the 2012 Financial Information Return.

Mr. Searle stated that although there are some areas that are identified as high risk, they are artificially high due to the Domtar reassessment. He also urged council to work on the municipality's reserves and discretionary reserves. Mr. Searle stated that the municipality is performing in a strong, well managed state.

Further, Mr. Searle advised council that he will be making a presentation during the LaCloche Foothills Municipal Association Meeting of Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss a shared services review. He strongly urged representatives to attend.

**Public Hearings**

None

**PART 1  
CONSENT AGENT**

**CA-017-13 J. Beer – J. Rose**

Be It Resolved That: Items A1 to F5 inclusive contained in Part 1, Consent Agenda be adopted.

**Carried**

**Items A1 –A2**  
**Minutes**

**13- 177 J. Rose – J. Beer**

Be It Resolved That: T The following minutes are hereby accepted; Regular Meeting of Council of October 8, 2013; Special Meeting of Council of October 8, 2013.

**Carried**

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

**Board and**  
**Committee Reports**

**Item B1**

**13-178 J. Beer – J. Rose**

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received: Community Services Committee of October 15, 2013.

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

**No session held**

**Business Arising from Board and Committee**

**None**

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**None**

**Bylaws and**  
**Resolutions**

**Item E1**  
**Confirmatory**

**13-179 J. Rose – J. Beer**

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2555/13 be adopted. A Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Meeting of October 8, 2013.

**Carried**

**Reports**

**Items F1 – F5**

**13-180 J. Beer – J. Rose**

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received; Public Works Department Departmental Report for September 2013; Leisure Services Department Departmental Report for October 2013; Fire Department Departmental Report for September 2013; Building Services Department Departmental Report for September 2013; Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2013 – Draft

**Carried**

**PART II**  
**REGULAR AGENDA**  
**Bylaws and Resolutions**

**Item G1**  
**Renewable Energy  
Products – Ground  
Mount Solar**

**13-181 M. McMaster – J. Beer**

*Be It Resolved That:* **WHEREAS** capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the FIT Rules, Version 3.0

**AND WHEREAS** the Province’s FIT Program encourages the construction and operation of **ground mount solar PV** generation projects (the “Projects”);

**AND WHEREAS** one or more Projects may be constructed and operated in The Town of Espanola;

**AND WHEREAS**, pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 3.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in these Applicants being offered a FIT Contract prior to other Persons applying for FIT Contracts;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council of the Town of Espanola supports the construction and operation of the Projects anywhere in the Town of Espanola where zoning requirements permit. This resolutions sole purpose is to enable the participants in the FIT Program to receive Priority Points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Projects or any other purpose.

**Carried**

**Item G2**  
**Renewable Energy  
Products – Rooftop  
Solar**

**13-182 M. McMaster – J. Beer**

*Be It Resolved That:* **WHEREAS** capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the FIT Rules, Version 3.0

**AND WHEREAS** the Province’s FIT Program encourages the construction and operation of **rooftop solar PV** generation projects (the “Projects”);

**AND WHEREAS** one or more Projects may be constructed and operated in The Town of Espanola;

**AND WHEREAS**, pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 3.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in these Applicants being offered a FIT Contract prior to other Persons applying for FIT Contracts;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council of the Town of Espanola supports the construction and operation of the Projects anywhere in the Town of Espanola where zoning requirements permit. This resolutions sole purpose is to enable the participants in the FIT Program to receive Priority Points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal

approval in relation to the Application or Projects or any other purpose.

**Carried**

**Item G3**  
**Setbacks for Solar Projects**

**13-183 J. Beer – M. McMaster**

Be It Resolved That:

**Whereas** Helios Whitefish River First Nations Limited Partnership proposes to construct and operate a Non-Rooftop Solar Project on 660 Barber St, Espanola, ON P5E 1N4 PIN 73410-0103 which are considered Rural-Residential Lands that do not Abut a Residential Cluster, in the Town of Espanola under the Province's FIT Program, **And Whereas**, the Applicant has requested that Council of the Town of Espanola indicate by resolution that the Project have a Setback in the amount of not less than 20 metres;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:** Council of the Town of Espanola supports that the Project have a Setback in the amount of not less than 20 metres and acceptance of abutting residential property owner.

**Carried**

A discussion ensued.

**Item G4**  
**Setbacks for Solar Projects**

**13-184 J. Rose – M. McMaster**

**Whereas** Helios Whitefish River First Nations Limited Partnership proposes to construct and operate a Non-Rooftop Solar Project on 921 Vanier Road, Espanola, ON P5E 1N4 PIN 73406-0268 which are considered Rural-Residential Lands that do not Abut a Residential Cluster, in the Town of Espanola under the Province's FIT Program, **And Whereas**, the Applicant has requested that Council of the Town of Espanola indicate by resolution that the Project have a Setback in the amount of not less than 20 metres;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:** Council of the Town of Espanola supports that the Project have a Setback in the amount of not less than 20 metres.

**Carried**

A discussion ensued. Councillor's McMaster and Meikleham requested a copy of the resolution that allowed the same setback that was adopted in January 2013.

**Item G5**  
**Transfer of Easement**

**13-185 M. McMaster - J. Rose**

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2554/13 be adopted as presented. Being a Bylaw to register a transfer of easement in the nature of a right-of-way over part

**Deferred**

This item was deferred for more information.

**Item G6**  
**Electricity Procurement Program**

**13-186 J. Rose – J. Beer**

Bylaw No. 2553/13 be adopted as presented. Being a bylaw to enroll in the Electricity Procurement Program in Partnership with Local Authority Services (LAS)

**Carried**

**Item G7**  
**Small, Rural and Northern Infrastructure Fund - Capital Program**

**13-187 J. Beer – J. Rose**

Be It Resolved That: The information contained in the Expression of Interest (EOI) is factually accurate; the municipality will have a comprehensive asset management plan that includes all of the information and analysis described in **Building Together: Guide for Municipal Asset Management Plans** in place by December 31, 2013. This comprehensive asset management plan will be publicly available, including online by May 30, 2014. The project put forward in this application will be completed by December 31, 2014.

**Carried**

**Item G8**  
**Bio-Solids Study**

**13-188**

Be It Resolved That:

- 1) The Public Works Department proceed with the recommendations of the Bio-Solids Options Study.
- 2) The Public Works Department investigate the possibility of entering into an agreement with OCWA to provide the capital funds for this project and report back to council with financial options.

A discussion ensued regarding a commitment to funding this project. Council agreed to amend the resolution to read as follows:

**13-188 J. Rose – J. Beer**

Be It Resolved That:

- 1) The Public Works Department proceed with the detailed engineered design recommendations of the Bio-Solids Options Study
- 2) The Public Works Department investigate the

possibility of entering into an agreement with OCWA to provide the capital funds for this project and report back to council with financial options.

**Carried**

Staff was directed to contact Vale to discuss an extension to the current agreement.

**Item G9**

**Converting Municipal High Pressure Sodium Street Lights to LED**

**13-189**

Be It Resolved That: The municipality proceed with the proposed design, upgrade and transfer of our municipal street lights to LED as proposed by RealTerm and LAS (Local Authority Services)

A discussion ensued regarding the commitment to funding this project. Council agreed to amend the resolution to read as follows:

**13-189 S. Meikleham – J. Rose**

Be It Resolved That: The municipality proceed with the proposed design of our municipal street lights to LED as proposed by RealTerm and LAS (Local Authority Services)

**Carried**

**Item G10**

**Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day**

**13-190 M. McMaster – S. Meikleham**

Be It Resolved That: **Whereas** years of research confirms the benefits of high quality child care for young children's intellectual, social and physical development and later life outcomes; and

**Whereas** child care promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of parents, child care workers and the broader community by supporting quality of life so the citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the economic and social life of their community; and

**Whereas** many studies show trained and knowledgeable Early Childhood Educators and child care staff are the most important element in quality child care, and that good wages and working conditions are associated with higher job satisfaction and morale, lower staff turnover which leads to high quality education and care;

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** October 30, 2013 be designated the 13<sup>th</sup> annual "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of child workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community.

**Carried**

**Item G11**

**Lung Month**

**13-191 S. Meikleham – M. McMaster**

Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS, in the Town of Espanola

**Proclamation**

and throughout Ontario, one in five residents lives with lung disease; and  
WHEREAS, lung disease is one of the most prevalent, deadly and costly diseases; and WHEREAS, Espanola supports all measures designed to advance and protect the health of its citizens and of Ontarians; and  
WHEREAS, to increase awareness of lung health issues and to inform Ontarians about the importance of their lung health, the Ontario Lung Association has designated the month of November, Lung Month;  
NOW, THEREFORE council of the Town of Espanola;  
DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM November 2013 as "Lung Month" in the Town of Espanola.

**Carried**

**Correspondence For Information Only**

**Information**

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

- DSSAB Correspondence
- LAS Workshop
- United Chiefs and Councils Correspondence
- Voluntarism in Ontario Correspondence
- AMO Communications 13/10/01
- Invitation to Symposium on Future Energy Recovery
- AMO Watchfile
- Whitefish River First Nation Correspondence
- AMO Communications 13/09/26
- AMO Communication 13/09/30
- Correspondence from Sylvie Jones, MPP
- AMO Communications 13/09/24 re: Bill 91
- AMO Communications 13/09/24 re: Bill 73

**Conference and Conventions**

None

**Mayor and Councillors Reports and Announcements**

*Regular Council Meeting of October 22, 2013*

Meeting with MTO

Mayor Lehoux is currently waiting to hear of the date and time of the rescheduled meeting with the Minister

Gas Price Comparison

Mayor Lehoux brought to council's attention the difference in gas prices from Southern to Northern Ontario.

Shared Services

Deputy Mayor Jill Beer advised council that Baldwin and Nairn Hyman Townships are interested in obtaining the services of the Espanola Police. More information will be brought to council once received.

**Future Council Meetings**

Corporate Services Committee Meeting of November 5, 2013 at 4:00 pm

Regular Meeting of Council of November 12, 2013 at 7:30 pm

**Adjournment**

**J. Rose – S. Meikleham**

Be It Resolved That: The Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned. Time: 8:56pm

**Carried**

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Mike Lehoux  
Mayor

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Cynthia Townsend  
Clerk Treasurer/Administrator