



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

**Council Chambers  
Municipal Office**

**September 12, 2016  
7:30pm**

**His Worship Mayor Piche presided over the meeting.**

**Present:**

Councillor B. Foster, K. Duplessis, R. Duplessis, B. Yocom

Staff: P. Roque, Clerk; C. Townsend, CAO/Treasurer; T. Denault-Roque, Recording Secretary

**Absent:**

Councillor R. Dufour; S. Meikleham

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

**Delegations/Petitions**

Lauran Von Valkenburg and Daphne Allen of Save A.B. Ellis (S.A.B.E.) addressed Council concerning the future plans for A.B. Ellis Public School.

Ms. Von Valkenburg spoke about succession planning and opportunities to draw visitors to Espanola and suggested that the Town request that the Ministry give the building to the Town and the funding that would be used to turn the space into a parking lot be given to the municipality to help offset the cost of creating something such as a Community Hall with seniors housing and perhaps an auditorium.

Ms. Allen addressed Council explaining that a group of concerned citizens would like to see this building be declared a Heritage Building. She further advised that the group will be meeting later in the week to discuss opportunities on saving A.B. Ellis and stated she would like to have a Municipal Heritage Committee formed. She asked if any Council members would like to volunteer to sit on the Committee. Mayor Piche advised that he will attend the meeting of the S.A.B.E. group later in the week.

Mayor Piche asked Ms. Allen if she had requested from the school, the report that explains the condition of the building, she stated she had not. Mayor Piche advised that this document would show the reasons why the Ministry has decided to not continue with maintaining the site. Mayor Piche suggested that the total value to turn the building into a site that she has recommended would likely be around 10 million dollars and this was something the municipality was not interested in.

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**Question Period**

**None**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**CA-014-16 K. Duplessis – B. Foster**

Be It Resolved That: Items A1 to F6, contained in Part 1, Consent Agenda be adopted.

**Items A1-A3  
Minutes**

**16-130 B. Foster – K. Duplessis**

Be It Resolved That: The following minutes are hereby accepted; Special Meeting of Council of August 9, 2016; Regular Meeting of Council of August 9, 2016; Special Meeting of Council of August 9, 2016.

**Carried**

**Board and Committee Reports**

**None**

**Matters arising from the "In Camera Session"**

**None**

**Business Arising from Board and Committees**

**None**

**Bylaws and Resolutions**

**Item E1**

**Confirmatory Bylaw**

**16- 131 K. Duplessis – B. Foster**

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2737/16 be adopted, being a Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Meeting of August 9, 2016.

**Carried**

**Reports**

**Item F1-F6**

**16- 132 R. Duplessis – B. Foster**

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received; Public Works Department Departmental Report for July 2016; Building Department Departmental Report for July 2016; Fire Department Departmental Report for July 2016; Espanola Police Services Board Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2016; Joint Health and Safety Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2016; Q2 Budget Variance Report.

**Carried**

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

**Item G1**  
**Municipal Office**  
**Renovations**

**16-133 K. Duplessis – R. Duplessis**

Be It Resolved That: Council defer the dollars budgeted for municipal Office renovations to the 2017 budget.

**Carried**

A discussion ensued regarding the amount of the tenders that were received. It was stated that this project would be retendered early in 2017.

**Item G2**  
**Camp Quality**

**16- 134 R. Duplessis – B. Foster**

Be It Resolved That: An exemption to Bylaw 1966/07, Setting off Fireworks be granted for the Camp Quality Reunion on Saturday September 24, 2016 to allow the Espanola Fire Department to set off fireworks at the Track and Field.

**Carried**

**Item G3**  
**Childhood Cancer**  
**Awareness Month**

**16-135 R. Duplessis – K. Duplessis**

Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS there are about 4,000 children living with cancer in Ontario and each year about 400 new cases are diagnosed; and  
WHEREAS the cause of cancer in children is unknown; and  
WHEREAS 1 in 333 children are diagnosed with a malignant cancer before their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday; and  
WHEREAS in Canada, childhood cancer remains responsible for more deaths, from year one through adolescence, than any other disease, killing one in four children affected by this disease; and  
WHEREAS childhood cancer crosses all racial, ethnic, and social boundaries; and  
WHEREAS an estimated one third of a family's after tax income is spent on treatment related expenses due to lack of available treatment options for the inhabitants of Northern Ontario; and  
WHEREAS dedicated organizations such as Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer and volunteers are working diligently to raise funds in order to improve the lives of Northern Ontario families during and after their journey through childhood cancer by providing essential programs and financial services, and by letting the families know they are not alone in their battle; and  
WHEREAS the Town of Espanola recognizes the devastating effects of childhood cancer on the residents of this town; and  
WHEREAS this month, in the Town of Espanola we pay tribute to the health care professionals, researchers, private philanthropies and parent advocacy groups who collaborate to provide hope and help to patients and families affected by pediatric cancer while making vital contributions to the ongoing search for a cure.

NOW THEREFORE Council for the Town of Espanola hereby proclaims September 2016 in the Town of Espanola as CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH and encourage residents to show their support for this cause by increasing awareness, speaking up about childhood cancer, wearing the colour gold and reaffirming our commitment to fighting childhood cancer.

**Carried**

Councillor Yocom reminded everyone that the flag raising ceremony would be taking place at the Municipal Office the following day at 1:00 pm.

### **Correspondence For Information Only**

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

Oracle Poll  
Cheque Registers  
Correspondence re: Small Campground Taxation  
FONOM presentation to AMO  
Michael Mantha correspondence re: Hwy 17 Construction  
Child and Family Centre correspondence  
2017 OGRA conference correspondence  
Ministry of Energy correspondence  
FONOM summer newsletter

### **Conference and Conventions**

None

### **Mayor and Councillors Reports and Announcements**

- Congratulations** Mayor Piche congratulated the Clerk on her commitment to the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers and the Municipal profession. Ms. Roque was recently awarded a certificate recognizing her 10 year anniversary with the Association.
- Fire Hall** It was stated that Council would like to begin discussions on the Fire Hall.
- Poop & Scoop  
Reminder** Councillor Yocom reminded residents once again to pick up after their pets; he further stated that being caught without doggy bags could result in a fine.

**Water Meter  
Correspondence**

Council reiterated that the correspondence sent to businesses advising them of the Water Meter Survey that will be taking place is to inspect and determine the water service plumbing to commercial properties only.

**Service Delivery  
Review**

Councillor Foster commented that he would like there to be a push for KPMG to return and provide more information on the items Council thought was lacking information in the SDR, in particular the financial long term sustainability for the municipality.

**Future Council Meetings**

Corporate Services Committee Meeting of September 6, 2016  
Regular Meeting of Council of September 13, 2016

**Adjournment**

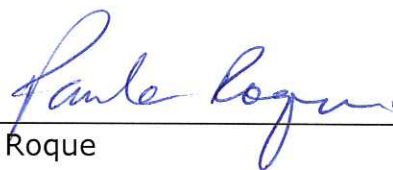
**B. Foster – R. Duplessis**

Be It Resolved That: The Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned. Time: 8:05pm

**Carried**



Ron Piche  
Mayor



Paula Roque  
Clerk