



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

**Council Chambers  
Municipal Office**

**February 14, 2017  
7:30pm**

**His Worship Mayor Pichepresided over the meeting.**

**Present:**

Councillor R. Dufour, B. Foster, K. Duplessis, R. Duplessis, R. Duplessis, S. Meikleham

Staff:P. Roque, Clerk; C. Townsend, CAO/Treasurer;J. Yusko, Manager of Public Works; T. Denault-Roque, Recording Secretary

**Absent:**

Councillor Yocom

**The Mayor advised that this meeting is being live streamed.**

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

**Public Hearing** None

**Delegations/Petitions** None

**Question Period** None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**CA-003-17 R. Duplessis – S. Meikleham**

Be It Resolved That: Items A1 to F3,contained in Part 1Consent Agenda be adopted.

**Carried**

**Items A1-A2  
Minutes**

**17-024 S. Meikleham – R. Duplessis**

Be It Resolved That: The following Minutes are hereby accepted; Regular Meeting of Council of January 24, 2017; Special Meeting of Council of January 24, 2017.

**Carried**

**Board and Committee Reports**

**Items B1  
Board and  
Committee Reports**

**17-025 R. Duplessis – R. Dufour**

Be It Resolved That: The Board and Committee Reports are hereby received; Corporate Services Committee Meeting of February 7, 2017.

**Carried**



**Item G1**  
**Water and Sewer Rates**

**17-031 R. Duplessis – R. Dufour**

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended by the Corporate Services Committee That:

1. The water and sewer rates increase by 1.25%
2. The overall rate be amended to reflect a 55%/45% split for water and sewer respectively.

**Carried**

A discussion ensued.

It was stated that this increase is reflective of costs and furthermore these rates have not been raised since 2013.

**Item G2**  
**Municipal Office Renovations**

**17-032 K. Duplessis – B. Foster**

Be It Resolved That: Staff proceed with tendering the Municipal Office Renovations to be completed in 2017.

**Carried**

**Item G3**  
**Agreement with MNR**

**17-033 B. Foster – K. Duplessis**

Be It Resolved That: Council enter into a 5 year agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry for fire protection.

**Carried**

**Item G4**  
**Garbage Contract**

**17-034 K. Duplessis – B. Foster**

Be It Resolved That: The municipality negotiate our waste collection contract with our current service provider.

**Carried**

Mayor Piche stated that he would like to see this item go out for tender. A discussion ensued.

The CAO stated that staff was looking for direction on whether to tender or continue to negotiate. If negotiations are to continue, Ms. Townsend advised that this is the time for Council to provide input on topics such as the collection schedule, whether it should be weekly or bi-weekly or clear bags, etc.

Councillor Meikleham stated that he agreed with the staff report in regards to a reduction in the number of garbage bags as well as clear bags which will encourage recycling. No other input was provided.

**Item G5**  
**Police Budget**

**17-035 B. Foster – S. Meikleham**

Be It Resolved That: The 2017 budget as submitted by the Police Service Board is approved.

**Deferred**

Mayor Piche stated that he thought this item should be brought back to the Police Service Board because he thought the Board could do a bit better with the quotation submitted.

A discussion ensued, it was the consensus of Council to defer this item until further along into the budget deliberations.

**Item G6**  
**Library Budget**

**17-036 S. Meikleham – K. Duplessis**

Be It Resolved That: The 2017 budget as submitted by the Library Board is approved.

**Deferred**

A discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of Council to defer this item until further into the budget deliberations.

**Item G7**  
**Resolution support  
regarding Bill 7,  
Amendments to  
Residential Tenancies  
Act.**

**17-037 B. Foster – K. Duplessis**

Be It Resolved That: Council for the Town of Espanola hereby supports the resolution of Council for the Municipality of Bluewater regarding Bill 7, Amendments to Residential Tenancies Act, 2006.

**Carried**

**Correspondence For Information Only**

**H1** Q4 Budget Variance Report

**H2** Changes to the Municipal Election Act

**Information**

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

Cheque Register

Correspondence re: funding cuts to Community Policing Partnerships and 1,000 Officer Partnerships Programs

Correspondence re: Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline

Prince Edward County Resolution re: Pupil Accommodation Review

SDHU Correspondence re: Public Pool Inspection Results

Correspondence re: Natural Gas Expansion

FONOM Press Release

Township of Montague Resolution re: Electricity Bills

FONOM Press Release re: Rural Economic Development Program

**Conference and Conventions**

OGRA Conference, Sunday, February 26 – Wednesday, March 1, 2017  
Toronto, Ontario

FONOM, Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
North Bay, Ontario

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

### **Winter Carnival**

Mayor Piche stated that he attended a few events for the Winter Carnival and he was pleased to see the community come together for this celebration.

### **OPP Model Clarification**

Councillor R. Duplessis stated that he felt the wording regarding the police costing was ambiguous. He stated that he has been approached by different residents who got the impression that if we went with the OPP the police would be spread over a larger area and not necessarily within Town limits at all times. He further stated that he told the residents this is not the case and it will depend on what Council negotiates in a contract. He stated this was a misinterpretation.

Ms. Townsend stated that there is no misinterpretation and this is how the OPP integrated model works.

### **Healthcare Recruitment**

Councillor R. Duplessis suggested that Council invite Ms. Haley, CEO of the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre to the next Council meeting to present their Healthcare Recruitment budget needs. It was the consensus of Council to direct staff to do so.

## **Future Council Meetings**

Special Budget Meeting Thursday, February 23, 2017 @ 1:00 pm

Community Services Committee Meeting of February 21, 2017 @ 4:00 pm

Regular Meeting of Council of February 28, 2017 @ 7:30 pm

## **Adjournment**

### **K. Duplessis – B. Foster**

Be It Resolved That: The Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned. Time: 7:55pm

**Carried**



Ron Piche  
Mayor



Paula Roque  
Clerk