



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

**Council Chambers
Municipal Building**

**Tuesday, March 13, 2012
7:30 pm**

Mayor Lehoux presided over the meeting.

Present: Councillor Howard, McMaster, McMillan, Fairbairn
Staff C. Townsend, Clerk Treasurer/Administrator, A. Towns, Deputy
Treasurer; T. Denault-Roque, Recording Secretary

Absent: Deputy Mayor Beer, Councillor Meikleham - Vacation

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

Delegations/Petitions

None

Public Hearings

None

**PART 1
CONSENT AGENT**

CA-005-12 T. Howard – M. McMaster

Be It Resolved That: Items A1 to F1, contained in Part 1, Consent Agenda
be adopted.

Carried

**Items A1 – A2
Minutes**

12- 039 M. McMaster – T. Howard

Be It Resolved That: The following minutes of Council are hereby accepted;
Regular Meeting of Council of February 28, 2012; Special Meeting of Council
of February 28, 2012.

Carried

**B1-B2
Board and Committee
Reports**

12- 040 T. Howard – M. McMaster

Be It Resolved That: The following minutes of the Board and Committee are
hereby received; hereby received; Public Library Meeting of February 23,
2012; Corporate Services Committee of March 6, 2012

Carried

Matters arising from the “In Camera Session”

No session held

Business Arising from Board and Committee

Item D1
Ministry of Natural
Resources

12-041 M. McMaster – T. Howard

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended by the Corporate Services Committee That: The agreement between the Town of Espanola and the Ministry of Natural Resources for protection charges over the next five years, beginning April 1st, 2012, be approved and a bylaw be adopted for its execution.

Carried

Item D2
Donation

Item Severed. See Regular Agenda

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

- 1) A donation of up to \$30,000 be made to the Espanola Curling Club to assist with a new roof.
- 2) The amount to be paid in two installments with 50% payable upon award of construction contract and the balance to be paid upon completion when final costs are known.

Item D3
Strategic Plan Update

12-043 R. Fairbairn – T. Howard

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended By The Corporate Services Committee That:

- 1) The Corporate Team be reinstated
- 2) The Oracle Poll be updated

Carried

Item D4
Youth Internship & Co-
op Program

12-044 T. Howard – R. Fairbairn

Be It Resolved That: As Recommended By Corporate Services Committee That:

- 1) The Corporate Communications Policy C12-01279 be amended to include social media strategies.
- 2) That an application be submitted to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund for a marketing/social media specialist youth intern.

Carried

Item E1
Confirmatory Bylaw

12-045 R. Fairbairn – J. McMillan

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2426/12 be adopted. Being a Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to confirm the proceedings of council at its Meeting of March 13, 2012.

Carried

Item E2
Winter Salt Route

12-046 J. McMillan – Tr. Fairbairn

Be It Resolved That Bylaw No. 2427/12 be adopted. Being a Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to recognize the Winter Salt Route.

Carried

Item F1
Reports

12-047 R. Fairbairn – J. McMillan

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received: Wenrick Kennels Inc. 2011 Report.

Carried

PART II
REGULAR AGENDA
Bylaws and Resolutions

Item D2

12-042 T. Howard – M. McMaster

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

- 1) A donation of up to \$30,000 be made to the Espanola Curling Club to assist with a new roof.
- 2) The amount to be paid in two installments with 50% payable upon award of construction contract and the balance to be paid upon completion when final costs are known.

Carried

A discussion ensued.

Item G1
Notice of Motion

For discussion

Item G2
Payments in Lieu of
Taxes

12-047 T. Howard – R. Fairbairn

Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS: in 1970 the rate of provincial payments in lieu of taxes for universities was arbitrarily set at \$25 per full time student; and WHEREAS in 1973 that was doubled to \$50 per student and the payment was expanded to include hospitals and provincial correctional institutions; and WHEREAS in 1987 that rate was increased by 50%, still without apparent justification, to \$75 per student and bed; and WHEREAS that rate has remained constant since that time despite the fact that inflation would in 2012 require an almost doubling the payment (\$146); and WHEREAS at least sixty-five communities have called for an increase in payments; and WHEREAS heads of universities are supporting that call; and WHEREAS Premier McGuinty has looked to the municipalities of the province to be the economic engine of Ontario; and WHEREAS the payments in lieu of taxes do not meet the actual costs of municipalities to provide the necessary services for the various institutions, thus placing an unfair tax burden on their property tax payers, thereby jeopardizing a municipality's ability to meet infrastructure demands, and consequently weakening their ability to act as economic engines; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Town of Espanola calls on the government of the Province of Ontario to include in the budget now being prepared an increase to the payments in lieu of taxes; and

THAT the town of Espanola calls on the Province of Ontario to meet with the host municipalities for the purpose of reviewing the basis for payments in lieu of taxes, and determining a stable foundation going forward for those payments that meets associated costs prior to the 2013 budget cycle; and THAT copies of this option be sent to: the Premier Dalton McGuinty; the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance; the Honourable John Gerretsen, MPP for Kingston and Islands; all Ontario municipalities with any of hospitals, post secondary institution or provincial correctional institutions; the Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO); the Eastern Ontario Mayors Committee (EOMC), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Defeated

Item G3
9-1-1 Advisory Board

12-048 T. Howard – R. Fairbairn

Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS the Ontario 9-1-1 Advisory Board was formed at the request of Ontario Municipalities; and WHEREAS lack of ongoing Provincial funding for the Ontario 9-1-1 Advisory Board has resulted in the need of financial assistance from other sources in order to continue to represent our ratepayers in the face of ever increasing technological advancement; and WHEREAS technological advancement and deregulation of the local telephone market make it necessary to represent municipalities and ratepayers at the Canadian Radio Telecommunication Commission (CTRC) and the CRTC Interconnecting Steering Committee (CISC) on a regular basis; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Corporation of the Town of Espanola contributes \$100.00 to the Ontario 9-1-1 Advisory Board in order to allow it to continue to advance a safe delivery of 9-1-1 system for police, fire and ambulance emergency services in our municipalities and throughout the Province.

Carried

Item G4
Regulation of Gasoline
Prices

12-049 R. Fairbairn – J. McMillan

Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS the pump price of a litre of gasoline in Espanola and other parts of Northern Ontario can be as high as 30% or more than Southern Ontario; AND WHEREAS the rack price or wholesale price, the price the retail gas station owner must pay for the gas is only 2 -4 cents per litre higher in Espanola and other parts of Northern Ontario than Toronto; AND WHEREAS while the Ontario government can't change international oil prices, it can eliminate gouging and provide consumers with predictability and fairness; AND WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) already regulates prices for natural gas; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Espanola request that the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) be given the power by the Province of Ontario to impose a weekly ceiling on gas prices in order to reduce volatility and regional price differences, while encouraging competition. AND FURTHER, that the OEB also be granted the legislated power to intervene if suppliers were seen to be gouging the market;

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be sent to every municipality in Northern Ontario for endorsement, and that it be sent to FONOM, AMO, NOMA, and AFMO for their immediate response and brought to the floor of AMO

AND FURTHER THAT: This motion be sent to all Ontario MPPs asking for endorsement, including Minister of Energy Chris Bentley.

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
- AMO Breaking News re: Upload Agreement
- AMO Watch File
- Correspondence re: Electric Vehicles
- AMO Urban Symposium
- AMO Annual Conference Update
- 2012 OSUM Conference & Trade Show
- Correspondence re: 2012 Senior Achievement Award Program

Conference and Conventions

None

Mayor and Councillors Reports and Announcements

OGRA/ROMA	Mayor Lehoux and Councillor Meikleham attended the Good Roads Conference.
Ontario Forestry Industries Association	Mayor Lehoux attended the OFIA annual meeting and conference. He stated that it is his intention to return next year to this well organized event to give support for the Forestry Industry.

Future Council Meetings

Community Services Meeting of March 20, 2012 at 7:00 pm
Regular Meeting of Council of March 27, 2012 at 7:30 pm
Special Meeting of Council of March 28, 2012 at 6:00 pm

Adjournment

R. Fairbairn – J. McMillan

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

Carried

Mike Lehoux
Mayor

Cynthia Townsend, CA, CMA
Clerk Treasurer/Administrator