



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

**Council Chambers
Municipal Building**

**March 4, 2014
7:30pm**

His Worship Mayor Lehoux presided over the meeting.

Present:

Councillor Beer, Howard, McMaster, McMillan, 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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

Delegations/Petitions

None

Public Hearings

None

**PART 1
CONSENT AGENT**

CA-004-14 J. Rose – T. Howard

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

Carried

**Items A1 –A3
Minutes**

14-027 M. McMaster – J. Rose

Be It Resolved That: The following minutes are hereby
accepted; Special Budget Meeting of Council of February
11, 2014; Regular Meeting of Council of February 11,
2014; Special Meeting of Council of February 11, 2014.

Carried

**Board and
Committee Reports**

Item B1

14-028 J. Rose – T. Howard

Be It Resolved That: The following minutes are hereby received;
Espanola Public Library Board Meeting Minutes of February 24,
2014.

Matters arising from the "In Camera Session"

Carried

**B
No session held**

Business Arising from Board and Committee

None

Bylaws and Resolutions

Item E1
Confirmatory

14-029 T. Howard – J. Rose

Be It Resolved That: A Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Meeting of February 11, 2014.

Carried

Item E2
EXP Services Inc

14-030 J. Rose – T. Howard

Be It Resolved That: A Bylaw to execute an agreement between the Town of Espanola and EXP Services Inc.

Carried

Item E3
Ministry of Finance

14-031 T. Howard – J. Rose

Be It Resolved That: A Bylaw to execute an agreement between the Town of Espanola and Ministry of Finance.

Carried

Reports

Items F1 – F5

14-032 M. McMaster – T. Howard

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received; Public Works Department Departmental Report for January 2014; Leisure Services Department Departmental Report for January 2014; Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2014 – Unapproved; Fire Department Departmental Report for January 2014; Espanola Police Services Board Meeting of January 23, 2014

Carried

PART II
REGULAR AGENDA
Bylaws and Resolutions

Item G1
Sewage Treatment
Plant

14-033 J. Beer – M. McMaster

Be It Resolved That: The Public Works Department proceed with the replacement of the duty blowers at the Sewage Treat Plant with APG-Neuro Blowers.

Carried

A discussion ensued.

Item G2
GeoTubes

14-034 M. McMaster – J. Beer

Be It Resolved That: The municipality finance GeoTubes from the water and sewer rates.

Carried

A discussion ensued.

Item G3
Streetlight Proposal

14-035 J. Beer – S. Meikleham

Be It Resolved That: The municipality enter into an agreement with Real Term Energy and LAS (Local Authority Services) for a design, upgrade, and transfer contract to convert the municipality's streetlight to the LED as proposed.

Deferred

This item was deferred for further information. Staff was directed to invite LAS to attend the March 25th Regular Meeting of Council.

Item G4
Culvert Designs

14-036 S. Meikleham – J. Beer

Be It Resolved That: That PWD proceed with EXP's design proposal of Bois Street Culvert, Nelson Creek Culvert and Bass Lake Road Culvert.

Carried

Item G5
Reserve Policy

14-037 J. Beer – J. Rose

Be It Resolved That: 1. The Reserve and Reserve Funds Policy be adopted as presented.
2. The existing reserves be realigned as presented into the categories included in the new reserve policy.

Carried

Item G6
Rate of Pay Provision

14-038 J. Rose – J. Beer

Be It Resolved That: Council approve the amendment to Policy No. H09-01283.

Carried

Item G7
Wall of Fame

14-039 J. McMillan – S. Meikleham

Be It Resolved That: Policy M02-01439 be amended as presented.

Carried

Item G8
**LaCloche Foothills
Veterans Memorial
Highway**

14-040 S. Meikleham – J. McMillan

Be It Resolved That: Council supports The Royal Canadian Legion's request to MTO to rename Hwy 6 (Junction of 17 & 6 to Little Current) to LaCloche Foothills Veterans Memorial Highway.

Carried

Item G9
**Increasing Electricity
Rates**

14-041 J. McMillan – S. Meikleham

Be It Resolved That: **WHEREAS** Council of the Corporation of the town of Espanola recognizes that increased electricity rates are challenging for the economic competitiveness of the Town of Espanola and its residents;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Town of Espanola encourages the Government of Ontario to ensure that our electricity rates both in the short and long-term, allow our

businesses to remain competitive in a global environment and ensure that the vulnerable residents of our communities are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Town of Espanola supports other concerned councils in their attempts to encourage the Government of Ontario to not approve any further rate increases for electricity;

AND WHEREAS it is estimated that electricity costs will increase by approximately 50% within the next five years;

AND WHEREAS an increase in electricity rates by the Ontario Energy Board will exacerbate an existing problem for industry and consumers with low or fixed incomes in Espanola;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Espanola urges in the strongest possible way the Government of Ontario ensures that electricity rates both in the short and long-term, allow our businesses to remain competitive in a global environment and ensure that the vulnerable residents of our communities are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, the Ontario Energy Board, the Ontario Power Authority, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and MPP Mike Mantha.

A discussion ensued regarding the importance of the Provincial Government taking action to ensure hydro rates do not escalate further.

Carried

Item G10

14-042 S. Meikleham – J. McMillan

Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are experiencing a crisis with regards to liability insurance because of recent unjust liability allotment;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities pay up to \$37.56 per capita or 7% of the average tax bill for liability insurance, with these numbers expected to escalate;

AND WHEREAS both the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Frank Cowan Insurance Company have been lobbying the Province of Ontario to require that the Law Commission of Ontario complete a study on this crisis and to recommend changes to the Negligence Act and that the Province subsequently take action to change the Act such that it will bring stability and fairness to the municipal liability insurance environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Espanola request the Association of Municipalities (AMO) advocate the

Province of Ontario to work with municipalities to develop a long term and sustainable solution that will allow municipalities to avoid rising litigation and claim costs, which divert funds from more critical yet under-funded municipal services;

AND THAT the Town of Espanola supports the request for the Law Commission of Ontario on Municipal Legislative reform to address the issue of the effects of Joint and Several Liability on municipal insurance claims;

AND THAT this motion be sent to all member municipalities of FONOM for endorsement;

AND THAT copies of this motion be sent to area MPPs as well as to the Attorney General.

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.

- Cheque Register
- AMO Watchfile 14/01/23
- LAS workshop
- AMO Communications 14/02/06
- MOGF Correspondence
- AMO Communications 14/02/07
- LAS Town Hall Sessions
- Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration Correspondence
- Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Resolution
- AMO Media Workshop
- OPP Resolution from Greater Madawaska, Town of Atikokan, Town of Kearney
- AMO Watchfile 14/02/13
- AMO Communications 14/02/13
- OSUM Annual Conference
- Hydro Resolution from Arnprior
- AMO 2014 Council Challenges
- AMO Watchfile 14/02/20
- Correspondence from MNR re: Bear Hunt
- Correspondence from Mike Mantha, MPP re: MNR office
- AMO Communications 14/02/24 re: Policy Statement
- AMO Communication 14/02/24 re: Prompt Payment Act
- MNR re: Ontario's Environmental Registry

Conference and Conventions

None

Mayor and Councillors Reports and Announcements

- ROMA/OGRA Conference** Mayor Lehoux & Councillor Howard met with the MTO to discuss the Hwy 6 Culvert. The Ministry has stated that they will review the engineering reports and report back to municipality.
Mayor Lehoux & Councillor Howard also met with the MNR to discuss the closure of the local office.
- CIP** Councillor McMaster commented on the recent CIP meeting, stating that the details will be brought forth to the Regular Meeting of Council of March 25, 2014.
- QPC** Councillor McMillan stated the Family Day celebration that was hosted by the QPC was a welcomed event to our community.
- Global Adjustment** Councillor Meikleham provided an explanation of Global Adjustment as seen on hydro bills. It was agreed by all of council that the Provincial Government must take action to stop the alarming increases in hydro rates.

Future Council Meetings

Community Services Committee Meeting of March 18, 2014 @ 4:00 pm
Regular Meeting of Council of March 25, 2014 @ 7:30 pm

Adjournment

J. McMillan – S. Meikleham

Be It Resolved That: The Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned. Time:8:38 pm

Carried

"Mike Lehoux"
Mike Lehoux
Mayor

"Cynthia Townsend"
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Clerk Treasurer/Administrator