



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

**Council Chambers  
Municipal Office**

**September 26, 2017  
7:30pm**

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

**Present:**

Councillors: R. Dufour, K. Duplessis, R. Duplessis, B. Foster,  
S. Meikleham; R. Yocom

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

The Mayor stated that this meeting will be live streamed.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

**Public Hearing**                      None

**Delegations/Petitions**        None

**Question Period**                      Chris McKay, private citizen who lives on Algoma St questioned if Council as a whole discussed and approved the proposed Garbage Bylaw before last Friday when it was sent as part of the agenda, especially the one on the website where it states as of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, residents will be required to use a maximum of two clear bags for the waste collection?" Mayor Piche asked Councillor Yocom to answer the question. Councillor Yocom responded by advising that in April Council passed a resolution stating that we would be switching to 2 clear bags. Councillor R. Duplessis added that the bylaw has not been passed yet and is just coming tonight. Ms. McKay then stated "so what is on the agenda and what is on the website was not?" Councillor R. Duplessis responded that he thought that was a proposal but not a bylaw and nothing has been passed yet.

Paulette Sokoloski, resident of Espanola and RPN asked Council how they will accommodate seniors that are unable to get their collectables to the curbside during the hours of 5 am and 6 am. Mayor Piche asked for clarification on the location in which these residents reside. Ms. Sokoloski advised they live at home. Mayor Piche advised that they would have to look into that. Councillor R. Duplessis advised that he as well had questions regarding the bylaw; he stated that there are other situations where those time periods would not be practical so he will be speaking to that during the discussion part of the agenda. Dianne Ellis, local resident who lives on Algoma St asked why does Council not instruct staff to educate the 12% of the people who do not recycle, rather than impose unnecessary hardships on those of us who already do? Mayor Piche stated that is something they will need to consider and will deal with in oncoming days. Councillor Dufour advised that it is supposed to be dealt with tonight, Mayor Piche agreed.

Joanne Arbour, Queensway Ave resident asked Council if the need for clear bags is to make money or to put burden on the tax payer. The Mayor advised that they would need to look into it. Ms. Arbour then inquired to where broken glass would go. She was advised from Council that broken glass would be deposited into the garbage.

Councillor Foster advised that the reason for the clear bags was to allow the garbage pick-up workers to see if there are recyclables in it, if there are, that is an opportunity to stop that garbage from going to the dump. Ms. Arbour then inquired if residents are to dump their garbage from one bag into a clear bag. Councillor Foster advised that as they get into the discussions of the bylaw they will see, as he has concerns about that as well.

Sylvia Laus-Julien, resident of Espanola who resides on Lee Valley Rd. approached the podium. Her question to Council was, will garbage be refused if they have an item in the bag that has a recycling symbol on it but are not rigid? Her second question to Council was will there be a composting option available? Council did not provide a response.

Parry Clement-Constable, local resident spoke next. Ms. Clement-Constable's question to Council was, as her parents will be using depends in the future, where does Council want them? Council did not provide an answer.

Johnny Boyuk, local resident stated he had a question about the clear bags. He didn't understand the purpose of having clear bags as he thought people would still choose to recycle or not. He stated his second question was in regards to the possibility of putting garbage out between 5-6 am. He was not aware of any bear problems in the area and stated that he thought this would just be an inconvenience to the residents. Mayor Piche stated that the time frame was specifically for animals that will be foraging in your refuse.

A discussion ensued regarding the need to follow the bylaw and the possible penalties.

Councillor Meikleham reminded the Mayor that this portion of the meeting was not a public forum, but a question and answer period.

Bill Olfert, resident of the Town of Espanola, asked Council if any of them have gone to the recycling plant to see how it's actually being done, to see how much is actually going into the land fill that we are presenting to them. His second question to Council was, does Council want to emphasize recycling in order to reduce waste going into the landfill? Council agreed. Mr. Olfert then inquired about all the other items going to the landfill such as building materials and all kinds of other junk that people are hauling to the dump and paying tipping fees on. Mr. Olfert felt that Council should be looking at ways to save the landfill that way.

Mayor Piche advised that the landfill is owned by a private contractor and does not have the same restrictions. He further advised that the legislation is for the municipality.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**CA-015-17 S. Meikleham – B. Foster**

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

**Carried**

**Items A1  
Minutes**

**17-152 B. Foster – S. Meikleham**

Be It Resolved That: The following Minutes are hereby accepted; Regular Meeting of Council of September 12, 2017.

**Carried**

**Board and Committee Reports**

**Item B1**

**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**

**17-153 B. Foster – K. Duplessis**

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No 2808/17 be adopted, being a Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Meeting of September 12, 2017.

**Carried**

**Reports**

**Items F1-F5**

**17- 154 K. Duplessis – B. Foster**

The following reports are hereby received; Public Works Department Departmental Report for August 2017; Fire Department Departmental Report for August 2017; Leisure Services Department Departmental Report for August 2017; Joint Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2017; Espanola Public Library Board Meeting Minutes of May 8<sup>th</sup> & June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Carried**

**PART II**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Bylaws and Resolutions**

**Item G1**

**Notice of Motion**

**17-155 R. Duplessis – K. Duplessis**

Be It Resolved That: The Council Committee of the Whole commence monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm commencing in October 2017 concerning firehall renovations or replacement.

**Carried**

**Meeting of the  
Whole for Firehall**

**17-155A R. Yocom – R. Dufour**

Be It Resolved That: The Council Committee of the Whole commence monthly meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm commencing in October 2017 concerning firehall renovations or replacement.

**Carried**

Councillor R. Duplessis advised Council the reasons for his Notice of Motion. A discussion ensued regarding the need to have this item reviewed by a Committee of the Whole or if it should be placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion. Councillor Yocom advised that the time conflicts with the Community Services Committee meetings; additional discussions ensued and the resolution was prepared.

**Item G2**

**Touch A Truck &  
Community Open  
House**

**17-156 K. Duplessis – B. Foster**

Be It Resolved That: The municipality host a "Touch a Truck & Open House" event Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> as an opportunity to engage the residents in accordance with the Corporate Communications Policy.

**Carried**

**Items G3**

**Legal Survey Tender  
for Phase 2 of the  
Infrastructure  
Renewal funded by  
CWWF**

**17-157 R. Duplessis – R. Dufour**

Be It Resolved That: The tender to conduct a legal survey for Phase 2 of the Municipal Infrastructure Renewal Plan from Tulloch Engineering be accepted.

**Carried**

A discussion ensued regarding the breakdown of the funding received and the cost to the municipality for this project. It was stated by the CAO that \$758,000 would be the total expenditures funding by the government. The Manager of Public Works broke down the areas that would receive upgrades throughout 3 phases.

**Item G4**  
**Geotechnical Tender  
for Phase 2 of the  
Infrastructure  
Renewal funded by  
CWWF**

**17-158 R. Yocom – R. Duplessis**

Be It Resolved That: The tender to conduct a geotechnical investigation for Phase 2 of the Municipal Infrastructure Renewal Plan from EXP be accepted.

**Carried**

A discussion ensued regarding the scoring for each tender. Mr. Yusko presented Council with these figures and further advised that staff felt EXP had submitted the best proposal. Councillor Yocom confirmed that the reason for this is due to the fact that the other tenders did not meet all the items in the RFP.

**Item G5**  
**2017 Sidewalk  
Tractor Purchase**

**17-159 R. Duplessis – R. Dufour**

Be It Resolved That: The 2017 Trackless MT-7 with 60" Ribbon Snow blower be purchased from Work Equipment.

**Carried**

A discussion ensued regarding this budgeted item. It was stated that due to the condition of the current tractor and the amount that it would cost in repairs, the money being spent would cover ¼ of the price of a new one.

**Item G6**  
**Water & Sewer Rates**

**17-160 R. Dufour – R. Duplessis**

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2806/17, the Water & Sewer Bylaw be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

A discussion ensued regarding a provision in the bylaw to state who would be responsible for the repairs should a user complain that the meter is reading incorrectly. The Clerk explained that in the event that the meter was not working properly, the repairs would be at the Town's expense. If there were no issues with the meters, then the inspection would be at the user's expense.

Mr. Joel Yusko explained the process of how the meters will be read.

**Item G7**  
**Establishing and  
Maintaining a System  
for the Collection,  
Removal and Disposal  
of Waste**

**17-161 R. Yocom – R. Duplessis**

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No 2817/17 be deferred for 6 months to educate the municipality on these issues.

**Carried**

A discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of Council to remove the timelines for when garbage can be brought to the curbside.

Councillor Foster also suggested that the types of containers currently being used are grandfathered. There was some comments, but no consensus of Council.

Further discussion took place regarding the price of additional tags being reduced. There was no direction from Council.

Councillor R. Duplessis stated that he has received many concerns and comments regarding recycling from residents and he felt that Council was rushing into these changes.

Councillor Yocom reminded everyone that it was the garbage bylaw being discussed tonight and not the recycling bylaw.

However, he further noted that the reason to increase the recycling is because the province has moved the date to February 2018 from 2021 to conform with the Blue Box Program changes, and that things have accelerated quite quickly. In addition, the other two parties have indicated they will support the policy, therefore he felt that Council was not moving on fast enough. He further stated that even if the province did not carry through, the municipality would generate more revenues by increasing our recycling efforts. Councillor Yocom advised it was time to move on and back to discussions on the garbage bylaw. He further advised that they would not be discussing the two bags since that has already been debated and discussed.

He inquired if Council had reached an agreement on the price of additional tags. Few comments were made. No direction was given to staff.

Councillor K. Duplessis stated that he felt there was not enough education provided to the public regarding these changes. He felt more time was needed to get the information out to everyone.

Councillor K. Duplessis asked for this item to be deferred until there is more information and an education program for the citizens of Espanola.

Further discussion ensued on timelines.

The resolution was amended.

**Correspondence For Information Only**

**H1** Simplified Risk Assessment

**H2** Email Response to Council Inquiry from Aug 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting re: Resident Complaint

**Information**

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

MTO Correspondence re: meeting with PA  
FONOM correspondence re: Future of Species at Risk  
ROMA report

**Conference and Conventions**

None

**Mayor and Councillors Reports and Announcements**

- OPP Costing** Comments were shared regarding the recent OPP costing presentation. It was the consensus of Council to have a different venue for the follow up meetings.
- Hwy 6 Signage** Councillor R. Duplessis inquired if a left turning lane only sign could be installed above the road at the intersection of Hwy 6 and Tudhope St.
- Hwy 6 Paving** Councillor R. Duplessis asked for a follow up to the discussions regarding the road work just south of the bridge in to town.
- Solar Farm** Councillor R. Duplessis inquired as to when the required berm will be installed around the solar farm on Panache Lake Rd.
- Resignation** Councillor Meikleham thanked the Mayor, staff and Ms. Townsend for their hard work and dedication prior to announcing his resignation effective immediately following the meeting.
- Feeding Wildlife** Councillor R. Duplessis would like to know if signs can be erected at the cemetery to deter people from feeding the foxes.

**Future Council Meetings**

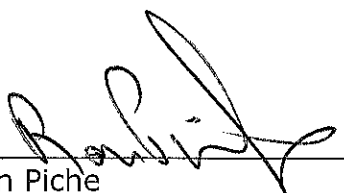
Corporate Services Committee Meeting of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 @ 3:00pm  
Regular Meeting of Council Meeting of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 7:30 pm


**Adjournment**

**R. Yocom – R. Duplessis**

Be It Resolved That: The Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned. Time:8:52 pm

**Carried**

  
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Ron Piche  
Mayor

  
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Paula Roque  
Clerk