



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

**Council Chambers
Municipal Office**

**May 22, 2018
10:00 am**

His Worship Mayor Piche presided over the meeting.

Present:

Councillors: R. Dufour, K. Duplessis; R. Duplessis, H. Malott,
B. Yocom

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

Absent:

Councillor B. Yocom

The Deputy 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 **None**

CONSENT AGENDA

CA-008-19 R. Duplessis – R. Dufour

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

Carried

Items A1-A4
Council Minutes

18-081 R. Dufour – K. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: The following Minutes are hereby
accepted; Regular Meeting of Council of April 24, 2018; Special
Meeting of Council of May 8, 2018; Regular Meeting of Council of
May 8, 2018; Special Meeting of Council of May 8, 2018.

Carried

Board and Committee Reports

Items B1

18-082 R. Duplessis – R. Dufour

Be It Resolved That: The following board and committee reports
are hereby received: Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
of April 24, 2018.

Carried

Matters arising from the "In Camera Session"

None

Business Arising from Board and Committees

None

Bylaws and Resolutions

Item E1

Confirmatory Bylaw

18-083 R. Duplessis – R. Dufour

Be It Resolved That: 2844/18 be adopted being a Bylaw of the Town of Espanola to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Meeting of May 8, 2018.

Carried

Reports

Items F1-F5

18-084 R. Dufour – R. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: The following reports are hereby received; Public Works Department Departmental Report for April 2018; Leisure Services Department Departmental Report for April 2018; Building Services Department Departmental Report for April 2018; Fire Department Departmental Report for April 2018; Joint Health and Safety Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2018.

Carried

PART II

REGULAR AGENDA

Bylaws and Resolutions

Item G1A

2018 Reserves

A discussion ensued regarding the need to move more funds from reserves to cover the cost of the firehall should a lame duck situation occur.

The Clerk advised that a resolution was required.

R. Dufour – R. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: An additional \$500,000 be moved from reserves in 2018 for the new firehall.

Carried

Item G1B

Strike the Rates of Taxation for 2018

18-085 R. Duplessis – R. Dufour

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No. 2845/18 be adopted, being a Bylaw to Adopt the Estimates of all Sums Required During the Year and to Strike the Rates Of Taxation for the Year 2018.

Carried

Item G2

Establish Tax Ratios

18-086 H. Malott – K. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No 2846/18 be adopted, Being a Bylaw to Establish Tax Ratios for Prescribed Property Classes.

Carried

Item G3
Adopt Optional Tools

18-087 K. Duplessis – H. Malott

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No 2847/18 be adopted, Being a Bylaw to Adopt Optional Tools for the Purposes of Administering Limits for Eligible Properties within the meaning of Section 331 (New Construction) for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes.

Carried

Item G4
Establish Tax Ratios

18-088 K. Duplessis – B. Foster

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No 2848/18 be adopted, being A Bylaw to Establish Capping Options for Prescribed Property Classes.

Carried

Item G5
**Bylaw to Stop Up,
Close and Realign a
Portion of Church
Street**

18-089 H. Malott – K. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw No 2849/18 be adopted, Being a Bylaw to Stop Up, Close and Realign a Portion of Church Street

Carried

A discussion ensued.

The Clerk clarified the area that would be closed as well as the new route.

Item G6
**National Health and
Fitness Day**

18-090 B. Foster – R. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS the Parliament of Canada wishes to increase awareness among Canadians of the significant benefits of physical activity and to encourage Canadians to increase their level of physical activity and their participation in recreational sports and fitness activities;

WHEREAS it is in Canada's interest to improve the health of all Canadians and to reduce the burden of illness on Canadian families and on the Canadian health care system;

WHEREAS many local governments in Canada have public facilities to promote the health and fitness of their citizens;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada wishes to encourage local governments to facilitate Canadian's participation in healthy physical activities;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada wishes to encourage the country's local governments, non government organizations, the private sector and all Canadians to recognize the first Saturday in June as National Health and Fitness Day and to mark the day with local events and initiatives celebrating and promoting the importance and use of local health, recreational, sports and fitness facilities;

WHEREAS Canadian's mountain, oceans, lakes, forest, parks and wilderness also offer recreational and fitness opportunities;

AND WHEREAS Canadian Environment Week is observed throughout the country in early June and walking and cycling

are great ways to reduce vehicle pollution and improve physical fitness;

AND WHEREAS declaring the first Saturday in June to be National Health and Fitness Day will further encourage Canadians to participate in physical activities and contribute to their own health and wellbeing;

THEREFORE Council hereby proclaims National Health and Fitness Day in the Town of Espanola as the first Saturday in June and;

AND FURTHERMORE encourages all residents to explore the recreational activities our community has to offer and cordially invites you to the Tennis and Tea Celebration on Sunday June 3rd at the tennis courts from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, to enjoy free tennis and pickle ball lessons and be witness to the unveiling of the memorial shade benches, donated by Ms. Daphne Allen in memory of her husband Don and son Dave.

Carried

Item G7
**Approval of Landfill
Projects**

18-091 R Duplessis – B. Foster

Be It Resolved That: Council for the Town of Espanola supports the Municipality of East Ferris' resolution #2018-165 regarding the right to approve landfill projects in their communities.

Carried

Item G8
SABE

18-092 B. Foster – R. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: Council for the Town of Espanola supports the Save AB Ellis Committee commissioning a Feasibility Study. This Study should include a building condition assessment of the old AB Ellis School and considerations as they relate to a change of use for their proposed development.

Carried

A discussion ensued regarding the need for a letter of support from Council. It was stated that there is support for the SABE group providing there is no burden to the tax payer.

Council Dufour asked if there was a time problem with this item; Mayor Piche asked Mr. Clackett to speak to the question. Mr. Clackett advised that this was the first step in the process. He further advised that the school is presently in use, however the School Board does have a motion to demolish it once it is declared surplus so it is important that the feasibility study is done as quickly as possible. Councillor Foster suggested that Council has the authority to pass a motion to delay the demolition of the building. The Clerk advised that would only apply if Council has formed a Heritage Committee and the building is declared a heritage site. Councillor Malott asked if there was a Historical Building committee in place now, she was advised there was not. She suggested that Council look into that giving the SABE group something to fall back on if

they need this. It was stated that should a committee be formed and a study reveal that the project is not feasible then the municipality has a historical site that cannot be torn down.

Item G9
SCBAs

18-093 R. Duplessis – B. Foster

Be It Resolved That: Council approve the purchase of new SCBAs for the Fire Department as quoted by Levitt Safety.

Carried

Item G10
**Advertising on
Municipal Property**

For Discussion

A discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of Council to allow this non local business to advertise on municipal property. It was stated that each request would be determined on an as requested basis. The Clerk advised that a motion was required.

B. Foster – K. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: Council approve OK Signs advertising a business outside of Espanola on municipal property.

Carried

Item G11
**Hwy 6 Connecting
Link Reconstruction**

18-094 B. Foster – K. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: Council award the Tender for the Connecting Link project to Garson Pipe.

Carried

Item G12
**Repeal Bylaw for
Vacant Unit Rebates**

18-095 H. Malott – B. Foster

Be It Resolved That: Bylaw 2850/18 be adopted, being a Bylaw to repeal Bylaw 1321/98 authorizing vacant unit rebates

Carried

Item G13
Notice of Motion

R. Duplessis – R. Dufour

Be It Resolved That: We remove the need for a permit to remove or replace siding as long as there are no structural changes.

Carried

Councillor R. Duplessis addressed the Mayor and stated that he was not aware of anyone that wanted to replace their siding, but he was aware of only a few municipalities that charged a permit to install siding. He explained that construction season was here and by the time this item went to Committee level and back to Council to have the Bylaw passed, the season would be over. This was his reason to address this one particular item now. He further advised that he thought there were other items to be reviewed at the Committee level but felt they could be addressed at that time.

Councillor Foster advised he would like more information and to hear from the Building Department to learn of any potential liability issues. He suggested this item go to Corporate

Services in early June and then to Council. This would allow time to get a report from the Building Inspector and also allow the rest of Council to look into it.

Councillor R. Duplessis stated that Council could chose to pass this item then bring it to Community Services Committee for recommendation, and if they find out it is bad, they can reverse it. Mayor Piche advised then that allows some people to start a project then later they would be told no. Councillor R. Duplessis stated "well, if they start, then they start" and agreed with the Mayor.

Councillor K. Duplessis stated that reversing it would cause confusion. He then asked if this was in the Ontario Building Code, to which Mayor Piche advised that was what Council needed to find out, Councillor R. Duplessis stated it was not in the code. Councillor K. Duplessis then stated that this would be an illegal motion if it was and advised Councillor R.

Duplessis that he assumed he would know that. Councillor K. Duplessis then stated that Council needs to be careful not to permit above the Building Code because the Town could be potentially liable. He agreed with Councillor Foster and stated that this should be looked at in a little more depth. Councillor Foster then stated he would like to see this item deferred until the next Council meeting. The Clerk advised that this item would go to the Corporate Services Committee for review as it is a policy change. Councillor Foster stated that if it went to the next Corporate meeting it could then be brought to the following Council meeting. The Clerk explained the process on having this item brought to the Committee level and then to Council.

Councillor R. Duplessis stated that he believed it was not in the Building Code because there are other municipalities that are not charging permits for siding. The Mayor advised that we are not other municipalities and he would prefer to gather more information.

Councillor Dufour stated that he didn't see this item in our Bylaws to which the Clerk responded that it would be the Building Fees Bylaw. Councillor Dufour advised that he gets confused between our Bylaws and the Government regulations and further advised that Councillor R. Duplessis is correct in saying it is not in the Building Code, that he has done a lot of reading in there and he certainly does not see it. He further advised that if they are circumventing any of the building regulations they would want to know about it quickly so they can rescind anything they might have done improper. He suggested that the Building Official attend the Corporate Services meeting to provide further information, but stated there is no reason why they couldn't pass that today and then rescind it the following week. The Mayor stated that he had a problem with circumventing proper procedures, he advised that he agreed with Councillor Foster and they should be following

the proper procedures even though it may take some time he would like to do it right. Councillor Dufour advised that it is not Council or the Building Official's job to babysit people, if there is a structural change they would need to come and get a permit. The Mayor advised he would still like to see it done in proper sequence and he did not want to see people changing siding in the next couple of weeks when Council hasn't followed the proper procedure.

Councillor Foster stated that introducing Notice of Motions and making decisions without having time to think about it and get some input from staff is something they should stay away from, so decisions are not made quickly without a bit of thought. He stated this is just a good general policy.

Councillor R. Duplessis stated that the Building Inspector attended a Committee meeting some time ago and advised that a permit is needed for siding to determine if there is any structural damage and work needed and that is why his Notice of Motion stated if no structural changes.

Councillor K. Duplessis advised that although it is possible to pass this Notice of Motion now, he would like to do their due diligence to ensure there isn't something that could put them into a liable position.

The Mayor asked for a vote to defer this item, and reread the motion, there was no response from Council. Councillor Foster then asked if an amendment to the motion was required. The Clerk explained the process between deferring, carrying or defeating the motion. The vote to defer was not carried.

Item G14

Permit for Siding

R. Duplessis – R. Dufour

Be It Resolved That: We remove the need for a permit to remove or replace siding as long as there are no structural changes

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.

Letter from local resident re: OPP vote

Township of Nairn and Hyman correspondence re: Hwy 17 reclassification

Conference and Conventions

None

Mayor and Councillors Reports and Announcements

Firefighters Correspondence Councillor R Duplessis advised that he had been contacted by 2 residents in the outlying area regarding the correspondence circulated by the Firefighters.

Motion for PSB Councillor Foster asked the CAO if a motion would be required to keep a 5 person Police Services Board after amalgamation with the OPP. The CAO advised she would need to look into that further.

Fire Equipment Report Councillor Foster advised he would like to see a report that shows the difference on how many gallons of water can be put on a fire and the time lines to refill and disperse the water with both 2 and 3 pumper/tankers and if they met the threshold for insurance rates for areas without hydrant service. The Fire Chief provided information on what is needed to obtain Pumper/Tanker Accreditation. The ACO advised that she would like to clarify that currently we have one pumper and one tanker. Councillor K Duplessis asked the Fire chief to include the amount of times the truck was refilled during the fire that took place that was referred to by Mr. Marc Lelievre during his presentation to Council. The Fire Chief clarified that three trucks were needed, 2 to shuttle water and one to stay at the scene to pump the water. The report is also to include if the age of the current truck will hinder the possibility of getting an accreditation. It appeared to be the consensus of Council to have the report completed.

Future Council Meetings

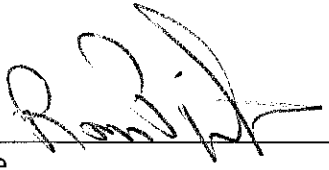
Corporate Services Committee Meeting of June 5, 2018 @ 3:00 pm
Regular Meeting of Council of June 12, 2018 @ 7:30 pm

Adjournment

B. Foster – R. Duplessis

Be It Resolved That: The Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned. Time: 11:08 am

Carried



R Piche
Mayor



Paula Roque
Clerk