



TOWN HALL NEWSLETTER

April 2013

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Council Meetings

Council meetings are open to the public, and held the second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers at the Municipal Office.

All individuals or groups requesting an opportunity to make a presentation to Council must do so in writing, a copy of the subject matter should be included and submitted to the Clerk not later than 12:00 noon on the Wednesday preceding regular meetings of Council.

Full Council meeting agendas are posted on the municipal website Monday by noon preceding regular meetings of Council. www.espanola.ca

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

April 26, 2013

Dear Residents,

The 3rd Draft of the 2013 Budget is currently being prepared. This revision will reflect reductions, cuts and restructuring initiatives made by Council to date.

I acknowledge, cuts to the budget are tough and often unpopular but they are strategic decisions to protect the long term vision of community economic retention and growth.

Mayor, Council and Staff continue to work diligently with the coalition members and will be attending a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Finance on Monday, April 29th regarding the Domtar reassessment.

A public presentation will be held once the final 2013 Budget has been adopted, to address specific changes to municipal services.

Be sure to "like" us on Facebook to receive information on when and where this presentation will take place.

Mike Lehoux
Mayor

CHANGES TO HOURS OF OPERATION

LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS

May 17th-Sept 1st

Monday-Thursday: 9am-8pm

Friday: 9am-5pm

Saturday/Sunday: CLOSED

Closed for Stat Holidays May 20th, July 1st, Aug 5th, Sept 2nd



RECREATION COMPLEX SUMMER HOURS

May 17th-Sept 1st

Monday-Thursday: 6am-9pm

Friday: 6am-6pm

Saturday: 9am-2pm

Sunday: CLOSED

Closed for Stat Holidays May 20th, July 1st, Aug 5th, Sept 2nd

TOWN OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

July 2nd-Aug 30th

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm

Friday: CLOSED

Closed for Stat Holidays May 20th, July 1st, Aug 5th, Sept 2nd

PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

July 2nd-Aug 30th

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm

Friday: CLOSED

Closed for Stat Holidays May 20th, July 1st, Aug 5th, Sept 2nd

ESPANOLA CARE VAN HOURS

Monday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Tuesday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Wednesday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Thursday 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm



**To book your appointment call
705-862-0244**

NEWS FROM PUBLIC WORKS

The department has been busy cleaning up winter sand on our sidewalks and roadways. This year's spring appears to be later than usual with significant snow accumulation.

Spring maintenance includes the inspection of our playgrounds, water turned on for the same parks and green spaces, preparation for our field users, line painting and pothole repairs will be ongoing.

Spring flushing began April 22nd and will finish on or about May 3rd. Flushing is done between the hours of 3:30pm and 11:30pm. To avoid discoloration of water for laundry, dishwashing, etc. homeowners are discouraged from doing laundry or using hot water on the night their street is being completed. For accurate up-to-date information please visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/TownofEspanola, listen to 99.3 FM the MOOSE at approximately 9:18am and 3:49pm, watch Channel 10, or call Espanola Public Works at 705-869-1751.

Due to the fiscal challenges, residents are advised that there will **NOT** be an Amnesty Week for 2013. PWD will however be accepting compostable yard waste, leaves, grass clippings and branches on the lot next to the fire hall Monday to Friday May 6-10 from 12:00pm to 5:30pm and Saturday May 11 from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Municipal Household Hazardous Waste, a fully funded service from Stewardship Ontario, will be held May 4th from 8:00am to 4:00pm at the Public Works Department yard.

SUMMER PARKS PROGRAM



"Let's Get Physical"

July 2-Aug 16/ Monday-Friday

½ day recreational program for children ages 7-13

Mornings 9:00-11:45am **OR**

Afternoons 1:00-3:45pm

@ Red McCarthy Memorial Athletic Field

No program Civic Holiday

Registration opens June 1st-June 16th at the Recreation Complex Front Desk, or online at

www.espanola.ca

\$225.00+HST per child, non-residents add 10%

Science North Summer Camp

Aug 26-30 @ the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex. For information & registration visit

www.sciencenorth.ca/camps

Visit www.espanola.ca for more summer camp announcements



Watch for the NEW Spring Swim Schedule effective May 17th available online at www.espanola.ca. Pool closed May 18th-20th.

ESPANOLA POLICE SERVICES

The Espanola Police Service has always been and remains Committed to Our Community, and frequently reviews operating procedures to determine how we can best serve our citizens. Over the past several months some of you may have noticed an increased presence of police officers at the areas where our citizens most commonly gather, such as the recreation complex, mall and schools.

In addition, the Espanola Police Service recognizes the importance of having a positive relationship with the youth in our community and the impact that it can have, not only on the youth involved but the community as a whole. Constable Melisa Rancourt has taken on the responsibility of School Liaison Officer, and as a result has been spending extra time in the Espanola High School walking the halls and interacting with the students. Constable Rancourt has also made herself available for the duration of the lunch period at the school for any students who may have questions or concerns. This initiative has already begun yielding some positive results, and breaking down some of the barriers that sometime exist between the police and our youth.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program, is an education program for elementary students. The aim of this program is to give kids the knowledge and confidence to make safe and responsible choices, be good citizens, and resist the pressures to become involved in drugs, alcohol, violence or other dangerous activity. The D.A.R.E. program is aimed at students in grades 5 and 6, but also has a separate education component directed at students in grades 7 and 8. The program also provides education for children in kindergarten through grade 4, covering topics such as "stranger danger", traffic safety, and drugs and alcohol. Constable Rancourt is looking forward to supporting kids in making good choices for their future.

ESPANOLA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Working Smoke Alarms Provide Early Fire Detection

Espanola – 4/23/13 To prevent a tragic fire in Espanola, Fire Chief Mike Pichor is urging residents to ensure that they have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas of their homes.

"Every home is required by law to have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. These can be hard-wired or battery-operated depending on when your home was built. Both types are required to meet the same standard for smoke alarms, and both are equally effective and acceptable under the Ontario Fire Code. "If you do not have a smoke alarm on every storey of your home, it is vital that you install them as soon as possible" said Chief Pichor.

Residents are urged to test their smoke alarms every month by pressing the test button. If the alarms fail to sound, and it is a hard-wired smoke alarm, make sure you have it looked at right away. If it is a battery-operated smoke alarm, make sure that the battery is installed correctly or install a new battery. If the alarm still fails to sound, replace the smoke alarm with a new one. Smoke alarms should be tested once a month and batteries should be replaced every year. Smoke alarms don't last forever. Replace smoke alarms with new ones if they are more than 10 years old.

"Just as important as having working smoke alarms, is making sure everyone in your home knows exactly what to do to escape BEFORE a fire occurs," continued Fire Chief Pichor. "Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it with the entire household."

Simple steps for home fire escape planning include:

- Determining who will be responsible for helping young children, older adults or anyone else that due to cognitive or physical limitations may require additional assistance to escape.
- Making sure everyone knows two ways out of your residence.
- Checking that all exits are unobstructed and easy to access.
- Designating a meeting place outside the home, such as a tree or a lamp post, where everyone can be accounted for.
- Calling the fire department from outside the home, from a cell phone or neighbour's home.
- Once out, stay out. Never re-enter a burning building.
- Practicing your home fire escape plan with everyone in your household.

For people who live in apartment buildings and need assistance to escape:

- Make sure you tell the superintendent or landlord if you need assistance.
- Make sure your name is added to the persons who require assistance list in the fire safety plan, so the fire department knows which apartment you are in.
- Know the emergency procedures outlined in the building's fire safety plan.

Only working smoke alarms can give you the early warning you need to safely escape a fire. There is no time to spare in a fire.

When you hear the alarm you MUST get out immediately

For more information, contact: Fire Chief Mike Pichor
705-869-3888
mpichor@espanola.ca



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Our Facebook Page was created to allow the Town of Espanola to reach a wider audience (YOU!). Currently we post information about schedule changes, events, service updates and more. Are you already on Facebook? Why not "Like" us to get accurate information delivered straight to your computer/mobile phone? Even if you don't have a Facebook account, you can still view our updates by visiting www.facebook.com/TownofEspanola

NEW! Take a survey in the month of May weekly questions every Monday



BYLAW NO. 2485/12 REMINDER

PART 6 – NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS

- 6.1 Except as otherwise provided in this Bylaw; no person shall keep or permit in or about any dwelling unit or premises more than two dogs or more than two cats.
- 6.2 Notwithstanding Section 6.1; a person may keep or permit in or about a dwelling unit or premises:
 - 6.2.1 maximum of three dogs temporarily in a dwelling unit for a continuous period not exceeding forty-eight hours; or
 - 6.2.2 a maximum of five cats temporarily in a dwelling unit for a continuous period not exceeding forty-eight hours; or
 - 6.2.3 not more than 4 dogs and 6 cats on a property which is zoned for "agricultural" use under the Zoning Bylaw for that area, and which is used for agricultural purposes as defined in the relevant Zoning Bylaw for the area.