



TOWN HALL NEWSLETTER

January 2018

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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 preceding regular meetings of Council by noon.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Happy New Year to All!

We begin 2018 with many challenges.

As Council moves forward with the OPP costing, I would like to remind our residents that they too have an opportunity to have their questions answered. Questions or comments can be submitted to policingoptions@espanola.ca, where they will be forwarded to OPP representatives. The answers will be placed in the OPP Costing Initiative section on the town's website at www.espanola.ca. I encourage

everyone to take the time to visit this section of the website, review the OPP Costing Proposal and learn more about the changes we can expect should our municipality opt for OPP Policing in our community. Another great opportunity to learn about the costing is to attend the public consultation that will be taking place in the near future. Details will be posted on our website, Facebook, advertised in the Mid North Monitor and the Around and About as they become available.

With 2018 being an election year, there is an opportunity to place a question on the ballot, with respect to how the municipality should be policed. I encourage you to become familiar with this issue, ask the questions that you may have and contact your councillors to discuss this option.

It is very important to mention that the OPP costing was requested because Council was looking at cost savings to pass along to residents. Council recognizes the quality service that is currently being provided with our local police officers and we thank them for their dedicated service to Espanola.

The other issue we have is our need for a new fire truck as ours has surpassed its useful life and needs to be replaced. Unfortunately, the new fire trucks are built longer and our existing firehall would not accommodate this new purchase. The Committee of the Whole continues to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm to discuss and review all of our options. These meetings are open to the public and are live streamed. Other considerations when reviewing the needs of our fire services are training facilities, accessibility, future equipment, vehicle and facility needs.

Council continues to look for solutions to the community's senior housing shortfall. This is not unique to Espanola, our community is a wonderful location for developers to invest and we have been working very hard to ensure we have development incentives to offer that make our Town an attractive place to invest.

Once again, I remind all residents if you have questions, comments or suggestions on these or any other topics, to contact myself or your councillors and have your voices heard.



2018 ESPANOLA COMMUNITY WINTER CARNIVAL

! **NOTICE of RECORDING** Events at the Ski hill may be video recorded for use in social media

Friday, February 9, 2018

7:30pm Rail Jam & Live Band "Id Iota" – a licensed event @ skill hill \$15/Jam & Band; \$10/Band

Saturday, February 10, 2018 @ the Ski Hill



12-2pm Big Air Event

12-2pm Saturday & Sunday Frosty Family Fun. Hosted by Domtar Wellness *Scavenger Hunt *Selfie Booth*Fun Winter Facts

1-3pm Snowmobile and Winter Safety: The MNRF will be on site with a snowmobile, promoting safe riding and tips on how to be prepared for winter emergencies

2:30-3:30pm Radar Run

3:30-4pm Big Air & Radar Run Prize Presentations

4pm Word of Thanks from Mayor Piche and Ed Stortz, President of Espanola Ski Club LTD

4:30-5:30pm Live Band

6pm Christmas Tree Bonfire

6:30pm Torch parade & opening of carnival with night skiing until 9pm followed by Fireworks

9-12pm Party with a Live Band

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Friday, February 9, 2018

11:00am-1:30pm Snowflake Luncheon Chili & Bun, coffee/tea/juice/water & dessert \$8 *Hosted by Espanola 527 Masonic Lodge, upstairs @ the Recreation Complex*

6:30pm Meat Roll-off & 50/50 draws. Proceeds to Espanola Junior Curling @ Espanola Legion

5:00pm-1:00am 34th Annual Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner, Elimination Draw and Dance Draw totals \$1,700 in prizes with \$1,000 first prize; Supper and Draw - \$15.00 (All you can eat) Supper only - \$10.00/Kids under 12 - \$5.00. Proceeds to charity; for tickets call 869-3491 (4-6 pm Monday to Friday) or 869-0692 "After 34 years the Italians still send spies to try and steal our recipe!" *@ the Knights of Columbus*

February 9 & 10 Camp Quality Funspiel \$40 per person, \$160 per team - call 705-869-2133 Espanola Curling Club

Saturday, February 10, 2018

9-11am Free Skate Exchange Donate &/or pick-up a pair of Skates, Public Health Sudbury & Districts *and the Espanola & Area Family Health Team Recreation Complex Lobby*

10-11am Free Carnival Skate Recreation Complex

10am-4pm Vendors Market. Meet the Carrot Cake Lady for baked goods, STN Uniques Woodworking, Mary Kay Products & so much more! *In support of the Shelley Newton Memorial Fund @ Recreation Complex Lobby*

3:30pm Meat Roll-off & 50/50 draws. Proceeds to North Shore Search & Rescue @ Espanola Legion

4:30-6:30pm Lions Seniors Appreciation Dinner. You must have a ticket to attend. Tickets available at the Senior's Club, Cinder's Naturals Health Food Store and through Lions Club members. Call 862-0244 for free transportation. Reception starts at 4:30pm & dinner served at 5:00pm. *Sponsored by the Espanola Lions Recreation Complex*

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Sunday, February 11, 2018

11am - 12pm SNOW YOGA Warm up outside with Snow Yoga beginners welcome! Hosted by Cindy Stewart/Sunbeam Family Yoga @ the Ski Hill

12-2pm Frosty Family Fun *Scavenger Hunt *Selfie Booth*Fun Winter Facts. Hosted by Domtar Wellness @ the Ski Hill

3-4pm Free Carnival Skate @ Recreation Complex

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE POOL

NEW Saturday Night Recreation Swims 6:00-7:55pm

NEW Lane Swim Times 7:30pm-8:25pm Mondays & Wednesdays (full pool dedicated to the lane swimmers)

NEW Stroke Improvement Clinic Wednesdays 7:30-8:25pm Free for members! Let us help you develop your skills. Drills and workouts prepared by our instructors.

FREE Shelley Newton Rec Swims 1st Sunday of Every Month 1:00pm-1:55pm

FREE Lion's Club Swim every Saturday 1:00-2:55pm THANK YOU LIONS!

FREE SHELLEY NEWTON MEMORIAL PD DAY SWIM Friday, February 2, 11-11:55am

Tadpoles & PJ Tales the last Wednesday of the month until June, 6-7pm Tadpole Swim

7-7:15pm Tadpoles change into PJ's, 7:15-8pm Story Time & Activities in the Library Meeting Room

Parents \$5.94 tax included/Children under 6 free/children over 6 \$5.37 tax included.

All children must be accompanied into the water with an adult.



YOUR SPACE, YOUR LIBRARY

After celebrating 100 years of having a library in Espanola, 2018 presents the library with new opportunities in providing public service to the community.

The Library Board is working on a new foundation document - a new Strategic Plan, to move beyond 2020.

Please assist the board with this process by completing our online survey at our web page <https://www.espanola.ca/library>. We appreciate your participation and assistance.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

With this winter's very cold temperatures to date, the Department anticipates deep frost levels under any plowed surface. The Department's biggest concerns with deep frost levels are the potential for water main breaks as well as frozen water mains. A couple of indicators that your water service may be freezing are dirty water and low water pressure. If you experience either of these water quality issues, run your cold water until it improves and/or call the Public Works Dept. at (705)869-1751 for us to come to your location and troubleshoot the issue(s).

The Town of Espanola would like to remind residents, businesses and plow contractors that as per section 32 (5) of traffic bylaw 2030/07 *"No person shall obstruct, encumber, injure or foul any highway street, roadway, laneway or bridge within the Town of Espanola, or cause any such highway to be obstructed, encumbered, injured or fouled, by throwing or depositing or causing to be thrown or deposited thereon any snow or ice."* A violation of this bylaw carries a fine of



\$90. Please be sure to clean any snow that may obstruct the roadway or a municipally maintained sidewalk or laneway that is a result of your driveway or parking lot cleaning activities. Thank you for your cooperation.

When roadway plowing is anticipated on a Friday morning, please remember to place your recycling and garbage containers a few feet back from the road edge. This should prevent any damage to containers as a result of the plowing activities. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Under the authority of bylaw 2030/07, the "Reduced Load Period" will take effect on March 1, 2018. Signage will be posted on all affected roads. The reduced load period will remain in effect until the frost has completely left the affected roads.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 8am-4pm. Please keep an eye out for the mailbox flyer advising of event details and accepted wastes.

Take advantage of the Department's upcoming Leaf and Yard Waste Pilot Project. Please do your part in keeping Espanola beautiful.

COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROLS

The Espanola Police Service is committed to Community Patrols as identified in our 2016 – 2018 Business Plan. In 2017 we conducted 213 officially recorded Community Patrols at schools, businesses, the Recreation Centre and athletic sites, the Espanola Hospital, and the downtown core to name a few. In 2018 we will also be tracking our community involvement and the interactions with community members. Our Motto is “Committed to our Community”, which we take very seriously. *Acting Chief of Police Todd C. Zimmerman*

2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS



The upcoming Municipal Election to elect a Mayor, Councillors and School Board Trustee will be held on Monday, October 22, 2018. Nominations open Tuesday, May 1, 2018 (formerly the 1st business day in January in the year of the election) and close on Friday, July 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. (formerly nominations closed the 2nd Friday in September).

Watch for the launch of MPAC’s VoterLookup.ca in early spring where electors will be able to confirm and/or update electoral information

THINKING OF RUNNING FOR COUNCIL? THEN THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR YOU!

Ever wonder what it would be like to run for Council? What exactly is involved? What are Councillors’ roles and responsibilities?

The Town of Espanola, in partnership with The Township of Baldwin, Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers is pleased to offer an evening where all these questions can be answered.

RUN for COUNCIL – BE THE DIFFERENCE! Candidate Information Workshop

**Thursday, March 29, 2018 @ 7:00 pm Espanola Royal Canadian Legion
370 Annette St, Espanola ON**

FREE EVENT - NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

What does it take to run for council?

What should I know before I run? What rules, regulations & laws govern my action as an elected official?

SPEAKERS

Paul Cassan of Wishart Municipal Group Paul is the lead lawyer for Wishart Municipal Group with twenty years experience in this field. He regularly acts for Municipalities and related organizations throughout Ontario. Paul will discuss the distinct, but supportive roles of Municipal Council and Staff. He will explain the policy making process directed by Council & issues surrounding the mechanics of Council meetings.

Timmins Mayor Steve Black Mayor Black is one of Canada’s youngest politicians and the youngest Mayor ever elected in Timmins. He is serving his first term as Mayor. Come and hear Mayor Black share his story, the challenges of municipal life and why he chose to run for Mayor.

Evelyn Dutrisac, City Councillor, Councillor Dutrisac is in her third term as Ward 4 Councillor for the City of Sudbury. Come and hear Councillor Dutrisac share her story, the ups and downs of being a City Councillor and why she chose to run for Council.

