

TOWN HALL NEWSLETTER

January 2014

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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. www.espanola.ca

COUNCIL REQUESTS MEETINGS

Town officials will be attending the Annual Rural Ontario Municipal Association / Ontario Good Roads Association Combined Conference in Toronto on February 23 – 26, 2014. A request to meet with the Ministry of Transportation as well as the Ministry of Natural Resources has been submitted.

Officials are anxious to discuss with the Ministry of Transportation the Hwy 6 Culvert project funding application that was not selected to move forward through the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund Capital Program.

This culvert is located along a connecting link Hwy, which is used by all motorists accessing points from Espanola to Manitoulin Island, as well as further southern locations in the summer months. It is Council's stand that because this is a connecting link, the burden of the costs associated with replacing this culvert should not be the sole responsibility of Espanola residents.

A meeting request to the Ministry of Natural Resources has been submitted to discuss correspondence sent to the Ministry asking for reconsideration to the closure of the local MNR office.

Not only does the MNR local office service the Town of Espanola, but numerous outlying communities. The CBC recently reported that the Auditor General of Ontario noted that the Ministry of Natural Resources does not have enough staff to enforce laws against illegal hunting, fishing and logging. The closure of the Espanola office will most certainly decrease the level of services which are currently provided in our area and only add to these concerns. Not only is the loss of nine well paying jobs in our economy a concern, but businesses and residents which rely on forestry, angling and hunting are at risk of losing these valuable resources if not adequately protected by local MNR staff.

Officials have requested a delegation to discuss how the Ministry sees these changes benefitting the Town of Espanola and surrounding communities, as well as an analysis of any savings which are expected as a result of this office closure.

QPC HOSTS FAMILY FUN DAY

QPC Family Day @ Espanola Regional Recreation Complex

Monday, February 17th between 12:30-3:30 Free lunch, face painting, games, inflatable, ice skating and swimming. Swimming for children requires adult supervision and skating requires a helmet.

Everyone is welcome. Come and join us for a fun time!



ESPANOLA COMMUNITY WINTER CARNIVAL SCHEDULE

For schedule & cancellation inquiries please contact the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex @ 705-869-1961 or visit www.espanola.ca & LIKE us on Facebook for last minute updates!

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

8:00am – 10:00pm **ANNUAL MINOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT** Check the hockey action schedule @ the Rec Complex

11:30am-1:30pm **SNOWFLAKE LUNCHEON** @ Recreation Complex Soup, sandwich & squares \$8 **Hosted by the Espanola Hospital Auxiliary**

12:00pm **CARNIVAL WEEKEND OPENING REMARKS** @ Snowflake Luncheon Mayor Lehoux/Town of Espanola

5:00pm - 2:00am **30th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER & ELIMINATION DRAW**
Dinner 5:00-8:00pm K of C Hall Tickets \$15 per person; supper only: adults \$7 children 12 & under \$5. Two live bands! Second Avenue play downstairs 6:00-10:00pm & the Hardwood Boys play upstairs 9:30-1:00am. Over \$1700 in total prizes. For tickets call 869-3491 between 4:00 & 6:00pm or Roger Gibson 869-2721 **Hosted by Knights of Columbus**

6:00pm-1:00am **VENTURE LANES GLOW BOWL** Only \$9 per person/per hour with FREE shoe rental. Bowl as many games as you can! Call 869-2450 to reserve your lane!

7:00pm **TWO-PERSON GLOW CURLING** Everyone welcome! Call for information 869-2133 **Sponsored by the Espanola Curling Club**

7:00pm **MEAT ROLL-OFF** hosted by the Espanola Curling Club@ **the Royal Canadian Legion Br 39 – Espanola**

7:30pm **RIVERMEN VS NICKEL BARONS**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

8:00am-8:00pm **ANNUAL MINOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT** Check the hockey action schedule @ the Rec Complex

10:30am – all day **CAMP QUALITY FUNSPIEL Feb 8th & 9th** Registration 10:30 11:00am*/\$45/player *\$180/team*first 20 teams*Halloween Theme*Trick or Treat Challenges*Silent Auction*Penny Raffles *Challenges*50/50*Pumpkin Shoots*Sunday breakfast*awards & prizes. Contact Jack Tait@869-3186 or Nelson McDowell@586-5038

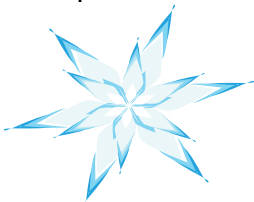
1:00pm-3:00pm **WINTER CARNIVAL OUTDOOR MINI-PUTT** Free mini-putt with hot chocolate Everyone welcome! Outdoors in parking lot (270 Queensway Ave) **Sponsored by Queensway Pentecostal Church**

3:30pm **MEAT ROLL-OFF** hosted by the Navy Cadets @ the Royal Canadian Legion Br 39 - Espanola

10:00am-4:00pm **BOOGIE MOUNTAIN SKI HILL Skiing**

12:00pm-1:00pm **LIONS FREE SWIM** - limited capacity, 1st come 1st serve

12:00pm-8:00pm **ESPANOLA YOUTH CENTRE GRAND OPENING** A.B. Ellis gym & field 12:00-4:00pm for community, and 4:00-8:00pm for youth ages 12-17. Games, music & a chance to see our new space for the youth centre. Come meet the board members who have been planning the centre and the youth that have helped along the way! Dance/Karaoke and pizza for youth 4:00-8:00pm **Sponsored by Espanola Youth Centre**



- 12:30pm -3:00pm **EUCHRE/Espanola Seniors'** @ Seniors Complex/Queensway \$5 Everyone welcome! DROP-IN! Open to the first 80 to register! 4 cash draws plus prizes for high scores.
- 1:00pm-3:00pm **WINKEL'S IN-STORE SCAVENGER HUNT** Something for all participants! Details in store.
- 6:00pm-1:00am **VENTURE LANES GLOW BOWL** Only \$9 per person/per hour with FREE shoe rental. Bowl as many games as you can! Call 869-2450 to reserve your lane!
- 4:30pm-6:30pm **LIONS SENIORS APPRECIATION DINNER** You must have a ticket to attend. Tickets available at the seniors' Club or Natural Choice in the Espanola Mall and through Lions Club members. Call 862-0244 for free transportation. Reception starts at 4:30pm & dinner served at 5:00pm @ Rec Complex ***Sponsored by the Espanola Lions***



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

- 8:00am-8:00pm **ANNUAL MINOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT** Check the hockey action schedule @ the Rec Complex
- 10:00am-12:00pm **ARTS & CRAFTS TABLE** Rec Complex Lobby **Sponsored by Cynthia Sheppard Mortgage Agent**
- 10:00am-12:00pm **COOKIE DECORATING** Rec Complex Lobby **Sponsored by Our Children Our Future**
- 10:00am-12:00pm **SNOW SCULPTURE & SNOW GAMES** Bring your imagination & warm up with hot chocolate! Outdoor track at Rec Complex. ***Sponsored Domtar Wellness Works***
- 10:00am-2:00pm **BAKE SALE & PAPERBACKS** *Hosted by the Friends of the Library/Complex Lobby*
- 10:00am-1:30pm **CAMP QUALITY FUNSPIEL Feb 8th & 9th** *Sunday breakfast*awards & prizes. Contact Jack Tait@869-3186 or Nelson McDowell@586-5038
- 12:00pm-1:00pm **FREE PUBLIC SWIM** ***Sponsored by TD Canada Trust*** - limited capacity, 1st come 1st serve

EQUIPMENT LOANING- Children's Snow Shoes & Urban Poles available @ the Rec Complex for weekly lending

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The department has faced one of the most significant winters for snow fall accumulations in many years. We ask that residents please be patient as the department alleviates snow congestion throughout the community. The department recognizes that the placement of snow when shovelling out driveways can be challenging, however residents are reminded that under By-law 2030/07 section 32.5 "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."

This section applies to pushing or depositing snow or ice onto municipally owned property, and carries a monetary fine of \$115.00.

Further, Section 181 of the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario also makes it a Provincial Offence to deposit snow or ice onto a roadway, and carries a monetary fine of \$110.00.

Under Authority of Bylaw No. 2030/07

The reduced load period on all municipal roads within the boundaries of the Town of Espanola shall be from the **first day of March to the thirty-first day of May**, inclusive in each and every year.

The reduced load period shall not become effective until appropriate signs have been erected and are on display and shall remain in effect until these signs have been removed by the Espanola Public Works Department.

ESPANOLA POLICE SERVICE



New Deputy Chief of Police

On January 12, 2014, Sgt. Steven Edwards was sworn in as the Deputy Chief of Police with the Espanola Police Service. Edwards became a member of the Espanola Police Service on May 29, 1995, re-locating back to the area from London, Ontario where he served as a police constable for five years.

In 1999, on the approval of Chief Freeman, the Police Services Board, and with support of the community, the K9 program was developed with Edwards as the dog handler. Edwards and Jag, his German Shepherd, became a certified police K9 team in April 2000.

On June 1, 2001, Edwards was appointed Acting Sergeant and on January 1, 2007, he was promoted to rank of Sergeant. In 2011, Edwards was honoured with the Governor General's 20 year Police Exemplary Service Medal.

Edwards is now in his 24th year of policing and has been faced with many challenges over the years. He admits the new rank is a big step but it's a step he's looking forward to.

POA DEPARTMENT REMINDERS

Do you have overdue Christmas bills and can't afford to pay a fine that you have received? Don't forget that you may be eligible for a "Motion of Extension of Time to Pay Fine". Contact the Provincial Offences Office at 705-862-7875; we are ready to assist you. You may also visit our Department at www.espanola.ca by typing Provincial Offences in the search engine to see all available forms.

Have you been charged with a ticket and want to know what your options are? Please visit www.espanola.ca under the Provincial Offences, review the "Ontario Court of Justice: Guide for Defendants in Provincial Offences Cases" or visit the following link <http://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/self-represented-parties/guide-for-defendants-in-provincial-offences-cases/guide>.

2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS:

Notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of The Town of Espanola that nomination papers for the 2014 Municipal Election may be filed in person or by an agent with the Clerk or designate as of January 2, 2014 up to Thursday, September 11, 2014 at the Clerk's Office during regular office hours 8:30am – 4:30 pm and on Nomination Day, Friday, September 12, 2014 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The required fee for a Member of Council is \$100.00 and the required fee for Head of Council is \$200.00. This fee shall be in the form of cash, cheque, money order or debit and must accompany the signed form. A nomination paper must be certified by the Municipal Clerk before such person becomes a candidate for office.

Until you have filed nomination papers, your campaign organization is not entitled to either raise money or incur any expenses. Also, you cannot spend any of your own money on your campaign before filing your nomination.

POSITIONS FOR WHICH A PERSON MAY FILE A NOMINATION PAPER FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE: Mayor (1) Council (6)

Please visit www.espanola.ca to view updates to the 2014 Municipal Elections.