



# TOWN HALL NEWSLETTER

August 2014

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN IS WELL RECEIVED

### LOCAL BUSINESSES APPLYING FOR IMPROVEMENT & DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

Espanola businesses in the downtown core & Highway six corridor are accessing business improvement and development incentives thanks to Espanola's new Community Improvement Plan (CIP).

"The business community has been responsive to the plan," says Cheryl Kennelly, Community Economic Development Officer. "We currently have four projects approved with a few more applications in the works."

The Community Improvement Plan provides municipal incentives to stimulate private sector investment to develop & revive the downtown commercial core and highway six corridor. The Plan will also serve to encourage multiple residential development to create more affordable and senior housing options.

Building and site improvement programs include grants to assist with façade, signage, accessibility, architectural/engineering design, parking and landscaping. Municipal fee reductions and tax increment grant programs are also available to encourage building and development.

Applications are reviewed on a first come first serve basis and accepted until the budget for the year is exhausted and then reactivated again the next budget year. [For information and applications find the INVEST HERE tab at \[www.espanola.ca\]\(http://www.espanola.ca\)](#)

For more information contact Cheryl Kennelly, Community Economic Development Officer [ckennelly@espanola.ca](mailto:ckennelly@espanola.ca) 705-869-1961 ext. 2212

## 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL PUMPKIN & FIBRE ARTS FESTIVAL

The community is gearing up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pumpkin & Fibre Arts Festival, which is held yearly during the third week of October. There will be numerous pumpkin themed and fibre arts events for all ages during this highly anticipated event.

The fibre arts events will kick off the weekend on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> with a Market Basket Workshop, Fibre Sculpture Workshop and the Opening Celebrations. Saturday and Sunday will not disappoint with a full schedule of fun, inspirational and educational events, including the pumpkin breakfast at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex. Numerous workshops will be available throughout the weekend, as well as educational tours.

Join the crowd as the Giant Pumpkin weigh in takes place; try your hand at pumpkin carving or take part in the Princess Tea. Support the Hospital fundraiser by closing the evening with "The Great Pumpkin" Elimination Draw and Dinner at the Elks Hall.

A full schedule of Events can be found at [www.espanola.ca](http://www.espanola.ca) or for more information please contact Cheryl Kennelly, Programs Manager at [ckennelly@espanola.ca](mailto:ckennelly@espanola.ca) or 705 869 1961.

The Espanola Fibre Arts Festival is generously supported by the Ontario Arts Council.

### **Promote your business to generate business at festival time! Festivals make cultural and economic cents!**

Festivals and events play a key role in attracting visitors, supporting jobs & generating economic activity.

Street Art, decorated store fronts and outside home décor let people know there's something exciting going on in town and something to stop for!

## Council

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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](http://www.espanola.ca)

Special meetings are called as needed and notice is posted at the municipal office and on the municipal website.

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

### Espanola's After School Program to Operate Under New Umbrella

After four years of operating the After School Program the Town of Espanola is handing over the reins to a community partner. As of this September, the free After School Program, funded by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture & Sport, will operate under the leadership of Our Children Our Future out of A. B. Ellis Public School.

"This is a natural and fitting evolution of the program," says Dianne Polden, Manager of Espanola Leisure Services. "Our Children, Our Future provided the staffing for the program this year which prompted our mutual exploration of how to strengthen the outreach and impact of the program. Our Children, Our Future has an integrated network of parent and child services, which we believe, will position the program for growth."

Susan Nicholson, Executive Director of Our Children, Our Future is excited by the opportunity and the possibilities. "We are extremely pleased to be leading this initiative in partnership with the Rainbow School Board, enhancing community services while focusing on the physical health and well being of our children, youth and families in our community."

The Town of Espanola is working in partnership with Our Children, Our Future for a seamless transition of the program and will continue to serve as a resource.

The program will continue to focus on the Ministry priorities of physical activity, healthy eating and nutrition, personal wellness & health education.

The program is open to all children of grades 2 to 8 and will run from Monday to Friday 3:00-5:00pm on school days. Our Children Our Future will take registrations on a first come first serve basis at A.B. Ellis School on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00pm. For more information contact: Susan McVey, Supervisor, Our Children, Our Future at 705-869-3171 ext 257.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### Water and Sewer Rate Study

The first draft on the water and sewer rate study, which will be provided by EXP, is expected by late August. The department anticipates a review process and final completion of the project by September or early October. A presentation to Council and an open house to the public will follow.

### Bio-solids Update

Detailed Engineering for the Bio-solids project is complete. Currently the major stumbling block for the project is waiting for the Environmental Compliance Approval from MOE to dispose waste material in the local landfill. Originally this approval was expected in early 2014. The department is still confident that approval is forth coming as there are several examples of this type of treatment for bio-solids within the province. The Department hopes

to commence tendering in early September and have the project complete for the Municipality's deadline of Dec. 31, 2014.

### **New LED Streetlights**

The department expects delivery of the new LED streetlights this month and installation to be complete within 5-6 weeks. This much anticipated project will help the municipality become more sustainable and save up to \$60,000/year in hydro consumption and maintenance costs. This project is partially funded by the Ontario Power Authority.

### **Sewer Treatment Blowers**

The Ontario Power Authority is reviewing the replacement of the Sewage Treatment Blowers. These Blowers run nonstop to aerate the sewage to support bacteria growth to digest the solids. It is anticipated that this project will receive capital incentives of over \$50,000 from the Ontario Power Authority and will potentially reduce power consumption at the Waste Water Treatment Plant by \$30,000 per year and build sustainability within the municipality.

### **Hwy 6 & Culvert Replacement**

Staff met with MTO in the spring to discuss options with regard to highway 6 and the culvert replacement. The main outcome of the meeting was that the Ministry intended to conduct their own studies on the culvert. The municipality expects the result of the studies in the near future.

## **LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Labour Day Weekend Schedule at the Rec Complex  
Open Friday until 6:00pm  
Saturday until 2:00pm  
Closed Sunday & Monday

Have a safe & active holiday weekend!



### **SWIMMERS, SPLASHERS, SOAKERS WANTED!**

Our pool is full of water but empty of swimmers. Historically, summers yield low numbers for indoor pools and this is no exception. Please join us in encouraging your families and friends to use the pool for August.

### **SWIM LESSONS FOR ALL AGES AND STAGES**

If group swim lessons don't suit your schedule or personal needs please inquire about our semi-private and private swim lessons. Conquer any fear of water, work on skill development and swimming strength with our certified lifeguard/instructors. Call Aquatics at 705-869-1961 ext 2205

## **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**



# **GIANT Family Outdoor Movie**



COMPLEX CANTEEN OPEN!

Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at Sundown (~8:30pm)  
Complex Track & Field

**\$5 Adult admission — Children Free with adult**  
• Bring your own chair or blankets • Free popcorn for all kids courtesy of Eastlink

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It's a jungle out there for Blu, Jewel and their three kids after they're hurtled from Rio de Janeiro to the wilds of the Amazon. As Blu tries to fit in, he goes beak-to-beak with the vengeful Nigel, and meets the most fearsome adversary of all: his father-in-law. Written by TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX.

Rio 2 is rated G by the Ontario Film Board.

The Town of Espanola is grateful to **Eastlink** as the major sponsor of the movie and to the following supporters and sponsors!

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG** – This is the first step to protect yourself!

Did you know that if you happen to hit a gas line while digging, the costs associated to repair will be charged to you? These costs can quickly add up to thousands of dollars! Charges will consist of call outs for Union Gas employees, repairs, as well as escaped gas into the atmosphere, which is based on a formula from Union Gas. In addition, charges will be issued for any additional time required for fire fighters to remain on the scene.

## MUNICIPAL BYLAW REMINDERS

### Fireworks Bylaw No. 1966/07

#### Section 3 Prohibition

3.1 No person shall sell or cause or permit to be sold any fireworks to a person who is less than eighteen (18) years old.

3.2 No person under the age of eighteen (18) years shall fire or set off fireworks at any time.

#### Section 4 Discharge of Fireworks

4.1 No person shall set off any fireworks except on the designated days of Victoria Day and Canada Day or upon the approval of Council.

4.2 In the event that weather conditions, such as rain, on Victoria Day or Canada Day make it impractical to set off fireworks, the next suitable day shall be the designated day.

4.3 No person shall discharge any fireworks on Town owned lands unless permission to do so has been given by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Espanola, which permission may be subject to terms and conditions, including but not limited to, the provision of liability insurance naming the Corporation of the Town of Espanola as an additional insured.

4.4 In addition to Section 4.1 and Section 4.3 of this section, no person shall discharge any fireworks within the Town of Espanola before 9:00 a.m. or after 11:59 p.m. on the day such discharge is permitted.

## ESPANOLA CARE VAN

The Espanola Care Van provides public transportation for residents aged 55 and over and residents with disabilities.

To register for the Espanola Care Van, application M99-01411 must be completed and submitted to the Municipal Office at 100 Tudhope Street, Ste 2 or call (705) 869-1540. Applications are available on the website at [www.espanola.ca](http://www.espanola.ca) under the Live Here tab or can be picked up at the municipal office.

## TAX REMINDER

The final tax installment is due Wednesday, **August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

Taxpayers are responsible to pay their taxes on or before the due date. Payment received after the due date will be subject to a late payment fee.

When paying property taxes online, please use the 8 digits found before **.0000** of your roll number. This will ensure payments are applied to the correct property.

## 2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Certified Municipal Election Officials have been busy conducting Election Information Sessions throughout the summer. During these sessions, electors were educated on the Vote By process, as well as given an opportunity to view a sample of the Vote By Mail Package that they will receive in the mail during the first week of October.

Many electors took the time to ensure they were on the Voter's List by logging into [www.voterlookup.ca](http://www.voterlookup.ca).

To watch a tutorial on the Vote By Mail process, please visit [www.espanola.ca](http://www.espanola.ca). If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the municipal office at 705-869-1540.