

TOWN HALL NEWSLETTER

October 2012

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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

APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL

On October 9, 2012 Jim Rose was appointed to council for the Town of Espanola at the Regular Meeting.

"I am looking forward to working with Councillor Rose, once again" stated Mayor Lehoux. "Jim was a member of council for the 2006-2010 term. He is dedicated to the betterment of the community; we have worked well together in the past and I am confident that moving forward we will continue to do the same".

"I am aware of the issues that the municipality is faced with and I am ready to jump in with both feet" said Rose. "I am anxious to roll up my sleeves and get to work to ensure Espanola remains the wonderful community it is today".

Councillor Rose has called Espanola home since 1979. He has been employed with the Espanola and District Credit Union for the past 29 years and currently holds the title of Manager of Retail and Marketing Services.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR NEW ASSESSMENT?

What is important to note, is not how much your assessment has increased but how much your assessment has increased in relation to the average for the Town. This is noted on the right hand side of your assessment. The average phase in for the municipality is 12.21%. If your increase is this or below, with all other things being equal your taxes will be the same or less.

This assessment is catching up to market values in our municipality, a very similar situation existed in Sudbury in the last phase-in cycle where total current value assessments were greater than 50%.

What would you sell your home for? If it is considerably less than the phase-in value, you can request a Request for Reconsideration or make an appeal to MPAC.

Your assessment notice contains your roll number and access key for access to MPAC data on your assessment and provides comparable properties based on both sales figures and similar features. Login to see these comparables.

ACCESS ROAD NAMED PTE. DAVID BYERS DRIVE

Council would like to thank all who submitted nominations to name the new access road to the Light Industrial Park. Council declared the road to be named Pte. David Byers Drive at the Regular Meeting of Council of October 9, 2012.

PUMPKIN POWER FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Saturday October 20th

Pumpkin Pancake Breakfast 8:00am - 11:00am

Pancakes made with actual pumpkin!! \$8.00 Includes scrambled eggs, sausages and pancakes.
Upstairs auditorium at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex
Hosted by the Hospital Auxiliary

FREE Pumpkin Carving Competition 10:00am - 12:00pm

Bring your carved pumpkins; judging will begin at 12:30pm! Event will be held at the Complex.
Pumpkins are to be picked up by 7:00pm. Prizes awarded for most artistic & scariest carvings!
Hosted by the Horticultural Society

Pumpkin Dip & Healthy Food Sampling 10:00am - 2:00pm

with Community Food Advisors (Rec Complex Lobby)
Sponsored by the Sudbury & District Health Unit



The Book Sale 10:00am - 2:00pm

Books for sale at the Espanola Public Library.
Hosted by the Espanola Public Library

FREE Family Obstacle Course & Pumpkin Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm

Join the fun and win a prize. Family obstacle course held outside around the track. Participants rewarded with pumpkin soup prepared by the After School Program children.
Hosted by Community in Motion
Sponsored by the Province of Ontario & Town of Espanola



Harvest Market 10:00 am - 2:00pm

Enjoy a farmers market of assorted crafts, harvest produce & preserves.

FREE Pumpkin Play Dough Table 10:00am - 2:00pm

Kids let's play! Make pumpkin play dough creations at the complex!
Hosted by Our Children, Our Future

Espanola Fibre Arts Festival 10:00am-4:00pm

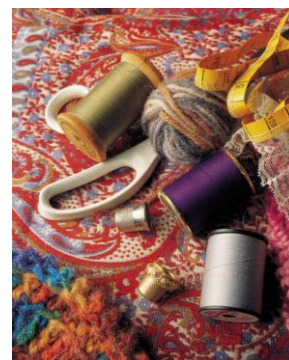
Exhibition, sale and a demonstration of fibre arts! Quilting, spinning, crochet, crewel & more at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 399 Mead Blvd.
Hosted by Jody Pilon & Friends

Annual Almost Silent Auction at the Legion

Doors open 4:00pm , Roast Beef Dinner 5:00pm, Advance Tickets Only \$14
Call Donna at 869-3690 or Janet 869-3032
Hosted By The Anglican Church

FREE Pumpkin Weigh-In 10:00am - 2:00pm

Weigh in your giant pumpkin at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex!
Hosted by Community in Motion
Sponsored by the Province of Ontario & Town of Espanola



FREE CIM Pumpkin Power Skate Morning (Public) 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Show your pumpkin pride! Dress up & skate in pumpkin colors!!
Hosted by Community in Motion
Sponsored by the Province of Ontario & Town of Espanola

The Great Pumpkin Dinner & Elimination Draw at the Elks Hall

Octoberfest Dinner 5:00pm-8:00pm

Music 9:00pm – 2:00am \$15.00

Hosted By: The Espanola Regional Hospital

A Hospital Foundation Fun-raiser

FREE CIM Pumpkin Power Swim & Movie 6:00pm-7:00pm (Public)

Flick & Float, not a drive-in movie but a swim-in movie. It's The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown.

Hosted by Community in Motion

Sponsored by the Province of Ontario & Town of Espanola

GYM OPEN HOUSE

Tues Oct 30th from 12:00-4:00pm & 6:00-8:00pm

11:00am-1:00pm FREE BLOOD

SUGAR & PRESSURE MONITORING/ Family Health Team

FREE ORIENTATIONS FREE DEMOS

with new equipment FREE TRX & ROPE DEMOS

NON-MEMBERS WELCOME!

FREE HAUNTED HALLWAY & SWIM

7:00-8:00 pm Mon Oct 29th

Scares and Treats!

Sponsored by the

Shelley Newton Memorial Fund



NEWS FROM MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

Winter is on the horizon and PWD is busy completing the many tasks needed to ensure our community is prepared for the season. In addition to maintenance on plowing equipment, other tasks include the review of all culverts to ensure that they are clear and properly marked. This will help to locate them during the spring thaw.

The distribution system flushing is currently underway with swabbing to follow. This process also permits the department to conduct hydrant inspections and to ensure they are properly marked for snow removal in the winter.

In the cooler temperatures parks & playgrounds require inspections and maintenance, including tree trimming and winterizing of sprinklers and washrooms.

Fall also permits the department to commence its ditching operations to improve drainage. Good drainage reduces the amount of water a roadway will absorb and is a key factor to protecting our roads from deteriorating as a result of the freeze/thaw cycle.

Capital project updates

Phase 1E of the Infrastructure Renewal Program has been completed with the contractor currently cleaning up deficiencies. This will complete council's commitment to the replacement of approximately 4.4km of 100mm unlined cast iron pipes. These pipes were some of the oldest pipes in the community and did not meet the Fire Code Standards.

Phase 2 of the Industrial Park expansion has progressed significantly. Most of the work has been completed and the only outstanding items are the tie-in of Pte. David Byers Drive to McCulloch Drive and Centre Street, the installation of the lift station and the pavement installation. Completion is anticipated for fall 2012.

The department is pleased with the Mead Street Culvert Replacement at Black Creek. The removal of the old infrastructure revealed partially collapsed culverts, operating at approximately 50-60% capacity. The project appeared to have started slow but coordinating new infrastructure around the watermain, forcemain, gas main and the abandoned watermain took some time.

Community Economic Development

Town Commercials and Social Media

Watch for our latest Town commercial featuring Helios Developments, Espanola's newest Entrepreneurs. If residents would like to view the commercial, please visit the Municipal website (www.espanola.ca) under community videos.

NOHFC Funding

Northern Ontario Heritage Foundation (NOHFC) has approved funding for the hire of a Social Media Intern. The position was awarded to Nicole Quenneville, who will assist staff with the research, integration and implementation of social media applications.

Local Businesses that are interested in harnessing the potential of social media are welcome to take part in the "Social Media for Business Owners" workshop. This seminar, given by Northern Ontario's premier Social Media gurus The Bureau, will provide the necessary tools and insights to increase sales, improve brand recognition with a step by step plan. The workshop will take place on Friday November 16th at a cost of \$40. Spots are filling quickly, so reserve your spot now.

For more information about these projects feel free to contact Colin Wilson at ecdev@town.espanola.on.ca or 705 -869-1961 ext 2204.

Police Services

The Espanola Police Service has hired Oracle Poll Research Limited to conduct a random telephone public opinion survey. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes. Information will be collected from Espanola businesses and residents and all individual results are kept in strict confidence and only overall findings are reported on. The results in this report will be compared to data that was obtained in the 2006 and 2009 surveys to track changes over time. The results are important and will help improve our service. The survey will take place from October 22nd – November 5th, 2012. If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact the Espanola Police Service at 705-869-3251.

Building

There are many important reasons why a complete set of construction drawings need to be submitted to the Building Official. Complete drawings help the owner to envision the entire project. They assist in planning and estimating the cost and time for the project, helping the homeowner to stay within budget and the planned timeframes. They prevent unpleasant surprises and last minute changes that can be costly, they provide all parties involved (homeowner, contractors, inspectors, plan reviewers, etc.) with clear instructions regarding layout, materials, and the expected finished product.

Completed drawings also expedite the plan review process by enabling municipal departments to provide better service by identifying potential code issues, ensuring compliance with the Ontario Building Code.

A proper set of construction drawings is not only a building code requirement, but will help save time and money for the applicant.

BYLAW REMINDER

Winter Parking Traffic & Parking Bylaw No. 2030/07

Section 6.Parking Restricted:

During night hours in winter months, no person shall park a vehicle on any highway under the jurisdiction of the municipality, between the hours of two (2) o'clock in the morning and seven (7) o'clock in the morning, during the period from the first day of November in one year until the last day of March in the next year, except physicians on emergency calls and operators of authorized vehicles.