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HELIOS Developments' Purchase of 8 Industrial Lots Final

The Town of Espanola is pleased to announce the sale of 8 industrial lots in the Light Industrial Park on Panache Lake Road to Helios Developments; a Residential, Commercial and Industrial Building Developer.

Helios was founded by 2 local area entrepreneurs, Jeff Scharf and Trevor Tario. Jeff Scharf is a Northern Ontario business owner of, Roofing Done Right. After leaving an Industrial Electrician position at Vale in 2009, Trevor Tario expanded his own business, Green Power Solutions Inc. In late 2011, the two business men started planning and the conception of Helios Developments began.

The construction of Helios Developments' 15,000 sq ft Head Office in Espanola, ON will include a large solar array, one of the largest in Northern Ontario. This will allow the office to operate with a Carbon Neutral Footprint. Helios Developments believes that any business can be both profitable as well as environmentally responsible and will showcase this in Espanola, with the belief that other local area businesses will follow suit.

Helios Developments will develop large scale solar arrays for Local Municipalities, Aboriginal Groups and for-profit businesses in Northern Ontario. "We determine how we can add value to the project by adding solar packages to land or roof tops. Our team has a unique and comprehensive research program that allows us to locate property that has great solar investment opportunities." Helios Developments will develop large scale solar farms that will not only offset the customer's carbon footprint but will provide enough Electricity to the Provincial Grid to eliminate older Coal-fired Power Generating Facilities. Helios will operate a micro-FIT division to allow local area home owners the opportunity to take part in the governments FIT (Feed-in Tariff) program as well. Smaller residential rooftop solar arrays and ground mounted solar tracking arrays can be a great investment for a home owner as well as allow them to contribute to our goal to reduce GHG emissions.

This sale was made possible through the financial commitment of FedNor and NOHFC and the professional support of LAMBAC. In the Summer of 2011 FedNor and NOHFC announced their support for the expansion of Phase II of the Town of Espanola's Light Industrial Park; a financial contribution of approximately \$896,000. In November of 2011, LAMBAC contracted with the Town of Espanola providing business development services and support for the local business community. Bill Clarke, Business Development Officer with LAMBAC was instrumental in bringing this deal to the table. "Council appreciates the support of these organizations. They have been strong supporters of our ongoing efforts to diversify and expand our business community," said Mayor Mike Lehoux.

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Jeff Scharf, Helios Developments, Mayor Lehoux, Town of Espanola, Bill Clarke, LAMBAC, Trevor Tario, Helios Developments look on at the prospects development brings to the Light Industrial Park.



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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

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

During the months of July and August there is only one Council meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

UPDATES

Phase II of the Industrial Park development is progressing with the species at risk study being completed the last week of May. This portion of the Environmental Assessment Amendment could not be completed earlier due to Ministry of Natural Resources guidelines. There was a requirement for a night time survey and a tie-in to the lunar cycle. Design is nearly complete with the intention of going to tender in mid to late June and construction to commence in late July to early August, completing the project in the fall of 2012.

Garson Pipe has been aggressive with the installation of services for Phase 1E of the Infrastructure Renewal Program. It is anticipated that the first round of paving will commence Mid-June for works currently underway.

Although Household Special Waste Day has past, please be reminded that the Town of Espanola has depots for batteries at the PWD, Leisure Services and Town office. (No car batteries)

REMINDERS

Open Air Burning 2374/11

- 2.1 No person shall start a fire outdoors unless conditions will allow the fire to burn safely from ignition to extinguishment.
- 2.8 No person shall start or tend an open air fire during a municipal fire ban or a restricted fire zone.

Conditions for Open Air Burning

- 1.1.1 the person is burning clean wood, brush, leaves or discarded wood by-products;
- 1.1.2 a responsible person is present to tend and supervise the fire until it is completely extinguished;
- 1.1.3 the material is burned in a single pile that is less than 2 metres in diameter and less than 2 metres high;
- 1.1.4 the fire is started not earlier than 7:00 p.m. in the evening and extinguished not later than 8:00 a.m. the following day or earlier;
- 1.1.5 the fire is at least ten (10) metres from any combustible structures or objects;
- 1.1.6 the person tending the fire has tools or water adequate to contain the fire within the fire site;

Grass and Weeds Bylaw 2436/12

Requires owners or occupants of private property in the Town of Espanola to cut grass and weeds on their lands and remove the cuttings.

2. General Provisions

2.1 Every owner in the Town shall cut the grass and weeds on their premises and remove the cutting whenever the growth of grass or weeds exceeds twenty centimetres (20 cm) in height.

2.2 When any premises are not maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Bylaw, the Property Standards Officer shall give the Owner a notice, in writing, directing the owner of the premises to make the premises conform to the requirements of the Bylaw and the notice shall specify the time allowed for bringing the premises into conformity but the time specified in the notice shall not be sooner than seventy-two (72) hours after the giving of the notice.

BE FIRESMART INDOORS AND OUTDOORS!

How to Protect Your Property

Follow Ministry of Natural Resources FireSmart guidelines to create a zone of protection around your cottage:

1. Don't stack wood along exterior walls! Keep it at least 10 metres away from buildings.
2. Clear debris and branches from your roof and rain gutters that could spread fire.
3. Always keep fire suppression tools available: shovel, rake, garden hose.
4. Pay close attention to burn bans and municipal guidelines.
5. Choose a safe site, but never leave any fire unattended.

How to Escape Safely

1. Never tamper with smoke or CO alarms and make sure batteries are working. Change all batteries when you open your cottage for the season.
2. Install alarms on every storey and outside all bedrooms (including out buildings).
3. Test alarms monthly and replace outdated smoke alarms (after 10 years) or CO alarms (after 7 years).
4. Consider installing a fire extinguisher in kitchens and out buildings. Use the right type of extinguisher and check pressure monthly to ensure it is properly charged.
5. Create and practice a fire escape plan.

Property Standards Bylaw 1684/03

The Building Services Division is responsible for enforcing property maintenance standards under the Property Standards By-law 1683/03. For example: yards must be kept clean; driveways and walkways must be kept in good condition; routes of public access must be kept safe; buildings and structures must be structurally sound and kept in good repair. Enforcement Officers will investigate complaints regarding the condition of properties and take appropriate action to gain compliance with the applicable standards.

Le maire et le conseil encouragent les résidents de participer à nettoyer notre voisinage, cours de jeu, etc. et amener les sacs à l'endroit de décharge.

Stoop and Scoop 2003/07

2. a) Any person who owns or harbours a dog shall remove forthwith excrement left by the dog upon any public property or private property in the Town of Espanola except on private property with the consent of the owner of such property.

2. b) Any person who has a dog on property other than their own property shall have in their possession a scoop, bag or other container for the immediate removal of excrement.

Swimming Pool Bylaw 1844/05

Definitions:

1. b) Privately owned outdoor swimming pool means any body of water located outdoors on privately owned property, contained in part or in whole by artificial means, in which the depth of the water at any point can exceed 0.610 metres (24 inches) and used or capable of being used for swimming.

Enclosures:

6. a) The owner of a privately owned outdoor swimming pool shall erect and maintain an adequate enclosure surrounding the entire swimming pool area and sufficient to make such body of water not readily accessible to small children.

***Please be reminded that any body of water located outdoors on privately owned property, contained in part or in whole by artificial means, in which the depth of water at any point can exceed .610 meters (24 inches) and used or capable of being used for swimming, bathing, wading or diving, including a HOT TUB, WHIRPOOL and SPA shall apply for a permit from the Building Department.

***Hot tubs and inflatable pools must comply with the above. ***

Watering Bylaw No. 1336/98

Even street numbers may use municipal water for lawn and garden care only on even numbered days of the month between the hours of 7:00 am and 10:00 am and 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

Odd street numbers may use municipal water for lawn and garden care only on odd numbered days of the month between the hours of 7:00 am and 10:00 am and 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

Restricted hours for users of electronic sprinkler systems for lawn and garden care shall be 3:00 am to 6:00 am daily. Consumers of the following properties: schools, cemeteries, municipal property and institutions may water for the purpose of garden and lawn care between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Pumpkin Power Celebration

Saturday October 20th, 2012

Plan An Event & Promote Your Organization, or Business

-  Create A Pumpkin Carving Activity
-  Organize A Pumpkin Pie Contest
-  Plan To Decorate Your Business
-  Host A Scarecrow Making Event

*Have your own idea for an event? Submit your event by September 30th
Contact Cameron at cimcoordinator@town.espanola.on.ca*

Enter The Pumpkin Growing Contest Plant Your Pumpkin Seed Now!

Planting Seed: Use sterile potting soil to start seeds. Seeds may be started indoors. Dampen soil with warm water, fill 4 inch peat pots and plant seed, tip down, about an inch. One seed per pot. Germinating temperature should be 20-25 degrees Celsius. Water as needed, no fertilizer. Germination should occur 10-12 days. Over watering may rot seed.

Growing: Amend growing area in Spring with well rotted organic matter (manure, compost, etc.) PH of soil should be 6.5 –7.0. Allow 400 –600 sq. ft. per plant for best results. Plants will not tolerate frost. Incorporate bio-fungicides and mycorrhizae into planting hole. Water with a weak solution of 15-30-15. As the plant starts to vine out bury vines at leaf axils and incorporate mycorrhizae into the soil. Each plant produces both male and female flowers. Use male flowers from plant to pollinate female. Protect the female flower (cover with Ziploc bag) to ensure successful pollination.

Tips: Feed plant with a low nitrogen, low phosphorous, high potash fertilizer until one week from harvest. For best results pumpkins should be at least 6 feet out on vine. Leave only one pumpkin per plant for maximum growth.

