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Deputy Mayor Sherry Lundrigan
Councillors Debbie Newman
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The Municipality of Spaniard's Bay

October 26, 2026

A Special meeting of Council took place on the above date with the following members in attendance: Deputy Mayor Lundrigan, Councillors Newman and Stamp. Councillors Sheppard and Smith were in attendance via phone. All residents are invited to watch via Spaniard's Bay YouTube Channel Live. Deputy Mayor Lundrigan called the meeting to order at 8:06pm and welcomed everyone.

Deputy Mayor Lundrigan started off the meeting by announcing the previous Mayors resignation and that this special meeting was called to order to determine the next steps in accordance with the Towns and Local Services District Act;

Section 29 (1) Where a vacancy occurs in the officer of a mayor who was originally elected in a separate election, the town council shall fill that vacancy by either

(a) Having the deputy mayor assume the office of mayor

(i) For the remainder of the mayor's term, where there is less than one year remaining in the mayor's term, or

(ii) Until a by-election is held to fill the vacant position of mayor, where there is one or more years remaining in the mayor's term; or

(b) Electing, by secret ballot, from among the remaining councillors, a person to assume the office of mayor for the remainder of the originally elected mayor's term.

(2) A councillor who wishes to run for election as mayor in a by-election referred to in subparagraph (1)(a)(ii) shall resign as a councillor before running for election as mayor.

(3) Where a vacancy occurs in the office of a mayor who was originally elected by the town council, that vacancy shall be filled in accordance with subparagraph (1)(a)(i) or paragraph (1)(b).

Motion for Mayor

Deputy Mayor Lundrigan explained the two options of having a by-election for Mayor, with the Deputy Mayor acting as Mayor until the by-election was complete, or; voting in a mayor amongst the councillors present by nomination. If two people are nominated, they would then go into a secret ballot.

Motion #26-285 It was moved by Councillor Sheppard, seconded by Councillor Smith to have a by-election for Mayor.

Councillor Sheppard and Councillor Smith voted in favor of the motion.
Deputy Mayor Lundrigan, Councillors Newman and Stamp voted against.

Defeated

Deputy Mayor Lundrigan called for any nominations within Council for Mayor.

Councillor Smith nominated Councillor Sheppard. Councillor Sheppard thanked Councillor Smith for the nomination but declined to be nominated.

Deputy Mayor called for nominations again – no response from Council.
Councillor Stamp asked if Deputy Mayor Lundrigan could nominate someone. Deputy Mayor Lundrigan suggested Councillor Stamp and Councillor Newman nominate one another and then enter into a secret ballot.
Town Manager Vanessa Higgins investigated the regulations regarding a Deputy Mayor being able to nominate a candidate for Mayor. Her findings from her search stated, “An acting or temporary Mayor retains their full right as an elected Councillor which includes the power to nominate someone for Mayor”.

Deputy Mayor Lundrigan nominated Councillor Stamp for Mayor and called for any more nominations 3 times.

Councillor Stamp was named the new Mayor of Spaniard’s Bay.

Motion to postpone Nomination Day, Advanced Poll and Election Day

A motion to postpone Nomination Day from October 29, 2026 was tabled.

Motion #26-286 It was moved by Councillor Sheppard, seconded by Councillor Stamp to postpone Nomination Day from 1 vacant seat, to 2 vacant seats on October 29, 2026, to November 9, 2026.

Deputy Mayor Lundrigan, Councillors Newman, Stamp, Sheppard and Smith voted in favor of the motion.

Carried

A motion to change the date of the Advanced Poll and Election Day was tabled.

Motion #26-287 It was moved by Councillor Stamp, seconded by Councillor Newman to change the dates of the Advanced Poll to December 5, 2026, and Election Day to December 8, 2026.

Deputy Mayor Lundrigan, Councillors Newman, Stamp, Sheppard and Smith voted in favor of the motion.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Lundrigan congratulated Councillor Stamp on becoming Mayor.

Newly elected Mayor Stamp thanked everyone and hoped everyone could work together moving forward.

Adjournment

Motion #26-288 It was moved by Councillor Stamp, seconded by Councillor Newman, and carried that the meeting adjourn at 8:19pm.

Deputy Mayor Lundrigan, Councillors Newman, Stamp, Sheppard and Smith voted in favor of the motion.

Carried

Recorder
Vanessa Higgins

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Acting Mayor Sherry Lundrigan