

**TOWN OF EASTPORT – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST
14, 2019 @ 7:30 P.M.**

Minutes of regular council meeting held at the Town
Hall in Eastport at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Attendance: Genevieve Squire, Bill Duffitt, Arthur Crisby, Kimberly Powell, Shannon Powell, Mary MacNab, Alan Holman and Kelly Bull.

MOTION:	106-19
Proposed by:	Bill Duffitt
Seconded by:	Alan Holman
Resolved that the agenda be adopted with the following additions: Clerk/Manager's vacation; Landing Point trail vandalism; casual employee; one unsightly property.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	107-19
Proposed by	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Alan Holman
Resolved that motion 104-19 from the July 24, 2019 minutes should be amended to state that a bridge wide enough for an ATV will be built at Northside Beach, while repurposing as much of the existing material as possible.	
In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 2. Carried.	
<i>Councillors MacNab and Holman abstained because they were not in attendance for the July 24 meeting.</i>	

BUSINESS ARISING

MOTION:	108-19
Proposed by	Kim Powell
Seconded by:	Mary MacNab
Resolved that a \$100 water tax will be imposed on vacant land where a water hookup is accessible and that a \$100 sewer tax will be imposed on vacant land where sewer is accessible. This is required in order for the town of Eastport to be compliant with Section 130 of the <i>Municipalities Act, 1999</i> .	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 1. Carried.	
<i>Councillor Crisby abstained due to Conflict of Interest.</i>	

MOTION:	109-19
Proposed by	Kim Powell
Seconded by:	Mary MacNab
Resolved that a \$100 minimum property tax will be charged per piece of property. This will eliminate the previous practice of pooling property under sections 114 and 414 of the <i>Municipalities Act, 1999</i> .	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 1. Carried.	
<i>Councillor Crisby abstained due to Conflict of Interest.</i>	

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MAYOR’S FILE

Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador will be holding their annual convention in St. John’s from November 13 - 16 and their regional meetings in Gander on September 18 - 20. Delegates will be finalized at the September meeting.

FINANCE

The quick stat report, July bank reconciliation and payroll were reviewed and found to be in order.

MOTION:	110-19
Proposed by:	Alan Holman
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved that the following invoices be approved for payment as presented: Fire Dept Account - Cheque #'s 1505 – 1509: \$831.33 General Account - Cheque #'s: 7642 - 7708 A/P \$19,143.88; P/R - \$31,062.33; G/L \$21,735.08 Total from General Account: \$71,941.29	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

MOTION:	111-19		
Proposed by:	Shannon Powell		
Seconded by:	Art Crisby		
Resolved that the Town approve the following development application, subject to the approval and/or recommendations of any and all applicable government departments and/or agencies :			
2025-19	17 Legion Road	Build Deck & Install Fascia	1675
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 1. Carried.			

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PUBLIC WORKS

Babstock's Road: Fill is required on Babstock's Road to reinforce the existing berm. Clerk/Manager to speak to Maintenance Department to determine best path forward.

Penny's Road: Additional funding has been released through MCWP, so it was decided to apply for funding and await the decision from MAE before proceeding with paving this road.

Bank Road: Posts have been removed from the top of the Landing Point trail. Maintenance Department employees will replace posts.

MOTION:	112-19
Proposed by:	Bill Duffitt
Seconded by:	Kim Powell
Resolved that the Town will purchase Class A for the pumphouse road. Clerk/Manager to speak to Maintenance Department to determine quantity of Class A needed and then get prices from suppliers.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

RECREATION REPORT

Councillor Powell presented a letter from Andy Poole, the physical education teacher at Holy Cross School. He is organizing a bicycle race on the peninsula on September 21 or September 22. He asked that the Council support this event and assist with the closure of roads.

MOTION:	113-19
Proposed by:	Bill Duffitt
Seconded by:	Kim Powell
Resolved that the Town of Eastport will support the bicycle race scheduled for the weekend of September 21 -22, 2019. No monetary donation will be given.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

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OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS

The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Association requested a donation from the Town of Eastport. All councillors agreed that this was not a good use of taxpayer money as Eastport is not policed by the RNC.

Jill Turner, a teacher at Holy Cross School would like to hold a fundraiser for the LEGO club on Eastport Beach during the last week of August. Students will be selling lemonade & cookies to raise money for their club. No councillors objected.

MOTION:	114-19
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Mary MacNab
Resolved that the Town Clerk/Manager will be on vacation from August 26-30, September 6 & September 9-11. Beverly Hunter will be working in her place.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	115-19
Proposed by:	Kim Powell
Seconded by:	Mary MacNab
Resolved that the meeting enter a privileged session at 8:51.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	116-19
Proposed by:	Mary MacNab
Seconded by:	Kim Powell
Resolved that the meeting return to a regular session at 8:57.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

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There is an issue with an unsightly property that has gotten progressively worse over the summer months. Council agreed to send a letter to the individual, asking him to keep his property tidy.

Councillor K. Powell raised the issue of having a casual employee in the maintenance department. This year, one employee is off work due to illness, which means that when one of the remaining two employees take vacation, the other is left to work alone. All agreed that the Town does need a list of casual workers on a call-in basis.

MOTION:	117-19
Proposed by:	Kim Powell
Seconded by:	Mary MacNab
Resolved that Council will hire at least one casual worker who shall be paid \$13.26 per hour.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	118-19
Proposed by:	Shannon Powell
Seconded by:	Mary MacNab
Resolved that the meeting enter a privileged session at 9:05.	
In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 2. Carried.	
<i>Mayor Squire and Councillor K. Powell left the meeting at 9:05 due to Conflict of Interest.</i>	

MOTION:	119-19
Proposed by:	Alan Holman
Seconded by:	Mary MacNab
Resolved that the meeting return to a regular session at 9:35	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

Councillors K. Powell and MacNab have received inquiries from concerned residents about construction or quarrying activity at 275-301 Beach Road. This area is zoned Residential, therefore any construction or quarrying activity would be in violation of the town plan. Councillors asked the Clerk/Manager to check the files to determine if any permits had been issued for such activity in the past. The most recent permit on file is permit number 1401, issued on August 19, 2013 and expired on August 19, 2014. The permit was granted to 'level land with existing rock at 301 & 260 Beach Road.'

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MOTION:	120-19
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Mary MacNab
Resolved that Council will contact the property owner of 275-301 Beach Road and request clarification on what type of business is being conducted at that address. Council would like to have a response by September 12.	
In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 2. Carried.	

MOTION:	121-19
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Mary MacNab
Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 9:45. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12.	
In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 2. Carried.	

Genevieve Squire-Mayor

Kelly Bull, Town Clerk/Manager