

Minutes of regular council meeting held at the Town
Hall in Eastport at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 09, 2019

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

Gallery: Mike Sinnicks

MOTION:	136-19
Proposed by:	Bill Duffitt
Seconded by:	Alan Holman
Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	137-19
Proposed by	Shannon Powell
Seconded by:	Bill Duffitt
Resolved that minutes from September 12, 2019 would be adopted.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM. Marvin Bull, Public Works Supervisor and Harvey Senior, Public Works employee were in attendance to discuss Council's plans.

- There is a large pile of concrete on the recreation grounds that Council must dispose of. It was decided that the most appropriate place to dispose of that would be in the sewage disposal field.
- Council has applied for a CEEP grant for the construction of a washroom at the recreation grounds. Public Works employees will assist with this project if funding is approved.
- Council would like to move forward with plans to install washroom and laundry facilities at the town depot. Septic field drawings are on file. The successful applicant for the advertised on-call position will be expected to work on that project. It would be beneficial to have the septic system installed, but not connected, prior to winter.
- The bog hole adjacent to Babstock's Road continues to be an issue. Council and PW staff feel that two tandem loads of blast rock used as fill should solve the problem.
- The pile of vegetation for the bonfire is quite large. It will need to be piled up using an excavator in order to prevent the bonfire from spreading to the forest. The site will be roped off to prevent residents from bringing any more items in.
- PW staff would like to have a clothing allowance added to the 2020 budget.
- Insulation and wiring is required at the Quonset at the depot site.
- The Town's 2008 Chevrolet truck is no longer road-worthy. Insurance will not be renewed.

Resident Mike Sinnicks addressed Council with a proposal to start a mushroom farm on the existing Sutreen Hardwoods property. This venture will require a 32' x 82' building and will create six full time jobs.

MOTION:	138-19
Proposed by	Alan Holmam
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved that a letter of support for a mushroom farm will be written to Mr. Sinnicks and Gerry Byrne, Minister of Fisheries & Land Resources	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 1. Carried. <i>Councillor S. Powell left the meeting at 7:30, citing a conflict of interest. She returned at 8 PM, and Mr. Sinnicks left the meeting at the same time.</i>	

MAYOR'S FILE

Mayor Squire advised that she had been approached by members of Road to the Beaches committee about the possibility of incorporating Northside Beach bridge into the Damnable Trails network. If Council was to agree with this arrangement, RTTB would provide the labour and materials to fix the existing bridge and turn it into a wheelchair accessible footbridge. Council feels that an MOU is necessary to determine ownership & responsibilities. Work will need to start ASAP in order to complete the project prior to winter. Town Clerk/Manager to call Cal LeGrow to determine liability coverage.

FINANCE

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

MOTION:	139-19
Proposed by:	Alan Holman
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the following invoices be approved for payment as presented: Fire Dept Account - Cheque #'s 1515 – 1518: \$1032.31 General Account - Cheque #'s: 7790 - 7839 A/P \$17,952.26; P/R - \$24,214.95; G/L \$18,656.31 Total from General Account: \$60,823.52	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

MOTION: 140-19 Proposed by: Shannon Powell Seconded by: Art Crisby			
Resolved that the Town approve the following development applications, subject to the approval and/or recommendations of any and all applicable government departments and/or agencies :			
2031-19	24 Lane's Road	Build Shed	1682
2032-19	67 Main Street	Build Shed	1683
2033-19	119 Beach Road	Build Shed	1684
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.			

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: 141-19 Proposed by: Mary MacNab Seconded by: Art Crisby			
Resolved that the Town of Eastport will purchase a truck and sander for winter road maintenance. Clerk/Manager to issue tender for a ¾ ton single cab 4WD truck with an 8 foot box, 10-ply winter tires and single axle rear end through the Public Procurement Agency. Sander shall be an in-box covered sander. As this is an item less than \$10,000, three quotes shall be obtained.			
Combined cost of truck & sander shall not exceed \$75,000.00			
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.			

MOTION: 142-19 Proposed by: Bill Duffitt Seconded by: Alan Holman			
Resolved that the Town of Eastport will issue a tender for snow clearing for the 2019-2020 season with a closing date of October 24, 2019. Bids are to be for a flat (seasonal) rate. No travel fees will be paid.			
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.			

Grading Roads: Gravel roads need to be graded before the onset of winter. Clerk/Manager was asked by Council to get three quotes as per the *Procurement Act, 2018*. Councillor S. Powell expressed a concern with the work that had been done by Station Road Contracting in the spring of 2019 and asked that Station Road Contracting not be invited to quote. No objections to this request were raised.

OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Council Christmas Dinner/Party – Councillors & Staff will attend the Community Christmas Party at the Legion on December 14.

MOTION:	143-19
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the Town will purchase badges for the Chief, the Deputy Chief and the Assistant Deputy Chief and the Mayor will present the badges at the annual Firefighters' Banquet. Total cost of badges is \$250.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	144-19
Proposed by:	Bill Duffitt
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved that the Town will contribute \$4000 toward the purchase of a \$12,000 enclosed trailer for the EPVFD. The trailer is required to transport a pump.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	145-19
Proposed by:	Bill Duffitt
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved that the Town will purchase supplies (wieners, marshmallows, apples & hot chocolate) for the community bonfire on November 5.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION: 146-19

Proposed by: Art Crisby

Seconded by: Alan Holman

Resolved that the meeting enter a privileged session at 10:35 PM.

In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 2. Carried.

Mayor Squire and Councillor K. Powell left the meeting, citing Conflicts of Interest.

MOTION: 147-19

Proposed by: Art Crisby

Seconded by: Mary MacNab

Resolved that the meeting exit a privileged session at 10:55 PM.

In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 2. Carried.

MOTION: 148-19

Proposed by: Art Crisby

Seconded by: Mary MacNab

Resolved that a quarry application received from the Mineral Lands Division of Natural Resources be rejected.

In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 2. Carried.

MOTION: 149-19

Proposed by: Art Crisby

Seconded by: Mary MacNab

Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 11:00. The next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2018.

In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 2. Carried.

Genevieve Squire-Mayor

Kelly Bull, Town Clerk/Manager