

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING –
APRIL 14, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Minutes of regular council meeting held at EVPFD Fire Hall
at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 14, 2020

Attendance

Councillors: Genevieve Squire, Bill Duffitt, Shannon Powell, Kim Powell, Monica Bull, Arthur Crisby

Staff: Chantal Lynch, Town Clerk

Marvin Bull, Public Works

Gallery: Mr. Dan Higdon

MOTION:	0040-21
Proposed by:	William Duffitt
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	0041-21
Proposed by:	Kim Powell
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that minutes from a regular meeting held on March 10, 2021 be adopted, with the correction of one opposer, Arthur Crisby, in Motion 034-21	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

BUSINESS ARISING

MOTION:	0042-21
Proposed by:	William Duffitt
Seconded by:	Arthur Crisby
Resolved that due to the expense incurred every other year to repair the radio communications with the water tower, the Town would upgrade to a more viable system as proposed by Pennecon for the amount of \$15, 368.00 pending sufficient warranty and service guarantee. A Special Assistance Grant would be applied for to offset this cost.	
In favour –6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

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MOTION:	0043-21
Proposed by:	Kim Powell
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the Road Grading Tender be prepared with Upgrading to Baxter Drive which includes scarifying the road where necessary, filled with Class A, and rolled in, in consultation with the Public Works Staff.	
In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 1. Carried. <i>Councillor Monica Bull abstained, citing Conflict of Interest.</i>	

There was some discussion around the COVID Stimulus Funding projects. It was decided the Seasonal worker would be called back to work at the discretion of Public Works staff.

NEW BUSINESS

In the absence of an enforcement officer, it is the responsibility of the property owner to contact the RCMP with the particulars of a situation.

MOTION:	0044-21
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	William Duffitt
Resolved that the request for upstairs office space rental for a Dental Hygienist be denied as public accessibility is considered a safety issue.	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	0045-21
Proposed by:	Kim Powell
Seconded by:	William Duffitt
Resolved that the formal letter of resignation of Town Clerk/Manager Kelly Bull be accepted.	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

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MOTION:	0046-21
Proposed by:	Kim Powell
Seconded by:	Arthur Crisby
Resolved that the permanent, full-time position of Town Clerk/Manager be advertised for two weeks on Indeed and the Towns Facebook Page, with the salary based on the previous Town Clerk/Manager's salary, noting only those selected for an interview would be contacted. The Clerical Support Role would be discussed after the Town Clerk/Manager is hired.	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried. <i>Acting Town Clerk left the room for the discussion.</i>	

MOTION:	0047-21
Proposed by:	Arthur Crisby
Seconded by:	William Duffitt
Resolved that the Town would support the Fire Departments decision to not sign the new agreement with Parks Canada citing costs as a major factor.	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

Consensus that the Town Clerk would contact the Planner who completed the current Town Plan and inquire about the process to renew/update such.

FINANCE

MOTION:	0048-21
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the following invoices be approved for payment as presented: Fire Dept Account - Cheque #'s 1624 – 1635: \$4,852.13 General Account - Cheque #'s: 8488 – 8519: \$39,649.18	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

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CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Consensus that the Public Works Committee would meet with G & R as per their request concerning a Septic Treatment Facility.

b.

MOTION:	0049-21
Proposed by:	Arthur Crisby
Seconded by:	Kim Powell
Resolved that the Town of Eastport proclaims the month of April 2021 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Eastport and we urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 1. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

- c. Noted that standard procedure for damages during snow clearing would be followed and to notify the contractor of damage and ask that repairs be completed.
- d. As the former piggery property is private land, the Town has no knowledge of the location of any wells, the easement is for Environmental protection, if anyone is to develop this location, they would be responsible for an approved septic design, driveway designs, all the necessary approvals, and would also need to be in accordance with the Towns Development Regulations.

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION:	0050-21
Proposed by:	Shannon Powell
Seconded by:	William Duffitt
Resolved that the following development application be approved as presented subject to the approval and recommendations of all applicable government departments and/or agencies.	
03-21	175 Main Street to construct a shed
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

RECREATION REPORT

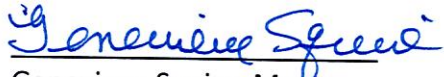
The Community Garden Support Grant has been applied for. Items included are fertilizer, topsoil, new boxes.

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MOTION: **051-21**
Proposed by: **Arthur Crisby**
Seconded by: **William Duffitt**

Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 9:12 PM. The next regular council meeting would be held on May 12, 2021.

In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.


Genevieve Squire, Mayor


Chantal Lynch, acting Town Clerk