

Minutes of regular council meeting held at EVPFD Fire Hall
at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Attendance

Councillors: Genevieve Squire, Bill Duffitt, Arthur Crisby, Shannon Powell, Mary MacNab

Delegate: Monica Bull

Gallery: Amanda Handcock

MOTION:	067-20
Proposed by:	Bill Duffitt
Seconded by:	Mary MacNab
Resolved that the agenda items 5a and 11 a would be moved to a privileged session.	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	068-20
Proposed by	Bill Duffitt
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that minutes from July 15, 2020 be adopted.	
In favour – 4; Opposed – 1. Abstained – 1. Carried.	
<i>Councillor MacNab opposed and Councillor K. Powell abstained.</i>	

MOTION:	069-20
Proposed by	Kim Powell
Seconded by:	Mary MacNab
Resolved that minutes from a special meeting held on August 05, 2020 would be adopted.	
In favour – 3; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 3. Carried.	
<i>Mayor Squire, Deputy Mayor Duffitt and Councillor Crisby abstained as they were not in attendance for the special meeting.</i>	

Monica Bull addressed the Council to share her vision of environmental protection and stewardship within Eastport. She noted that there is an opportunity to establish an estuary on Northside Beach, as the natural sea grasses are a nesting site for birds. Ms. Bull also noted that the reduction of vehicular traffic since the pedestrian-only bridge was built is beneficial to the environment, as motorized vehicles destroy sea grasses.

Ms. Bull suggested that should an Environmental Protection & Stewardship Committee come to fruition, collaboration with EP Wellness, Terra Nova National Park or Road to the Beaches Tourism Association could be advantageous. The Committee could work with the other stakeholders to provide expertise, advice & public relations.

If Council is in agreement with establishing such a committee, Ms. Bull will draft a Terms of Reference.

MOTION:	070-20
Proposed by	Mary MacNab
Seconded by:	Kim Powell
Resolved that Monica Bull will draft a Terms of Reference for an Environmental Stewardship Committee for The Town of Eastport.	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION:	071-20
Proposed by	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Be it resolved that a \$100 North Atlantic Petroleum gift certificate will be purchased for Cynthia Bull/Grant Lane.	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

There was much discussion around whether or not to give a token of appreciation to Roger Bull and Kathy Hodder in recognition of their efforts to install Mobi-Mats on Northside and Eastport beaches.

Councillors MacNab and K. Powell pointed out that there are many volunteers in the Town and to single out two would likely cause offence, and would be setting a precedent. After discussion, no motion was made.

The Towns of Happy Adventure and Salvage have been advised that the contractor who does their garbage collection is not renewing his contract. As such, they have each approached the Town of Eastport about taking this on. Council is receptive to the idea but would like further discussion. Kelly Bull to arrange meeting with Judy Powell and Beverly Hunter, Marvin Bull and Harvey Senior.

Councillor Alan Holman has tendered his resignation. Letter of thanks will be sent. A by-election will be held at the earliest possible date. Kelly Bull to speak to representative at Municipal Affairs & Environment for guidance.

The Mayor read the monthly RCMP report. There has been an increased number of incidents in Town, which is concerning to everyone.

FINANCE

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

MOTION:	072-20
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the following invoices be approved for payment as presented:	
Fire Dept Account - Cheque #'s 1576 – 1580: \$1198.92	
General Account - Cheque #'s: 8192 - 8247: A/P \$28,141.13; P/R - \$17,882.55	
Total from General Account: \$46,023.68	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

RECREATION REPORT

Councillor K. Powell would like to plant fall bulbs at the rink and playground and suggested a \$500 budget. Councillor MacNab suggested that she ask Tom Hallett, of Hallett's Greenhouse for suggestions. Councillor Powell also advised that there has not been an EP Wellness meeting since February and that the membership is low. Councillor MacNab suggested that a constitution for the EP Wellness Committee would be a good start.

MOTION:	073-20
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Mary MacNab
Resolved that the meeting would enter into a privileged session at 8:23 PM. At that point, Monica Bull and Amanda Handcock left the meeting.	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	074-20
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Mary MacNab
Resolved that the meeting would go back to a regular session at 8:52 PM.	
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.	

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION: 075-20
Proposed by: Art Crisby
Seconded by: Bill Duffitt

Resolved that the following development application be approved as presented subject to the approval and recommendations of any and all applicable government departments and/or agencies:

016-20	15 Squire's Road	Siding & Doors
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In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.

MOTION: 076-20
Proposed by: Art Crisby
Seconded by: Bill Duffitt

Resolved that the following development application be approved as presented subject to the approval and recommendations of any and all applicable government departments and/or agencies:

017-20	9 Penny's Road	Application to Operate a Salon
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In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 1. Carried.

Councillor S. Powell abstained, citing Conflict of Interest

MOTION: 077-20
Proposed by: Bill Duffitt
Seconded by: Art Crisby

Resolved that the proposal received from DMG Consulting Ltd on July 31, 2020 for the paving of Penny's Road will be accepted. The firm will go to public tender to select a contractor.

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

MOTION: 078-20
Proposed by: Art Crisby
Seconded by: Bill Duffitt

Resolved that a Private Drive sign will be purchased for Jacob's Hill.

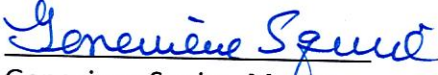
In favour – 6; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 12, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.

MOTION: 079-20
Proposed by: Art Crisby
Seconded by: Bill Duffitt

Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 9:04 PM. The next meeting will be held on September 9.

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


Genevieve Squire, Mayor


Kelly Bull, Town Clerk/Manager