

Minutes of regular council meeting held
at 7:00PM at October 13th at the Eastport Town Hall

Attendance

Mayor Art Crisby

Councillors: Monica Bull, Shannon Powell, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, David Decker, Kim Powell

Staff: Chantal Lynch – Town Clerk/Manager, Chelsea Harris – Administrative Assistant

Visiting groups – Ray Penney

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:52PM by Mayor Crisby

2. Visiting Groups – Ray Penney

Mr. Ray Penney had previously submitted a drawing of new sewer lines he wished to install on his property located adjacent to the sewage treatment and inquired as to how it would be best to proceed.

Agreement to confirm with Public Works Supervisor.

Mr. Ray Penney had also submitted a letter on behalf of the Ad Hoc Agricultural Committee, requesting help resources on Eastport beaches be designated for the Peninsulas gardening and farming community. He went on to explain that the potential for development for the area could be a huge benefit. Council agreed to take this into consideration and would require more information and more public consultation. Mr. Ray Penney left the meeting at 7:20PM .

The Mayor welcomed the newly elected Councillor David Decker to the table. Town Clerk/Manager advised he has been sworn in.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION:	138-23
Proposed by:	Kim Powell
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Carried.	

4. Adoption of Regular Council Minutes

MOTION:	139-23
Proposed by:	Shannon Powell
Seconded by:	Roger Bull
Resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 13th, be adopted as presented.	
In favour – 7; Opposed – 0. Carried.	

5. Town Clerk/Manager Report

Town Clerk/Manager advised that she has received the Basic Emergency Management Training (one day) and will register for the two day training when it is available as timing permits .

Our Municipal Analyst has advised there is a municipal inspection scheduled for next week and has sent a list of items to have available.

The notice of appeal has been sent by the appeals board to Saltwire to be publicly posted. Date, time and place for the appeal is not yet set.

6. Business Arising

a. Municipal Conduct Act – Mandatory Training & Codes of Conduct Training – Councillor Decker is registered for the modules 1-4 training, module 5 training has no availability at the time.

b. Branding Eastport – will consult with RTTB

c. By-election – the election for Deputy Mayor followed:

Councillor Kim Powell nominated Councillor Monica Bull, Seconded by Councillor Decker, Councillor Monica Bull accepted the nomination.

Mayor Art Crisby nominated Councillor Shannon Powell, Councillor Powell declined.

Mayor Art Crisby nominated Councillor Roger Bull, Councillor Kim Powell seconded Councillor Roger Bull declined.

Mayor Art Crisby nominated Councillor Kim Powell, Councillor Kim Powell declined.

Councillor Monica Bull nominated Councillor Ben Patey, Councillor Kim Powell seconded. Councillor Ben Patey accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

A vote by ballot took place and the results were Councillor Monica Bull – 4; Councillor Ben Patey – 3. Councillor Monica Bull was elected Deputy Mayor .

e. Seniors Soup Supper

MOTION:	140-23
Proposed by:	Ben Patey
Seconded by:	Roger Bull
Resolved that the budget for the Seniors Soup Supper would be \$1400.00 and a notice would be mailed to residents. Date and time to be set according to availability at the SUF hall. Councillor Kim Powell would be making arrangements	
In favour – 5, Opposed – 0 . Carried	

f. MNL Conference October 25-28, 2023 – Councillor Roger Bull will be attending.

g. Shared Services Meeting minutes - minutes were previously circulated, recommendations would be considered.

h. MMSB Community Waste Diversion Fund –

MOTION:	141-23
Proposed by:	Roger Bull
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the funding application for the MMSB Community Waste Diversion Fund be submitted for the purchase of a wood chipper.	
In favour – 7, Opposed – 0 . Carried	

- i. Community Collaboration Grant – Deputy Mayor Monica Bull read aloud the proposal she had developed for a Director of Community Services for the Eastport Peninsula as a result of the joint council meeting where it was agreed Eastport would move forward with preparing a proposal.
- Burnside-St. Chads have indicated they are unable to participate in this due to legislative restraints.
- There has been some questions submitted by some towns. These questions will be addressed in the final draft for clarification.
- Deputy Mayor Monica Bull indicated the final draft would be ready in the next couple days to distribute to the councils on the peninsula for their final approval, allowing time for any adjustments before the submission deadline.

MOTION:	142-23
Proposed by:	Kim Powell
Seconded by:	Ben Patey
Resolved that the Town of Eastport approves the proposal in draft form, and would proceed with the proposal without the financial contribution from Burnside-St.Chad's	
In favour – 7, Opposed – 0 . Carried	

5. New Business
a. Gambo and Area Employment

MOTION:	143-23
Proposed by:	Ben Patey
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the town would enter into an agreement with Gambo and Area employment for one full time employee and one part time(one day/week) under the wage subsidy program. Start time would be determined by Public Works Supervisor.	
In favour – 7, Opposed – 0 . Carried	

b. Budget 2024

Councillor Ben Patey as Chair of the Finance Committee asked for proposals from all the committees as to what they wanted to see included in the budget, as preparations have already begun. There would be a special meeting of the whole of council on Wednesday, October 25th to review the draft budget. Mayor Art Crisby appointed Councillor David Decker to the Finance Committee.

c. Water Agreement

Consensus to write a letter to Sandy Cove Council requesting the number of water connections they have and any new homes/connections they have added. Furthermore to request two councillors to be delegated to attend a review of the water agreement.

d. Purchase of a Trailer

MOTION:	144-23
Proposed by:	Roger Bull
Seconded by:	Ben Patey

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Resolved that a dump trailer be purchased through the shared services agreement. Specifications to be determined by Public Works Supervisor.

In favour – 7, Opposed – 0 . Carried

e. Disclosure Statement

MOTION: 145-23

Proposed by: Kim Powell

Seconded by: Shannon Powell

Resolved that the meeting would enter into a privileged session at 8:36PM for the purpose of the review of the disclosure statement of the newly elected Councillor.

In favour – 7, Opposed – 0 . Carried

MOTION: 146-23

Proposed by: Kim Powell

Seconded by: Shannon Powell

Resolved that the meeting revert back to regular session at 8:37PM

In favour – 7, Opposed – 0 . Carried

MOTION: 147-23

Proposed by: Kim Powell

Seconded by: Ben Patey

Resolved that the disclosure statement be accepted and filed as required.

In favour – 7, Opposed – 0 . Carried

6. Finance

MOTION: 148-23

Proposed by: Ben Patey

Seconded by: David Decker

Resolved that the following invoices be approved for payment as presented and reports tabled:

Line of Credit September - 275.64 Postage and supplies

Fire Dept: Cheque # 1798 – 1802; \$1,056.21

General Account: Cheque #9732-9766; \$45,268.03

Quick stats September 2023

Bank Statements Septemnber 2023

In favour – 7, Opposed – 0 . Carried

7. Correspondence

- a. Adam Randell October 5th, 2023 – NL Health Services Municipalities Meeting – the meeting is October 16th. The Town Clerk/Manager advised somebody from Council should attend.
- b. CPL Mark Walsh, Monthly Crime Statistics Report August 2023.- filed for information purposes.
- c. Miles for Smiles Foundation, October 1, 2023 – National Child Abuse Month

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MOTION: 149-23
Proposed by: Kim Powell
Seconded by: David Decker

Resolved that the Town of Eastport would proclaim the month of October 2023 to be National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Eastport, and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in the years to come.

In favour – 7, Opposed – 0 . Carried

d. Jonathan Piatt, September 18th, 2023 – Permit to remove rocks - consensus that Council would not be in a position to permit blasting in the area as there are deep water, drilled wells for drinking water in the immediate vicinity. There is also a question as to brooks/streams on the property, which would be an environmental concern. Council recommends an engineering assessment on the property as to the effects of the removal of the rocks on the land. Agreement that a response letter be sent stating such.

e. Ray Penny, September 30, 2023 – Installation Sewer, upgrade water – previously dealt with
 f. Ad Hoc Agricultural Committee, September 30, 2023 - protecting kelp – previously dealt with
 g. Damnable Trail Festival, October 4th, 2023, Letter of Appreciation – Councillor Roger Bull indicated that if there was any feedback, he would take it back to the committee as he is a member. Noted that traffic control was needed near Northside Beach parking lot and Northside Road.

8. Committee/Liaison Reports

Public Works - Discussion around possibly contracting garbage. It would need further investigation and analysis. Public Works employees have submitted a list of needed tools, this will be purchased through Shared Services. Discussion around how to fix erosion issue on Bank road as it will need a qualified opinion or assessment of some sort.

Admin/HR – The committee is working towards finalizing the job descriptions.

Planning & Development – The committee requested that the cost of the Town Plan be added in budget 2024.

Communication & Public Engagement – Councillor Kim Powell advised there are plans for a December newsletter and a quarterly newsletter moving forward.

Recreation & Social – Seniors Soup Supper plans are moving forward. Bonfire will take place Sunday, November 5th with refreshments the same as previous years.

Fire Hall Liaison – Councillor Ben Patey advised the Fire Department will be fundraising for a new equipment van.

RTTB Tourism– Councillor Roger Bull stated that being that the trails on the Peninsula are owned by the towns, there is a possibility of starting a trails association that would be completely separate from RTTB. A proof of a story board for “The Neck” was passed around for each Councillor to review. There were no questions or concerns at this time.

CNWM- no update

EP Rec & Wellness- no update

Emergency Management Regional Team – A meeting is scheduled for October 18th for a signing authority from each community to attend and update the current draft to be submitted to Department of Emergency Services for approval.

Joint Council Update – Deputy Mayor Bull advised there was good discussion, and felt it was a positive meeting and that consistence representation from each community would be best.

MOTION:	150-23
Proposed by:	Ben Patey
Seconded by:	Kim Powell
Resolved that Deputy Mayor Monica Bull would attend the joint council meetings along with Ben Patey on an ongoing basis to maintain continuity.	
In favour –7; Opposed – 0, Carried.	

10. Adjournment

MOTION:	151-23
Proposed by:	Shannon Powell
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:53PM and the next regular meeting would be held on November 8 th , 2023	
In favour –7; Opposed – 0, Carried.	

Art Crisby – Mayor

Chantal Lynch – Town Clerk/Manager