

Minutes of regular council meeting held
at 7:00PM at January 24th at the Eastport Town Hall

Attendance

Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, chaired in the Mayors absence

Councillors: Shannon Powell, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, David Decker, Art Crisby

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Deputy Mayor Monica Bull

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:	08-24
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the Agenda be adopted as presented.	
In favour – 6 (Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby, Roger Bull); Opposed – 0 . Carried.	

3. Adoption of Regular Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION:	09-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the minutes of the regular council meeting, January 10 th , be adopted as presented with edits to add correct name of Community Collaboration Grant proposal name.	
In favour – 6(Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

4. Business Arising

- Municipal Conduct Act – Mandatory Training & Codes of Conduct Training
- Branding Eastport – will consult with RTTB
- Electronic Policy – Mayor Kim Powell will have a draft document in the future.
- Standard Operating Guidelines EPVFD –

MOTION:	10-24
Proposed by:	Ben Patey
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the Standard Operating Guidelines from the Eastport Peninsula Volunteer Fire Department be adopted as brought forward by the department with the suggested edits.	
In favour – 3(Councillors: Shannon Powell, Ben Patey, Art Crisby). Opposed – Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: David Decker, Roger Bull. Motion died.	

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MOTION: 11-24
Proposed by: Roger Bull
Seconded by: Ben Patey

Resolved that Fire Chief Kirk Bull be invited to attend the next regular meeting of council to discuss recommendations to the Standard Operating Guidelines.

In favour – 6(Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.

e. Winter Activities – general consensus to defer and possibly start a committee to plan activities.

5. Town Manager Report

- a. Concerns from snowclearing contractor regarding sanding. Public works supervisor ensured all roads were being sanded as necessary. Ongoing assessments of the road conditions will continue.
- b. Zone change 38-40 Tulks Road, deferred to next meeting, consensus to require remediation.
- c. Quarry Referral 71113016 – agreed to arrange meeting with Dept Industry, Energy and Technology Geologist as requested.
- d. Request for Interest to be waived:

MOTION: 12-24
Proposed by: Ben Patey
Seconded by: David Decker

Resolved that as a result of missing information, the interest would be waived for Par ID 056354

In favour – 5(Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby). Opposed – 1, Councillor Roger Bull. Carried.

e. Summer Student –

MOTION: 13-24
Proposed by: David Decker
Seconded by: Art Crisby

Resolved that Town Clerk/Manager explore the opportunity of a skilled summer student.

In favour – 6(Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby, Roger Bull). Carried.

6. New Business

- a. Signing Officers – deferred until the next meeting
- b. Committee structure – deferred
- c. Disclosure Statements – statements were collected. A privileged review will follow
- d. EP Emergency Management Plan final adoption –

MOTION: 14-24
Proposed by: Art Crisby
Seconded by: David Decker

Resolved that the EP Emergency Management Plan be adopted as sent by the Coordinator Shane Parsons.

In favour – 5(Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby, Roger Bull). Opposed – 1 (Deputy Mayor Monica Bull). Carried.

Noted that Deputy Mayor Monica Bull wished it noted the reason for opposing was she did not have sufficient time to review the plan.

7. Finance

MOTION:	15-24
Proposed by:	Ben Patey
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that accounts receivables deemed uncollectable as of December 31 st , 2023, in the amount of \$11,181.38 and \$4,425.13 in interest as identified in the Aged Receivables report be written off as of December 31 st , 2023	
In favour – (Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

8. Correspondence

- a. Darren Randell, Planning and Development Services, January 17th, 2024 – information purposes
- b. Bobbi Skanes, Consulting Services, January 16th, 2024 – information purposes
- c. East-Glo Building Application, Par ID 056425 – deferred to Planning and Development Committee
Deputy Mayor Monica Bull questioned the whole of council if they felt she was in a conflict of interest. The whole of Council felt she was not in conflict of interest.
- d. Cpl. Mark Walsh, January 22, 2024 – Monthly Crime Stats December 2023 filed for information
- e. Nicole King, January 15, 2024 – Invitation to submit names – filed for information

9. Reading file

10. Committee/Liaison Reports

Public Works –

Agreed to request more RCMP Patrols in the area as there seems to be a lack of police present as of late.

Street Light Recommendations

MOTION:	16-24
Proposed by:	Shannon Powell
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved that the Street Light Recommendations presented by the Public Works Committee would be approved.	
In favour – 6(Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

Recommendation to combine Planning and Development with Public Works and form one committee. Deferred to the review of committee restructuring.

11. Adjournment

MOTION:	17-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55PM and the next regular meeting would be held on February 14 th , 2024	
In favour – 6(Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

Kim Powell – Mayor

Chantal Lynch, Town Clerk/Manager