

Minutes of regular council meeting held
at 7:00PM at March 13th 2024

Attendance

Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull

Councillors: Shannon Powell, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby, David Decker(via telephone)

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Mayor Kim Powell

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:	37-24
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the Agenda be adopted as presented.	
In favour – 7 (Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby); Opposed – 0 . Carried.	

3. Adoption of Regular Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION:	38-24
Proposed by:	Ben Patey
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved that the minutes of the regular council meeting, February 28 th , be adopted as presented.	
In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

4. Business Arising

- a. Branding Eastport – Councillor Roger Bull gave an update on this initiative and noted that the RTTB has one more final vote before the decision is made on which branding idea will be chosen. It is a lengthy process and a broad undertaking for the entire region, including Glovertown and Charlottetown.
- b. Town Plan Renewal – Deputy Mayor Monica Bull provided the document and the Town Clerk/Manager will distribute it to Council for review.

7:11 PM Lori Moss arrived as a member of the general public gallery.

- c. Shared Services Meeting – March 26th in Salvage at 7:00PM – Mayor Kim Powell and Councilor Roger Bull will attend
- d. Joint Council Meeting – April 25th, 7:00PM Sandy Cove – Mayor Kim Powell and Deputy Mayor Monica Bull will attend, Councillor Ben Patey is the alternate

5. New Business

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- a. Resurfacing the rink – we are waiting on a formal extension of the Building Age Friendly Grant. We can then proceed with the request for quotes/proposals for this project. Deferred to Public Works for further review.
- b. Community Cleanup and BBQ – agreed to possibly schedule this in conjunction with Joint Councils Peninsula clean up that was proposed at the last Joint Council meeting. More details will follow after the Joint Council meeting.
- c. Eastport Friends and Family Day-discussion around what will take place this day and who was available. Further discussion needed. Deferred to Recreation/Social Committee.
- d. Committee Project Boards – Mayor Kim Powell suggested every committee have an annual board of some sort, with details of available funding opportunities, requirements and deadlines. Office staff will peruse available options.
- e. Memorial Grounds – Mayor Kim Powell was invited to a meeting on March 12, 2024 to discuss the future of the cenotaph area and possible options. No formal committee has been struck yet, the Legion would be the proponent.

MOTION:	39-24
Proposed by:	Roger Bull
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved that the Town supports the project and approval in principle be given for the Memorial Grounds project, and the Town would agree to move forward with the land acquisition from the church as proposed.	
In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

More discussion needed regarding future maintenance and insurance

6. Public Works/Planning and Development Update

MOTION:	40-24
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the recommendation from Public Works/Planning and Development Committee to develop and issue a RFP for an engineered assessment on the bank(Bank Road) to facilitate water management and slope management be accepted.	
In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	41-24
Proposed by:	Shannon Powell
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved that the recommendation from Public Works/Planning and Development Committee to develop and issue a RFP for upgrades to Baxter Drive, which includes adequate ditching, and Class A placement, in preparation for future paving, be accepted.	

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-No new updates on the review of specifications for a mini-excavator. Further details to follow.

-Water Sale Agreement meeting with Sandy Cove is scheduled for April 15th, 7:30PM in Sandy Cove.

MOTION: 42-24
Proposed by: Art Crisby
Seconded by: David Decker

Resolved that the recommendation from Public Works/Planning and Development Committee to reinstate the partnership with Gambo and Area Employment Corp. as soon as needed to facilitate morning beach clean up and maintenance of recreation grounds be accepted.

In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.

A meeting to discuss Sewage Treatment Plant and options will take place with virtually with government officials. Town Clerk/Manager will reach out and confirm details.

MOTION: 43-24
Proposed by: David Decker
Seconded by: Roger Bull

Resolved that the rink area be suggested to the Winterset Committee as a venue for food vendors, and that individual food vendors would require their own direct sellers permit.

In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.

7. Committee Reports

Damnable Trail Network – minutes from meeting (for information purposes)

Recreation/Social - Discussion around recreation students and if there was a possibility to hire before the beginning of summer students.

8. Town Clerk Report

Gas Tax Update

MOTION: 44-24
Proposed by: David Decker
Seconded by: Art Crisby

Resolved that the Town would like to cancel Gas Tax projects #70-2014-2494 and 70-2016-6131 and reduce the other projects down to actual amounts spent as follows:

70-2007-74 from GTF allocated \$82,239.74 to actual amount spent \$74,549.89

70-2012-2042 from GTF allocated \$11,146.29 to actual amount spent \$8,395.00

70-2012-2923 from GTF allocated \$10,821.33 to actual amount spent \$10,714.00

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70-2016-6132 from GTF allocated \$28,000.00 to actual amount spent \$27,501.00
For a total of \$80, 525.47 to be re-allocated under a Capital Investment Plan for allowable projects.
Public Works will review.

In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.

MOTION: 45-24
Proposed by: David Decker
Seconded by: Ben Patey

Resolved that a Capital Investment Plan be submitted for road upgrades to Bank Road and Baxter Drive in the amount of \$65,180.00, as previously identified.

In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.

Quarry Referral application - 711:13166(new)/711:6881(closure) – Consensus that comments be deferred until such time as council can undertake a site visit to determine if remediation is satisfactory or if additional work is required. Noted there is only one operator at the site.

Councillor Devices – Office staff have been working to have each computer networked and some should be ready this week.

High Tide Trail – there has been some weather damage on the boardwalk for the High Tide Trail. Public Works Staff have placed caution tape around the affected area and will repair damages as soon as possible.

Lori Moss left the meeting at 8:51PM

MOTION: 46-24
Proposed by: Ben Patey
Seconded by: Shannon Powell

Resolved that the meeting enter into a privileged session at 8:52PM

In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.

MOTION: 47-24
Proposed by: Ben Patey
Seconded by: Shannon Powell

Resolved that the meeting revert to regular meeting session at 9:26PM

In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby). Opposed (Councillor Roger Bull)– 1. Carried.

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Ratified decision made at privileged meeting as follows:

MOTION:	48-24
Proposed by:	Ben Patey
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved that mediation be taken as the next step, as suggested, for Human Rights Commission File No: 10806 and File No: 10838	
In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Roger Bull, Ben Patey, Art Crisby). Opposed (Councillor David Decker)– 1. Carried.	

MOTION:	49-24
Proposed by:	Roger Bull
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved that the members of Joint Council be advised of the decision to proceed with mediation as suggested(in the previous motion)	
In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Roger Bull, Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker). Opposed– 0. Carried.	

Recommended that Mayor and Deputy Mayor will decide who attends mediation.

MOTION:	50-24
Proposed by:	Monica Bull
Seconded by:	Roger Bull
Resolved that Councillors David Decker and Ben Patey would be attend mediation, with Town Clerk Manager and Fire Chief	
In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Roger Bull, Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker). Opposed– 0. Carried.	

9. Correspondence

- a. Wayne Hallett, March 13, 2024 – Invitation to Information Session – Small/Community Gardens – everyone is encouraged to attend

10. Reading file

- a. Dept of Transportation and Infrastructure Circular, March 4, 2024 – Construction Contract Award Letter Template
- b. Municipal Assessment Agency, March 5th, 2024- Temporary Relocation Notice Eastern Office

11. Adjournment

MOTION:	51-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Monica Bull
Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45PM and the next regular meeting would be held on March 27 th , 2024	
In favour – 6(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

Kim Powell – Mayor

Chantal Lynch, Town Clerk/Manager