

Minutes of regular council meeting held
at 7:00PM at March 27th 2024

Attendance

Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull

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

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

1. Call to Order

After some technical difficulties with councillor devices, the meeting was called to order at 7:12PM by Mayor Kim Powell.

Mayor Kim Powell then went on to remind everyone about Councils Code of Conduct and that everyone should be following this as it is adopted by council.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:	52-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
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:	53-24
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the minutes of the regular council meeting, March 13 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. Code of Conduct – document provided for review.
- b. Branding Eastport – no update from RTTB
- c. Town Plan Renewal –

The RFP draft document was sent to the whole of council on March 14th for review. Discussion around the process and the need for change/renewal.

MOTION:	54-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Monica Bull
Resolved that the town plan renewal would proceed and the RFP as distributed would be issued.	
In favour – 5(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Art Crisby). Opposed – 2(Councillors Roger Bull and Ben Patey). Carried.	

- d. Shared Services Meeting – March 26th in Salvage at 7:00PM – Mayor Kim Powell and Councillor Roger Bull gave an update. It was a wonderful meeting, Town Clerk/Manager was asked to send the full listing of compensation package to each clerk.
- e. 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. Suggested to add Community/Peninsula Clean up and Winter Festival to the agenda.
- f. Community Clean up and BBQ – suggested to add to the Joint Council Agenda
- g. Eastport Friends and Family Day – deferred to the Recreation/Social/Communications Committee

5. **New Business** – none at this time

6. **Finance Update**

MOTION:	55-24
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 February 2024 - \$514.46 – postage Fire Dept Cheque #'s 1829-1836; \$1734.94 General Account Cheque #'s 9951-9995; \$57,597.43 Quick Stats February 2024, Income/Expense Report YTD March 27, 2024	
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:	56-24
Proposed by:	Ben Patey
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved that the Winter Capital Loan that was matured in XXXX be written off as it stands incorrectly as a liability, as recommended by the auditors.	
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**

Public Works/Planning & Development – Agreement to use budgeted professional services amounts to issue an RFP for an engineering assessment for Bank Road.
Agreement that during the quarry referral 711:13166(new)/711:6881(closure) visit, the proponent would be welcomed to attend, as offered.

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Recreation/Communication/Social – Mayor Kim Powell suggested posting the Council meeting agenda on the towns Facebook page. There was not a consensus to proceed with this.

8. Town Clerk Report

a.

MOTION:	57-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved that the development application for 71 Main Street be approved, noted no submissions as a result of the advertisement.	
In favour – 5(Mayor Kim Powell, Councillors: David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried. <i>Noted that Deputy Mayor Monica Bull and Councillor Shannon Powell removed themselves from the table citing Conflict of Interest.</i>	

MOTION:	58-24
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Ben Patey
Resolved that motion 28-24 be amended to reflect the proper percentage of 80/20 based on population for the town, for the Fire Department Vehicle Funding Application, noted that the 20 percent would be the responsibility of the Fire Department.	
In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

9. Correspondence

- a. DTN, Damnable Trail Festival, - March 14, 2024 – filed for information purposes
- b. Cpl Walsh, Monthly Crime Statistics Feb 2024 – March 18, 2024 – filed for information purposes
- c. RTTB, Invitation to AGM, March 27, 2024 – everyone was encouraged to attend
- d. Christopher Dedde, Autism Proclamation, March 27, 2024

MOTION:	59-24
Proposed by:	Roger Bull
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the Town of Eastport would recognize April 2, 2024 as world Autism Awareness Day while committing to embrace neurodiversity today and every day throughout the year and encourage all residents to understand and embrace the differences and needs of others and to include everyone in activities and discussions.	
In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

10. Reading file

- a. Dept of Transportation and Infrastructure Circular, March 14, 2024 – Re: MI Master Construction Specification Change Request Form

11. Adjournment

MOTION:	60-24
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:37PM and the next regular meeting would be held on April 10 th , 2024	
In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, 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