

Minutes of regular council meeting held
at 7:00PM at June 12th at the Eastport Town Hall

Attendance

Mayor Kimberly Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull

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

Staff: Chantal Lynch – Town Clerk/Manager

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION:	97-24
Proposed by:	Monica Bull
Seconded by:	Ben Patey
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 Minutes

MOTION:	98-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Monica Bull
Resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 22 nd , 2024, 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 – Logo Challenge

Mayor Kim Powell gave an update on the Logo Challenge. Deputy Mayor Monica Bull felt it should have been brought to council first. Mayor Kim Powell explained that it was part of the legwork of the Communications Committee to gather information for a proposal for councils consideration and that it was preliminary work.

Deputy Mayor Monica Bull advised it would be more professional if the Town engaged a marketing company.

Mayor Kim Powell advised there was no money in the budget to engage a marketing company and explained there are many graphic design platforms that can produce quality logos in house. Councillor Roger Bull advised that the Road to the Beaches had just finished a marketing/branding process with a marketing company and it was very expensive ~ \$30,000.00 and they were still left with no real consensus and no perfect solution, and ideas were still left “kicked around”.

Councillor David Decker felt Deputy Mayor Monica Bull was being disrespectful towards the Mayor when the Mayor was explaining the process of the committee work, and felt that the Deputy Mayor was trying to sway opinions.

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Deputy Mayor Monica Bull advised that she felt Councillor David Decker was disrespectful and apologized for her seeming disrespectful.

The Mayor called a brief recess at 7:15PM

5. New Business

- a. Meeting times – Councillor Shannon Powell advised that it is better to schedule Committee meetings for a regular time so everyone can work it into their schedules.

MOTION:	99-24
Proposed by:	Ben Patey
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the Regular Council Meetings revert to once a month(on the second Wednesday of the month) for the summer months, and should the need arise for a special meeting, one will be called(as is always the case).	
In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Councillor Art Crisby. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

6. Public Works/Planning and Development Update

- a. The Town Clerk Manager advised there needs to be confirmation of access/reservation/easement to water source, prior to approving an application for a fence for PAR ID's 056594 and 197063
- b. Progress is being made on the flashing amber lights for the beach area.
- c. Bank Road, Beach Road, Church Street intersection –

MOTION:	100-24
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Roger Bull
Resolved that the Town would commence court proceedings against property owner for PAR ID 056132 on the premise of safety of the intersection.	
In favour – 2(Councillor Roger Bull, Councillors Art Crisby), Opposed – 5(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey. Motion died.	

Agreement that Council would issue a formal statement concerning Bank Road, Church Street, and Beach Road that states:

As advised by the provincial Department of Transportation Supervisor for the Eastport Depot(who are responsible for the provincial road), the department has exhausted all possible avenues to facilitate safety in the area. The speed limit is reduced, with the corresponding speed sign erected, the sides of the roadway have been ditched and that from a safety perspective, vehicles travelling at the legal speed have no issues.

- d. Streetlight recommendations are moving forward.
- e. Baxter Drive engineering work – the consultant, Meridian Engineering, has completed the field work and council can expect a report sometime in the near future.

- f. Bank Road engineering work – Chairperson David Decker, Councillor Roger Bull, and Town Clerk Manager attended the site with engineers from CeCon Engineering and expressed the concerns. Noted that the engineers advised that no amendment should be completed on the trail to the beach without seismic studies completed. They will undergo their analysis for ditching solutions and Council should have a report in the near future.

- g. Rink resurfacing update

MOTION:	101-24
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the lowest price of \$49,747.48 including HST received from Colton Concrete be accepted for resurfacing of the rink, 130 Church Street. Noted, only one other price received, from Fortis Concrete in the amount of \$64,336.75(including HST). Further noted the cost of this would be funded in part by the Building Age Friendly Communities Grant - \$15,579.06; EP Rec and Wellness funds - \$10,000.00 and the remainder from the town as budgeted.	
In favour – 7(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

- h. Composting - Councillor Roger Bull gave an update on MMSB and the possibility of a regional composting facility. Further information and updates will be provided as available.
- i. Complaint of construction yard – after consulting with the Department of Municipal Affairs on best practices to move forward, correspondence was sent to the property owner.
- j. There was an agreement to hold comments on quarry application 71113255 until the review of the environmental assessment is completed.
- k. Agreement to issue a request for quotes/expressions of interest for household garbage collection, once a week.

- l.

MOTION:	102-24
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the price of \$800.00 received from Happy Adventure Electrical be accepted for electrical hook up at the rink, 130 Church Street. Noted, no price received from East-Glo Electrical, Orams Electrical and Glovertown Home Hardware.	
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:	103-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the price of \$2,500.00 received from Happy Adventure Electrical be accepted for electrical hook up at Eastport Beach. Noted, no price received from East-Glo Electrical, Orams Electrical and Glovertown Home Hardware.	

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7. Committee /Liaison Reports

Communication Recreation Engagement and Social –

- a. Agreement to reach out to groups in Eastport and advertise activities on the town website calendar.

b.

MOTION: 104-24

Proposed by: Shannon Powell

Seconded by: David Decker

Resolved that a story board be designed and purchased to commemorate the 50th year of incorporation for the Town, and will plan to be unveiled during the AG-Ex in the fall.

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

- c. Coffee and a Chat with Council is going ahead Thursday, June 27th, 2PM – 4PM. Any Council member is welcomed to attend. The frequency of these meetings will be reviewed as necessary.
- d. Eastport Beach Friends and Family Day plans are ongoing. More to follow.
- e. The Recreation Planner has drafted a Recreation Plan for the Town. Clerk Manager will send to all of council for review.
- f. Sandwich/sidewalk boards are ordered to promote town activities.

Fire Dept Liaison – Councillor Ben Patey updated that the Fire Dept has approximately \$40,000.00 to contribute towards the purchase of a van. Applications are submitted for funding, and they are exploring other avenues of fundraising.

A member of the EPVFD has reached a huge milestone of 50 years of service. The Town will explore with the chief an appropriate recognition for this.

8. Town Clerk Manager Report

- a. Application for Agricultural Development PAR ID's 056594 and 197063 – confirmed the plan is satisfactory with Council and falls within a permitted use of the zone.

MOTION: 105-24

Proposed by: David Decker

Seconded by: Roger Bull

Resolved that the application for agricultural use (hay production) for PAR ID's 056594 and 197063 be approved, the permit would be valid for a period of two years, during which time there must be progress made, groundwork completed, topsoil placed and grass/hay in production(growing), otherwise a stop work order will be issued.

In favour – 4(Mayor Kim Powell, Councillors Shannon Powell, David Decker, Roger Bull). Opposed - 3 (Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Ben Patey, Roger Bull). Motion carried.

- b. Damnable Trail Network (DTN) request for porta-potty sponsorship for the Damnable Trail Festival

There was considerable discussion surrounding whether or not it was needed.

MOTION:	106-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that a donation be made to the DTN in the amount of \$500.00 in lieu of sponsoring the cost of a porta-potty.	
In favour – 2(Councillors Shannon Powell, Art Crisby). Opposed - 5 (Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: David Decker, Ben Patey, Roger Bull). Motion died.	

It will be confirmed, whether a porta potty is necessary, or if a monetary donation is preferred, in time for consideration at the next regular meeting.

- c. Next Meeting Date – out of respect for the new minister and the Church event being held on the same evening(Wednesday, June 26th) as the regular scheduled council meeting, there was a general agreement that the next regular council meeting will be held on June 27th, at 7:00PM at the Town Hall. It was posted to Facebook immediately, and will be posted at the Town Hall.
- d. MNL convention is being held in Gander on November 7-9th, 2024. There are amounts budgeted for 2 councillors and the Town Clerk Manager to attend. More details to follow as they are available.
- e. Spring Grading 2024 – after the grading was completed this year, we experienced a tremendous amount of rain, resulting in numerous potholes reoccurring. The class A was placed and rolled in as specified in the agreement. Further consideration will need to be given next year on how to proceed.
- f. Emergency Operations Center(EOC) – Being that the town hall is considered the EOC for the Peninsula in the event that a disaster/emergency arises involving more than one town, it was noted that the building needs some upgrades. The matter was deferred to Public Works for a review of the building and to explore options of what is needed.
- g. Mobile Vendor Policy (including Electrical Hook Up) – there will need to be an amendment to include the electrical hook ups in the mobile vendor policy. Mayor Kim Powell will draft a document.

9. Correspondence

- a. Govt. NL Environment and Climate Change, May 15, 2024 – Re: Permitting requirements associated work in and near waterbodies. – filed for information purposes
- b. Brendan Hynes, May 29th, – Municipal water Agreement to confirm with Municipal Affairs and to send a copy of the circular from 2019 that requires town to charge a vacant land water and/or sewer fee.
- c. Janice Bath – June 7th, YQX Accessibility – previously sent to council. filed for information purposes
- d. Khalid Al Hariri – June 6, 2024 – Meeting request with Association of New Canadians – considerable discussion around this. Agreed to respond and advise there are 5 towns and 2 LSD's on the Peninsula that the ANC could contact. The Town does not have the capacity at the moment to participate in, or facilitate this.

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10. Reading File
- a. June 11, 2024 – RCMP Statistics report April

MOTION: 107-24

Proposed by: David Decker

Seconded by: Shannon Powell

Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 9:40PM and the next Regular Council meeting would be scheduled for June 27th, 2024 at the Town Hall.

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