

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - AUGUST 14TH, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M

Minutes of regular council meeting held
at 7:00PM at August 14th at the Eastport Town Hall

Attendance

Mayor Kimberly Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull

Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby(arrived at 7:03PM)

Staff: Chantal Lynch – Town Clerk/Manager

Gallery – Barry Brown, Tracy McCurdy

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION:	124-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Ben Patey
Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.	
In favour – 5(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

3. Adoption of Council Minutes

MOTION:	125-24
Proposed by:	Ben Patey
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 10 th , 2024, be adopted as presented.	
In favour – 5(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	126-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Ben Patey
Resolved that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on July 24 th , 2024, be adopted as presented.	
In favour – 5(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	127-24
Proposed by:	Ben Patey
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on August 5 th , 2024, be adopted as presented.	

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In favour – 5(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey). Opposed – 0. Carried.

Councillor Art Crisby arrived at 7:03PM

4. Delegate – Tracy McCurdy – Bank Road

Mrs. McCurdy spoke to the possibility of a “No Left Turn” to access Bank Road from Church Street, and indicated it would present more issues with infrastructure, and not just with confusion for her patrons. It would add traffic congestion to nearby intersections.

Mayor Powell gave a recap of the towns efforts thus far and advised that(as advised by the Dept of Transportation and Infrastructure) if people were following the speed limit, there is no issue, but that the Town has reached out to the Department for follow up.

5. Business Arising – none at this time.

6. New Business –

a. Email Issues – Councillor Ben Patey

Councillor Ben Patey indicated he felt that the “reply all” function of emails should not be used as it was creating unnecessary amounts of emails.

Mayor Kim Powell reminded Council that emails should be checked every day.

b. Special Meetings – Councillor Ben Patey

Councillor Ben Patey advised that he failed to see the need for two special meetings. Mayor Powell advised that due to having one monthly meeting for July and August, it was noted that special meetings would be called if necessary and that she felt the meetings were warranted and was entitled to do so at her discretion as it is a roll of the Mayor.

7. Finance Update

MOTION:	128-24
Proposed by:	Ben Patey
Seconded by:	Art Crisby

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

Line of Credit: July -\$109.97

Fire Dept A/P - \$3,913.08

General A/P, PR - \$90,259.39

Quick stats July 2024

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

MOTION:	129-24
Proposed by:	Ben Patey
Seconded by:	Art Crisby

Resolved that interest be written off in the amount of \$2524.17 for PAR ID being that the account is brought up to date.

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

Agreed to seek guidance from Municipal Affairs with respect to writing off interest.

8. Committee /Liaison Reports

Public Works Planning and Development- waiting on Engineer Reports for Bank Road and Baxter Drive to move forward

Public Works Chairperson advised Council to take into consideration projects for 2025 for Budget preparation.

Grading – roads will be assessed as soon as possible, and the request will be sent to the contractor to be graded as per the standing contract for 2024.

Shared Services Committee – upcoming meeting September 5th @Salvage on September 5th. Consensus the Town of Eastport would purchase our own piece of equipment as it would not be possible to identify the cost value to other towns unless the equipment was used for all purposes for all three towns.

9. Town Clerk Manager Report

- a. Newsletter- many compliments on the newsletter from residents to the office
- b. Casual call in is replacing public works staff that are on holidays
- c. Water tank inspection has taken place August 13th and a report will follow
- d. New Shared Services Pick Up Truck – consensus to finance the truck.
- e. Winterset Food Court – electrical hook ups – agreement to have winterset committee facilitate the vendor applications and office staff will issue permits upon receipt of all proper documentation.
- f. Clarification on any future resignations from council, would have to be in writing by tomorrow in order to be included in the upcoming by-election on September 17th.
- g. Beach Day was a huge success, after having to be rescheduled.
- h. New training dates have been issued from Municipal and Provincial affairs – Council is to review and sign up for pertinent training.
- i. Any complaints are to be directed to the office, in writing.
- j. MCWP – the town was not successful in the MCWP application. Town Clerk Manager will contact the appropriate person to have the CIP unallocated and made available for future use.
- k. Concerns of dumping at the old “piggery” site – raised by Deputy Mayor Monica Bull – agreement to contact property owners and advise them of the activity happening on the land.

10. Correspondence

- a. Cpl Mark Walsh, August 7, 2024 – Crime Statistics for June 2024 - information purposes
- b. Cpl Mark Walsh, August 7, 2024 – Crime Statistics for July 2024 - information purposes
- c. Robert Newhook, August 7, 2024 – Bank Road – agreement to respond advising him of the Dept of Transportations position that there is no safety concern when driving at the speed limit.
- d. Earle McCurdy, August 9, 2024 – Bank Road – previously dealt with
- e. Tracy McCurdy August 9, 2024 – Bank Road – previously dealt with
- f. Denise Piercey, August 4, 2024 – Complaint Northside Beach - agreement to respond advising that council is addressing what we can, and other issues would need to be directed to RCMP.
- g. Blair Riddle, July 22nd, 2024 – Targa – for information purposes
- h. Centerline Geomatics, July 17, 2024 – Surveying Services – for information purposes
- i. Paul Thomey, Eating Disorder Foundation NL – support request – information purposes

Barry Brown left the meeting at 8:54PM

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MOTION:	130-24
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the meeting would enter into a privileged session at 8:55PM to discuss HR/wages	
In favour – 6(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	131-24
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the meeting revert to regular session at 9:05PM	
In favour – 6(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

No decision made. Agreed to stay within projected amounts as budgeted.

11. Reading File

- OIPC, July 2024 Above Board Newsletter
- Circular, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, July 26, 2024
- Circular, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, July 31, 2024
- Circular, Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, no date
- Targa Stages 2024
- Damnable Trail Network Minutes May 14, 2024

12. Adjournment

MOTION:	132-24
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Ben Patey
Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 9:09PM and the next Regular Council meeting would be scheduled for 11 th , 2024 at the Town Hall at 7:00PM	
In favour – 6(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

Kim Powell – Mayor

Chantal Lynch – Town Clerk/Manager