

Minutes of regular council meeting held
at 7:00PM at September 11th at the Eastport Town Hall

Attendance

Mayor Kimberly Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull

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

Staff: Chantal Lynch – Town Clerk/Manager, Chelsea Crisby – Admin Assistant

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION:	133-24
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the agenda be adopted with the addition of RCMP correspondence for the reading file.	
In favour – 6(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

3. Adoption of Council Minutes

MOTION:	134-24
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 14 th , 2024, be adopted as presented.	
In favour – 6(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

4. Business Arising – None

5. New Business

a. Joint Council Meeting – September 12th, Eastport – Consensus to add Tourism Levy, Regional By-Law Officer, Population of Peninsula on the Joint Council Agenda for discussion.

b. Seniors Soup Supper –

MOTION:	135-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Ben Patey
Resolved that the Seniors Soup Supper be held on November 20 th , 2024, Mayor Kim Powell will schedule with the SUF, and it will be the same format as last year for Eastport residents.	
In favour – 6(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

c. Complaint of activity without development application –

Councillor Ben Patey brought forward a complaint from a resident that activity was being carried out without a development permit, consensus that he would advise the resident that all complaints need to come to the office in writing.

6. Public Works Update – Public Works meeting held on September 9th, 2024

- a. **Baxter Drive** – Deputy Mayor Monica Bull asked if Council felt she was in a conflict of interest. The whole of Council felt she was not. Councillor Art Crisby asked if Council felt he was in conflict of interest, the whole of council felt he was not in conflict.

MOTION:	136-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that a request for quotes be issued for the scope of work as supplied in the engineers report(Meridian Engineering) for Baxters Drive, without removing or replacing the culverts.	
In favour – 6(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

A brief recess was called from 7:30PM – 7:37PM

- b. **Bank Road** – general consensus to revisit the project as funding permits and to prioritize work that can be completed by the Town.
- c. **Heat Pump for Maintenance Building** – agreement to issue a request for proposal for sufficient heating and cooling of the depot, as it is included in the 2024 budget.
- d. **Streetlights** – ongoing, Town Clerk Manager has been in contact with NL Power and the recommendations will continue to be carried through.
- e. **Snow Clearing Contract** – agreement to investigate specifications and conditions of the contract and possibly move to an hourly rate with a maximum cap, further discussion is needed at a separate meeting.
- f. **Equipment operator** – general agreement to pursue job descriptions for equipment operator for information purposes.
- g. **Rink** – project is nearing completion. A few more minor fixes to be completed. Noted that the volunteers have secured a net to be placed at the front of the rink, to prevent stray pucks that could cause damage. This will be placed before the season begins.
- h. **Power Hookup at the beach** – ongoing
- i. **Contracting Garbage/Recycling** – agreement to investigate costs for information purposes.
- j. **Turnarounds** – agreement to consult with municipal infrastructure for standards
- k. **Budget 2025 items** – it is recommended the following items be included in the 2025 budget, new pick up truck(debt charges), new piece of equipment JCB or equivalent(debt charges), CEEP project for work around School House Pond, \$5,000 for Eastport Beach landscaping.
- l. **Lanes Road** – Recommended to have labourers allocated to brush removal on Lanes Road and other roads following an assessment for lines of sight, safety concerns, and beautification. The clean up of Eastport Beach will continue until the weather changes.

m. Public Works Labourer –

MOTION:	137-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the public works full time labourer be issued reimbursement for use of private vehicle at \$50.00/week, retroactive to July 2024.	
In favour – 6(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

7. Shared Services Committee -

MOTION:	138-24
Proposed by:	Monia Bull
Seconded by:	Ben Patey
Resolved that the 5% salary increase for Shared Services employees as recommended by the Shared Services Committee, be tabled for the Finance Committee meeting for a recommendation at the next regular Council meeting.	
In favour –2 (Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillor Ben Patey) Opposed – 4(Mayor Kim Powell, Councillors: David Decker, Shannon Powell, Art Crisby). Motion died.	

MOTION:	139-24
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the 5% salary increase for Shared Services employees as recommended by the Shared Services Committee be approved, and the gap between the Supervisor position and minimum wage be at least \$10.00, and furthermore, the wage gap between the Supervisor and second employee be \$3.45.	
In favour – 4(Mayor Kim Powell, Councillors Shannon Powell, David Decker, Art Crisby), Opposed – 2(Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillor Ben Patey). Motion Carried.	

8. Town Clerk Report

Complaint of construction yard –

MOTION:	140-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved that an inquiry be made with the resident as to the intention to proceed with the requested zone change at the property owners expense, and that a response would be needed within two weeks.	
In favour – 6(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

Committee Structure – the Committee structure would be reviewed pending the results of the by-election scheduled for September 17th.

Parade Ag Ex – The float will be created on the Monday preceding the Ag-Ex. Everyone that is available is asked to contribute time towards this.

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Targa 2023 – The Town has received \$500.00 from Targa

MOTION:	141-24
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the \$500.00 donation from Targa NL, be donated to the Eastport Peninsula Christmas Hamper initiative spearheaded by Michelle Babstock.	
In favour – 6(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

ATIPP request – The office has received another ATIPP request and will proceed as legislation dictates.

9. Correspondence

- a. Targa NL, Targa update - September 4th, 2024 – Information purposes
- b. Targa NL, Support - September 4th, 2024 – information purposes
- c. Ashley Hartery, CFP Call NL Settlement and Immigration Grants – August 29th, 2024 – information purposes
- d. Municipal Affairs, Updated Training, August 28th, 2024 – council is to register for pertinent training
- e. Scott Plant(Greatario), Eastport Tank Inspection Report 2024, August 27, 2024 - for information purposes
- f. DTN Festival Committee, Invitation to Legacy Plaque Unveiling, August 27th, 2024 – Town Clerk Manager will attend, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull may possibly attend.
- g. Brendan Hynes, Water/taxes, August 27th, 2024 – no further action necessary
- h. Hariana Brooks, Immigration session, August 26th, 2024 – information purposes
- i. Lisa Foote, Water report, August 23, 2024 – information purposes
- j. Khalid Al Hariri(Fw from Roger Bull), Letter of Support ANC, August 20, 2024
- k. Sanjay Mirchandani, vacant land Beach Road, September 10, 2024 – Town Clerk will respond as directed by council.
- l. Susan Watkins, ANC, September 11, 2024 – information purposes
- m. Damnable Trail Minutes, July 30th, 2024 – information purposes
- n. Caroline Frost, Active NL funding, September 10th, 2024

MOTION:	142-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Ben Patey
Resolved that the application for Active NL be submitted for upgrades to the Art Hunter Memorial Trail.	
In favour – 6(Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, David Decker, Ben Patey, Art Crisby). Opposed – 0. Carried.	

10. Reading File

- a. RCMP August Crime Stats, September 11, 2024

11. Adjournment

MOTION:	143-24
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
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