

Minutes – Regular Council Meeting, Eastport Town Hall
January 8, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Kimberly Powell
Deputy Mayor: Monica Bull
Councillors: Shannon Powell, Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown
Staff: Chantal Lynch – Town Clerk/Manager (outgoing), Denise Hickey – Interim Town Clerk/Manager, Chelsea Harris - Admin Assistant.
Other: Fire Chief, Kirk Bull

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION:	001-25
Proposed by:	Ben Patey
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, Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

3. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL & SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

MOTION:	002-25
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 11, 2024, be adopted upon clarification to motion 189-24. The conditions of the part time admin assistant position should state – “conditions of this request are to be in writing, council will review after one (1) year and determine whether or not to renew the position”.	
In favour – 7. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	003-25
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Ben Patey
Resolved that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on December 18, 2024, be adopted as presented.	

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY 8, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M

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

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Joint Council Meeting - the next meeting will be held on January 23, 2025. Mayor Kim Powell and Deputy Mayor Monica Bull will attend the meeting on behalf of the Town of Eastport. Items to be added to the agenda – signage coming into the Peninsula, Fire Hall budget, and the possibility of shared administrative personnel between towns.

MOTION:	004-25
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell

Resolved that the meeting enter into a privileged session at 7:09 pm.

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

MOTION:	005-25
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell

Resolved that the meeting revert to regular session at 7:37 pm.

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

MOTION:	006-25
Proposed by:	Ben Patey
Seconded by:	David Decker

Resolved that the matter of the Human Rights Complaints, case numbers 10806 and 10838, will proceed to a hearing on the merits of the complaints as offered by legal representation, Hillary Winter – solicitor for the NL & LB Human Rights Commission.

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

5. NEW BUSINESS

The shared service meeting that was scheduled for January 16 will be postponed, as per the request of the Happy Adventure Council. Council requested that the meeting be rescheduled for some time in February. Date TBD.

6. PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Nothing to report.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Department – Barry Brown

Security system for fire hall. There is a broad range of security systems available. Mayor Kim Powell requested that Barry meet with the Fire Chief and get more specific information on what they are looking for.

Finance – Ben Patey

2023 is complete and ready to be reviewed/adopted. There was insufficient time for the council to review, so this will be tabled again at the next meeting.

Social and Communication – Kim Powell

Nothing to report.

8. TOWN CLERK REPORT

- Zone changes documentation has been posted/distributed. The public has until January 31 to get any comments/concerns back to the Town Planner.
- Correspondence received from Lori Moss re: John Baird in conflict working on town plan. After speaking to John Baird to discuss Lori's concerns, he clarified that there were no overlapping roles or financial benefit, therefore no conflict exists. Council agreed with his statements.
- Council meetings for 2025 will take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, except for December, which will hold only one meeting December 10, 2025.

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| 1. January 8, 2025 | 13. July 9, 2025 |
| 2. January 22, 2025 | 14. July 23, 2025 |
| 3. February 12, 2025 | 15. August 13, 2025 |
| 4. February 26, 2025 | 16. August 27, 2025 |
| 5. March 12, 2025 | 17. September 10, 2025 |
| 6. March 26, 2025 | 18. September 24, 2025 |
| 7. April 9, 2025 | 19. October 8, 2025 |
| 8. April 23, 2025 | 20. October 22, 2025 |
| 9. May 14, 2025 | 21. November 12, 2025 |
| 10. May 28, 2025 | 22. November 26, 2025 |
| 11. June 11, 2025 | 23. December 10, 2025 |
| 12. June 25, 2025 | |

- There was only one (1) resume received for the casual part-time clerical position. The HR committee will review.

MOTION:	007-25
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that Denise Hickey will be hired as the Interim Town Clerk/Manager as of Monday, January 13, 2025, for a period of approximately 12 weeks. The bank will be notified of the change in signing officer.	
In favour – 7. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

24. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Lori Moss received on December 12, 2024. This was discussed during the town clerk's report.

10. READING FILE

No discussion

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:	008-25
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m. and the next Regular Council meeting would be scheduled for January 22, 2025, at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.	
In favour – 7. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

Kim Powell – Mayor

Denise Hickey – Interim Town Clerk/Manager