

Minutes – Regular Council Meeting, Eastport Town Hall  
February 12, 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:** Denise Hickey – Interim Town Clerk/Manager, Chelsea Harris - Admin Assistant.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Kim Powell.

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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| <b>MOTION:</b>                                                                                                                                                                | <b>015-25</b>       |
| <b>Proposed by:</b>                                                                                                                                                           | <b>David Decker</b> |
| <b>Seconded by:</b>                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Monica Bull</b>  |
| Resolved that the agenda be adopted with the addition of Joint Council Committee update (as per Deputy Mayor Monica Bull).                                                    |                     |
| <b>In favour – 7.</b> Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. <b>Opposed – 0. Carried.</b> |                     |

**3. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL & SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

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| <b>MOTION:</b>                                                                                                                                                                | <b>016-25</b>       |
| <b>Proposed by:</b>                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Monica Bull</b>  |
| <b>Seconded by:</b>                                                                                                                                                           | <b>David Decker</b> |
| Resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 22, 2024, be adopted with the correction of one typo.                                                |                     |
| <b>In favour – 7.</b> Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. <b>Opposed – 0. Carried.</b> |                     |

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| <b>MOTION:</b>                                                                                                                                                                | <b>017-25</b>      |
| <b>Proposed by:</b>                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Ben Patey</b>   |
| <b>Seconded by:</b>                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Monica Bull</b> |
| Resolved that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on January 29, 2024, be adopted as presented.                                                                   |                    |
| <b>In favour – 7.</b> Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. <b>Opposed – 0. Carried.</b> |                    |

#### 4. BUSINESS ARISING

Councilor Barry Brown questioned the cost increase for garbage collection in the 2025 tax rate structure. Information was not readily available to answer his inquiry, it will be tabled at the next meeting.

Councilor Barry Brown stated concern regarding the way the snow is being plowed using both a truck/plow and a loader. Councilor David Decker will contact the contractor to discuss reasoning and provide an update at the next meeting.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

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| <b>MOTION:</b>                                                                                                                                                                | <b>018-25</b>       |
| <b>Proposed by:</b>                                                                                                                                                           | <b>David Decker</b> |
| <b>Seconded by:</b>                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Barry Brown</b>  |
| Resolved that a lawyer would be retained to represent the Town in the upcoming Human Rights Commission hearings, regarding File No. 10806 and 10838.                          |                     |
| <b>In favour – 7.</b> Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. <b>Opposed – 0.</b> Carried. |                     |

#### Zone Change – 75B Main Street

A letter was issued, on advice from Andrew Smith (Town Planner) to the property owner of 75B Main Street stating that the property owner can no longer conduct any business from this location until a decision is made regarding the rezoning application. This decision overrules the following motion made by Council on July 10, 2024 – which stated the following:

*Motion 120-24, Resolved that the property owner at 75B Main Street would be advised that no new material is to be placed on the property, no further expansion is permitted, but material can be removed.*

#### 6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- a. The JCB Backhoe/Loader will arrive next week. The Town Maintenance employees will require training. A public notice will be issued requesting a certified operator to provide training.
- b. Security System – Fire Hall. The Fire Department purchased and installed a Blink Security System. A subscription for cloud storage will be arranged by the Town Office staff.

Security System – Town Hall. Council would like to install a camera system with cloud storage. Chelsea Crisby will research different options to find one suitable for the Town Hall.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M

**MOTION: 019-25**

**Proposed by: David Decker**

**Seconded by: Shannon Powell**

Resolved that a security system will be purchased for the Town Depot, cost not to exceed \$250.

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

- c. Old Dump. Mayor Kim Powell met with Dave Weinheber at the Transportation Depot to discuss garbage being illegally dumped at the Old Dump area. Mr. Weinheber has agreed to place large boulders in the next couple of weeks to block access to the area. Clean up of the area will be addressed later.

**MOTION: 020-25**

**Proposed by: David Decker**

**Seconded by: Art Crisby**

Resolved that Meridian Engineering will complete the tender process for Baxter Drive Upgrades.

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

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Recreation and Wellness Committee

Active NL Fund – grant was approved for \$9,963. This money will be used to upgrade the Art Hunter Trail.

MMSB 2024-25 Community Waste Diversion Fund – grant was approved for \$16,600 (80% of project cost). This money will be used to purchase a woodchipper.

**MOTION: 021-25**

**Proposed by: Art Crisby**

**Seconded by: Shannon Powell**

Resolved that Town will host an afternoon of skating, sliding, and refreshments for the Eastport Peninsula Winter Fest. This will be held on Wednesday, February 19, from 3:30 to 5:30. Councillor Shannon Powell will purchase the hot dogs and hot chocolate, cost not to exceed \$300.

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

### Joint Council Meeting Update

Deputy Mayor Monica Bull provided an update on the recent Joint Council Meeting.

Finance & Human Resources Committee

Recruitment of a part-time clerical position will be temporarily put on hold.

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| <b>MOTION:</b>                                                                                                                                                                | <b>022-25</b>      |
| <b>Proposed by:</b>                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Ben Patey</b>   |
| <b>Seconded by:</b>                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Monica Bull</b> |
| Resolved that LW Consulting be engaged to recruit the new Town Clerk/Manager.                                                                                                 |                    |
| <b>In favour – 7.</b> Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. <b>Opposed – 0.</b> Carried. |                    |

**8. TOWN CLERK**

Fire Department emergency phone number 677-2222 is in the process of being switched from Eastlink to Bell. This change will ensure the emergency number is still available during a power outage.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

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| <b>MOTION:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>023-25</b>       |
| <b>Proposed by:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>David Decker</b> |
| <b>Seconded by:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Art Crisby</b>   |
| Resolved that the request be denied from Saltwater Scoops NL (Brittany Brown) for a full-time parking space, with electrical connection, at Eastport Beach for the 2025 summer season. Mayor Kim Powell stated that the existing policy for vendor set-up at the beach be followed. |                     |
| <b>In favour – 6.</b> Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. <b>Opposed – 1.</b> Mayor Kim Powell. Carried.                                                                                                       |                     |

G&R Contracting, February 3, 2025. Development application re-evaluation. Town Clerk/Manager to draft a response letter.

Kathy Hodder, February 12, 2025. Recreation & Wellness Committee. Deferred to the next meeting.

**10. READING FILE**

No discussion

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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| <b>MOTION:</b>      | <b>024-25</b>         |
| <b>Proposed by:</b> | <b>Art Crisby</b>     |
| <b>Seconded by:</b> | <b>Shannon Powell</b> |

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M

Resolved that meeting adjourn at 9:35 p.m. and the next Regular Council meeting would be scheduled for February 26, 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.

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Kim Powell – Mayor

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Denise Hickey – Interim Town Clerk/Manager