

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 26, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M
EASTPORT TOWN HALL

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Kimberly Powell
Deputy Mayor: Monica Bull
Councillors: Shannon Powell, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown (Barry left 7:25 pm)
Staff: Denise Hickey – Interim Town Clerk/Manager, Chelsea Harris - Admin Assistant.
Absent: Ben Patey, Councillor

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 pm by Mayor Kim Powell.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION:	025-25
Proposed by:	Monica Bull
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.	
In favour – 6. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

3. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION:	026-25
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Arthur Crisby
Resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 12, 2025, be adopted as presented.	
In favour – 6. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Snow Clearing Contract – During the regular council meeting on February 12, 2025, Councilor Barry Brown stated concern regarding the way the snow is being plowed using both a truck/plow and a loader. Following the meeting, David Decker met with the snow-clearing contractor, and they explained that two passes are required to clear wider roads. Mayor Kim Powell confirmed that the snow-clearing cost to date for 2025 is well below the cost incurred in previous years.

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Garbage Collection – During the regular council meeting on February 12, 2025, Councilor Barry Brown questioned the cost increase for garbage collection in the 2025. He referenced a statement from the September 24, 2024, regular council meeting minutes, which stated “The tipping fees at the waste management site increased for 2023, and during the budget process, it was agreed that rather than increase the garbage fee, the fall clean up would be eliminated”. Mayor Kim Powell explained that this statement was issued in response to a resident’s question regarding the fall clean-up cancellation. It was stipulating that there would be no increase in garbage collection for 2024, not 2025.

75B Main Street – No discussion required.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Waste Diversion Project (MMSB)

Town of Eastport received a grant for \$16,600 (80% of project cost) from MMSB. The grant will be used to purchase a woodchipper. A deposit of \$2,000 has been issued to NL Kubota for model no. BXMT32G-ORA.

B. Recreation & Wellness Committee

Kathy Hodder sent an email to the Town of Eastport Council on February 12, 2025. She stated that she is no longer able to continue in the role of treasurer for a committee that is effectively defunct. She is requesting that Council decide as to the future of the committee. It was decided to defer this issue to the next Joint Council Meeting in April. Funds will be held in the existing bank account until a decision is made.

7:35 p.m. - Councillor Barry Brown excused himself from the meeting

MOTION:	027-25
Proposed by:	Arthur Crisby
Seconded by:	Monica Bull
Resolved that the meeting enter a privileged session at 7:35 pm.	
In favour – 5. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Art Crisby, David Decker. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	028-25
Proposed by:	Arthur Crisby
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the meeting revert to regular session at 7:40 pm.	
In favour – 5. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Art Crisby, David Decker. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

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C. Priorities & Planning Q2 & Q3, 2025

Deputy Mayor Monica Bull stated the importance of setting priorities and planning during the second and third quarters of 2025. This is the final year of the current term, and it would be ideal to have the following items completed before the next Municipal Election on October 2, 2025.

- Town Plan
- 2024 Financial Audit
- Resolution to the existing Human Rights Commission cases
- Baxter Drive upgrades
- Art Hunter Trail upgrades
- Expanding the Fire Department parking lot
- Succession planning for the Town's Public Works employees

6. FINANCE REPORT

MOTION:	029-25
Proposed by:	Arthur Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the following invoices be approved for payment as presented and report tabled: Fire Dept A/P – \$1,924.08 General A/P – \$48,530.34 Quick Stats	
In favour – 5. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Art Crisby, David Decker. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	030-25
Proposed by:	Arthur Crisby
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the existing Line of Credit bank account with Venture Credit Union be paid in full and closed.	
In favour – 5. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Art Crisby, David Decker. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Shared Services

Mayor Kim Powell provided an update on the Shared Services meeting held on February 20, 2025.

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Finance Committee

MOTION:	031-25
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Monica Bull
Resolved that the revised 2025 Budget be approved as presented. Changes to this revision include adjusted gas tax amounts (as provided by the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs), which increased revenue \$8,267.11. Respectively, expenses were increased the same amount in section 1.2.1 – Salaries.	
In favour – 5. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Art Crisby, David Decker. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

8. TOWN CLERK REPORT

Stop Order

Paul McInnis, Inspector - Quarry Material Act with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, issued a Stop Order to G&R Contracting. G&R Contracting to immediately cease all quarrying operations at the quarry site located in Eastport. Stop order was issued by reason of “unauthorized excavation and removal of quarry materials which are vested in the Crown, the unauthorized preparation of an area for the purpose of removing quarry material, and the unauthorized presence and use of heavy equipment on Crown Land as per Section 22 of the Quarry Material Act, 1998.”

9. CORRESPONDENCE

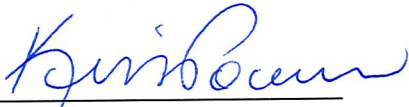
An email was received from Rebecca Denty on February 22, 2025, which expressed concern that the High Tide Trail will not be replaced. The meeting minutes of January 22, 2025, stated that replacing the structure as it was would not be the best plan and that it would be reassessed at a later date. Council is still looking for a way forward but there are no guarantees.

10. READING FILE - No discussion

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:	032-25
Proposed by:	Arthur Crisby
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 8:02 p.m. and the next Regular Council meeting would be scheduled for March 12, 2025, at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.	
In favour – 5. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Shannon Powell, Art Crisby, David Decker. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

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Kim Powell – Mayor

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Denise Hickey – Interim Town Clerk/Manager