

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 9, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M

**Minutes – Regular Council Meeting, Eastport Town Hall
April 9, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Kimberly Powell
Deputy Mayor: Monica Bull
Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown
Absent: Shannon Powell, Chelsea Harris (admin assistant)
Staff: Denise Hickey – Interim Town Clerk/Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION:	048-25
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the agenda be adopted with the following additions: town plan review update, and commissioner for rezoning application.	
In favour – 6. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

3. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

MOTION:	049-25
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Barry Brown
- Mayor Kim Powell relinquished chair to Deputy Mayor Monica Bull. Resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on March 26, 2024, be adopted with a clarification to the waste disposal changes made in 2025, as noted by Mayor Kim Powell. - Mayor Kim Power resumed chair.	
In favour – 6. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- a) LW Consulting Report – A report was expected from LW Consulting regarding their recommendations for the Town Clerk/Manager position, but it was delayed. This issue will be tabled at the next meeting.

- b) Joint Council Meeting Update – Deputy Mayor Monica Bull gave a brief update on the Joint Council meeting held on April 3, 2025.
- c) Recreation & Wellness Committee – Deputy Mayor Monica Bull updated Council on her meeting with Kathy Hodder. Kathy will be stepping down from the Recreation & Wellness Committee effective immediately. During the Joint Council meeting held on April 3, 2025, there was some discussion to see if anyone would be interested in taking over the position, but there was no interest. New signing officers are required for the Rec & Wellness bank account, it was decided to table this until the new Town Clerk/Manager position is filled.

The Recreation & Wellness Committee applied for Canada Summer Jobs (student program). Although we have not yet been informed that funding is approved, the general consensus of Council was to contact the student that worked with the Recreation Committee last year and see if she would be interested in returning.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Town Plan Review Update - The town plan is still in the draft stage. Mapping should be done by the end of week and then forwarded to Council for review. Andrew will have a virtual meeting with Council on Monday, May 5 from 7:30 – 9:00.

The second and final public meeting will be held on June 18, 2025. This meeting will be a casual set-up, with coffee and refreshments, inviting people to drop in and discuss any questions or concerns they may have.

- b) Commissioner for Rezoning Application - Kathy Hodder was asked if she would be willing to act as Commissioner for the rezoning hearing, she declined. General consensus of Council was that the Commissioner should be someone from outside the Eastport Peninsula.

Owner(s) of the property will be contacted to ensure they are aware that they are responsible for all costs associated with the rezoning application/process. Councillor Ben Patey recommended that the owner pay in advance for these services. This will be tabled at the next meeting.

6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MOTION:	050-25
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Art Crisby
Resolved to award the 2025 Grading & Class A contract to G&R Contracting.	
In favour – 6. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

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MOTION: 051-25
Proposed by: David Decker
Seconded by: Barry Brown

Resolved to approve the application to operate a sawmill (bandsaw) at 18 Main Street.

In favour – 6. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. **Opposed – 0.** Carried.

MOTION: 052-25
Proposed by: David Decker
Seconded by: Ben Patey

Resolved to approve the application for 224A Main Street to build a deck.

In favour – 6. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. **Opposed – 0.** Carried.

MOTION: 053-25
Proposed by: David Decker
Seconded by: Barry Brown

Resolved to award the tender for the 2015 Ford F250 to the highest bidder, Steve and Karen Cooney.

In favour – 6. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. **Opposed – 0.** Carried.

MOTION: 054-25
Proposed by: Ben Patey
Seconded by: David Decker

Resolved that the property tax exemption request received for 19 Beach Road be denied.

In favour – 5. Mayor Kim Powell. Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown.
Opposed – 1. Deputy Mayor Monica Bull (not enough information provided)

- a. Class 8 Driver's License - Marvin Bull now has his Class 8 Driver's License.
- b. Mezzanine at Town Depot is complete. Barry Brown made some recommendations siting safety concerns. David Decker will follow-up with Marvin to get the corrections completed.
- c. Locksmith Quotes – Upon review of the quotes for a locksmith to supply and install new locks and deadbolts at the Town Office, it was decided it was too expensive and that David Decker would get quotes on quality locks/deadbolts and new steel doors.
- d. Security System – The new camera system has been installed at the office.

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Proposed by: David Decker
Seconded by: Ben Patey

Resolved to proceed with a subscription for Cloud Storage Service for the security cameras.

In favour – 6. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull. Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker, Barry Brown. **Opposed – 0.**

- e. Truck/Equipment Decals. Decals will be placed on Town equipment. The pick-up trucks and woodchipper will have shared services logo, and the remaining Town equipment will have the “Town of Eastport” logo applied.
- f. Skid Steer Maintenance – The skid steer will be taken out of service for about a month once the sanding is complete for the year, to complete required maintenance and cleaning.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Terry Fox Foundation – request for donation is denied.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 056-25
Proposed by: Art Crisby
Seconded by: David Decker

Resolved that meeting adjourn at 8:31 p.m. and the next Regular Council meeting would be scheduled for April 23, 2025, at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

In favour – 5. Mayor Kim Powell, Deputy Mayor Monica Bull, Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, David Decker. **Opposed – 0. Carried.**



Kim Powell – Mayor

Denise Hickey – Interim Town Clerk/Manager