

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 14, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M

**Minutes – Regular Council Meeting, Eastport Town Hall
May 14, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm by Mayor Kim Powell.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION:	067-25
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that the agenda be adopted with the following additions: Eastport Friends & Family Beach Day and correspondence from Lorna Tulk.	
In favour – 6. Mayor Kim Powell. Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, Shannon Powell, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

3. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

MOTION:	068-25
Proposed by:	Shannon Powell
Seconded by:	David Decker
Resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 23, 2025, be adopted with one correction: Item 6. Finance Report, change the work approved to adopted.	
In favour – 6. Mayor Kim Powell. Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, Shannon Powell, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

MOTION:	069-25
Proposed by:	Barry Brown
Seconded by:	Ben Patey
Resolved that the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on May 8, 2025, be adopted as presented.	
In favour – 6. Mayor Kim Powell. Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, Shannon Powell, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- a) Baxter Drive Road Upgrades, Bid Review – The award of this tender will be put temporarily on hold until Council can address a possible property boundary issue.
- b) Policing Concerns – Sgt. Larry Turner is willing to come to Eastport and participate in an open forum meeting to discuss any issues/concerns that residents of the Eastport Peninsula may have. A date will be selected and notices will be distributed.
- c) Town Plan – The Town Planner, Andrew Smith, sent comparison tables for Mineral Working Zone and Shoreline Buffer, requesting council guidance on what is the best option for the Town Plan.
 - Mineral Working Zone – consensus was to go with Option B: Mineral Working (MW) Zone for Quarry Operations in Rural (R) Future Lane Use Class (Rezoning Only: No Municipal Plan Amendment Required.
 - Shoreline Buffer – consensus was to go with Option B: Conditional Developments within 40m Shoreline Buffer.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Bylaw #2501 – Reserve Funds Bylaw

MOTION:	070-25
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that Council adopt Bylaw Number 2501 – Reserve Funds Bylaw.	
In favour – 6. Mayor Kim Powell. Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, Shannon Powell, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0. Carried.	

- b) Office Hours – The Town Office hours will be changed in early July. New hours will be 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- a) Class 8 Driver's License – Harvey Senior now has his Class 8 Driver's License.
- b) Development Applications - permit issued to 31 Samson's Road for new garage and permit issued to 20 Beach Road for new fence.

- c) Fire Department, Parking Lot Extension – Councillor David Decker will meet with the Town's public works staff to discuss the plan to extend the parking lot properly. The Town Clerk/Manager will contact NL Power to discuss the requirements for working under energized power lines.
- d) Grading – Grading is now complete on all streets.

COMMUNICATION, ENGAGEMENT, RECREATION & SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- a) New Logo –

MOTION:	071-25
Proposed by:	David Decker
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved to adopt the presented logo for the Town of Eastport with one change: brighten the grass.	
In favour – 6. Mayor Kim Powell. Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, Shannon Powell, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0.	

- b) Open House – Council will hold an open house on Wednesday, July 9, 2:00 – 4:00 pm.
- c) Eastport Friends and Family Day -

MOTION:	072-25
Proposed by:	Shannon Powell
Seconded by:	Barry Brown
Resolved that Eastport Friends & Family Day will be held on Monday, August 4, 2025. The event will have a \$1,000 budget.	
In favour – 6. Mayor Kim Powell. Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, Shannon Powell, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0.	

7. TOWN CLERK REPORT

MOTION:	073-25
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell
Resolved that Martin Pilar be appointed as the new Town Manager-Clerk for the Town of Eastport. Planned start date is June 2, 2025.	
In favour – 6. Mayor Kim Powell. Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, Shannon Powell, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0.	

8. CORRESPONDENCE

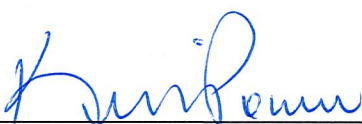
- a) Annamarie Buchheit, Marine Protected Areas – Marine Protected Areas is interested in participating in the Eastport Friends & Family Beach Day. Council feels that would be a great addition to the day.
- b) Lee Handcock & Lorna Tulk – Applicants for the rezoning application of 75B Main Street stated their concern that there may be a conflict of interest with the chosen commissioner for the upcoming public hearing regarding the rezoning application. After discussion, the consensus was that there was no conflict of interest and the hearing would proceed as scheduled with the chosen commissioner.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:	074-25
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	David Decker

Resolved that meeting adjourn at 8:13 p.m. and the next Regular Council meeting would be scheduled for May 28, 2025, at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.
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In favour – 5. Mayor Kim Powell. Councillors: Ben Patey, Art Crisby, Shannon Powell, David Decker, Barry Brown. Opposed – 0. Carried.



Kim Powell – Mayor



Denise Hickey – Interim Town Clerk/Manager