

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 11, 2026

TOWN OF EASTPORT HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 11, 2026, AT 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members

Mayor Peter Moss	Deputy Mayor Amanda Handcock	Councillor Shannon Powell
Councillor Jackie Crisby	Councillor Sheila Dyke	Councillor Karen Powell
Councillor Linda Babstock (virtual attendance)		

Staff

Town Clerk – D. Hickey	Town Manager – G. Moss
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Moss.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 025-26

Councillor Deputy Mayor Handcock / Councillor Dyke

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

In favour – 7: Mayor P. Moss, Deputy Mayor A. Handcock, Councillors: S. Powell, J. Crisby, S. Dyke, K. Powell, L. Babstock.

Opposed – 0

3. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

MOTION: 026-26

Councillor S. Powell / Deputy Mayor Handcock

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on 25 February 2026 be adopted as presented.

In favour – 7: Mayor P. Moss, Deputy Mayor A. Handcock, Councillors: S. Powell, J. Crisby, S. Dyke, K. Powell, L. Babstock.

Opposed – 0

4. NEW BUSINESS

Fall Clean-up Week

General consensus was to revisit this item in late summer to see if the additional cost for a second clean up week can fit into the existing waste disposal budget for 2026.

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Municipal Symposium 2026

MOTION: 027-26

Councillor Mayor Moss / Councillor Crisby

Be it resolved that Mayor Moss and Councillor K. Powell will attend the Municipal Symposium 2026.

In favour – 7: Mayor P. Moss, Deputy Mayor A. Handcock, Councillors: S. Powell, J. Crisby, S. Dyke, K. Powell, L. Babstock.

Opposed – 0

2026 Budget

MOTION: 028-26

Deputy Councillor K. Powell / Councillor S. Powell

Be it resolved that the revised 2026 Budget (following Municipal Affairs review) be adopted as presented.

In favour – 7: Mayor P. Moss, Deputy Mayor A. Handcock, Councillors: S. Powell, J. Crisby, S. Dyke, K. Powell, L. Babstock.

Opposed – 0

2026 Tax Structure

MOTION: 029-26

Deputy Councillor Crisby / Deputy Mayor Handcock

Be it resolved that the revised 2026 Tax Structure (following Municipal Affairs review) be adopted as presented.

In favour – 7: Mayor P. Moss, Deputy Mayor A. Handcock, Councillors: S. Powell, J. Crisby, S. Dyke, K. Powell, L. Babstock.

Opposed – 0

5. NEW BUSINESS

Update on Joint Council Meeting

Greg updated Council on the Joint Council Meeting held on February 26, 2026. There was discussion on the Firesmart Canada Funding Application. Greg will work with other communities to complete and submit a joint proposal.

Also at the meeting, Shane Parsons requested that there be two (2) Council members from each community join the Emergency Management Committee. By consensus, Mayor Moss and Councillor L. Babstock will be representatives for the Town of Eastport.

6. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Cheque Register – Town of Eastport - \$52,315.53
- Cheque Register – Fire Department - \$542.94

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MOTION: 030-26

Mayor Moss / Councillor K. Powell

Be it resolved that invoices be adopted as presented.

In favour – 7: Mayor P. Moss, Deputy Mayor A. Handcock, Councillors: S. Powell, J. Crisby, S. Dyke, K. Powell, L. Babstock.

Opposed – 0

7. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- a. **Fire Services for fires off the Peninsula.** The Town Manager is going to investigate the possibility of recouping costs incurred when responding to fires off the Peninsula.

MOTION: 031-26

Councillor S. Powell / Councillor Dyke

Be it resolved to enter a closed meeting, as per section 41.(1) of the TLSDA, at 7:43 p.m.

In favour – 7: Mayor P. Moss, Deputy Mayor A. Handcock, Councillors: S. Powell, J. Crisby, S. Dyke, K. Powell, L. Babstock.

Opposed – 0

MOTION: 032-26

Councillor Dyke / Councillor Crisby

Be it resolved to return to an open meeting at 8:15 p.m.

In favour – 7: Mayor P. Moss, Deputy Mayor A. Handcock, Councillors: S. Powell, J. Crisby, S. Dyke, K. Powell, L. Babstock.

Opposed – 0

MOTION: 033-26

Mayor Moss / Councillor K. Powell

Be it resolved to issue an "Order to Remove" for property ID 056345, pending discussion with RCMP.

In favour – 7: Mayor P. Moss, Deputy Mayor A. Handcock, Councillors: S. Powell, J. Crisby, S. Dyke, K. Powell, L. Babstock.

Opposed – 0

MOTION: 034-26

Councillor S. Powell / Councillor J. Crisby

Be it resolved to issue 30-day notice of water shut off to property ID 056345.

In favour – 7: Mayor P. Moss, Deputy Mayor A. Handcock, Councillors: S. Powell, J. Crisby, S. Dyke, K. Powell, L. Babstock.

Opposed – 0

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8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Holy Cross School – request for donation (Robotics Team).** General consensus was to check with other town clerks on the Peninsula to see how their Councils manage local fundraiser requests. Decision will be deferred until information is obtained.

MOTION: 035-26

Councillor Dyke / Councillor S. Powell

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn at 8:42 PM

In favour – 7: Mayor P. Moss, Deputy Mayor A. Handcock, Councillors: S. Powell, J. Crisby, S. Dyke, K. Powell, L. Babstock.

Opposed – 0



Mayor, Peter Moss



Town Clerk, Denise Hickey