

# REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – MAY 13, 2026

## TOWN OF EASTPORT HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MAY 13, 2026, AT 7:00 PM

### ATTENDANCE:

#### Council Members

Mayor Peter Moss

Councillor Linda Babstock

Councillor Jackie Crisby

Deputy Mayor Amanda Handcock

Councillor Sheila Dyke

Councillor Shannon Powell

Councillor Karen Powell

#### Staff

Town Clerk – D. Hickey

Town Manager – G. Moss

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#### **MOTION: 056-26**

Councillor Babstock / Councillor S. Powell

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted with the addition of beach walkway and clean up day.

**In favour – 6:** Mayor P. Moss, Deputy Mayor A. Handcock, Councillors: S. Powell, S. Dyke, K. Powell, L. Babstock.

**Opposed – 0**

Councillor Crisby arrived at 7:05 p.m.

### 3. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

#### **MOTION: 057-26**

Councillor Dyke / Councillor K. Powell

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on 8 April 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

#### a. High Tide Trail

Deputy Mayor Handcock inquired on the status of the planned repairs for the High Tide Trail. The Town Manager is currently waiting on recommendations on how to proceed from Tract Consulting.

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He will also consult with the Cathy Hodder and Karen Saunders of the Damnable Trail Committee before finalizing a plan.

b. Community Topsoil

**MOTION: 058-26**

Councillor K. Powell / Councillor Crisby

Be it resolved that two (2) loads of topsoil will be purchased for the community. One load will be placed at the Community Garden and the other at the Town Depot.

**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

a. 2026 Grading Contract

Deputy Mayor Handcock stated conflict of interest and stepped away from the table for motion 059-26.

**MOTION: 059-26**

Councillor Crisby / Councillor Babstock

Be it resolved that the 2026 grading contract will be awarded to the lowest bidder – G&R Contracting.

**In favour – 6:** Mayor P. Moss, Councillors: S. Powell, J. Crisby, S. Dyke, K. Powell, L. Babstock

**Opposed – 0**

b. Canada Summer Jobs

**MOTION: 060-26**

Councillor Crisby / Councillor Babstock

Be it resolved that the Town would hire two (2) summer students through the Canada Summer Jobs program; one recreation attendant and one labourer. Canada Summer Jobs will contribute 50% of labour cost. Students will be employed for 8 weeks (35 hours/week).

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

**Opposed – 0**

c. Eastport Beach Walkway

Councillor S. Powell stated repairs/maintenance needed to be completed on the beach walkway. Town Manager will pass along concerns to the public works crew.

d. Clean-up Day

A clean-up day will be arranged for June 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00. Residents will be invited to join the community clean up. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided by the Town and there will be small lunch afterwards.

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### 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Community Engagement, Recreation & Social Committee

- Sourcing of a new piece of playground equipment is ongoing.
- Community Garden General Maintenance – replacement of rotted boards, repair garbage box, painting and replacement of greenhouse plastic.
- Rink General Maintenance – painting and remove broken hockey nets. Council will investigate the cost to purchase new hockey nets and a basketball net.
- Playground General Maintenance - painting, repair/replace memorial board, repair planter boxes.

#### Finance Committee

- Cheque Register – Town of Eastport - \$54,741.52
- Cheque Register – Fire Department - \$4,170.76

#### **MOTION: 061-26**

Deputy Mayor Handcock / Councillor Dyke

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**

#### Public Works Committee

**Councillor S. Powell stated conflict of interest and stepped away from the table for motion 062-26.**

#### **MOTION: 062-26**

Councillor K. Powell / Deputy Mayor Handcock

Be it resolved that the permit application for 13 Penney's Road (new deck) be approved.

**In favour – 6:** Mayor P. Moss, Deputy Mayor A. Handcock, Councillors: J. Crisby, S. Dyke, K. Powell, L. Babstock.

**Opposed – 0**

#### **MOTION: 063-26**

Deputy Mayor Handcock / Councillor Babstock

Be it resolved that the permit application for 38 Legion Road (new shed) be approved.

**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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### Fire Department Liaison (Councillor S. Powell)

Council agrees with the purchase of two security cameras for the Fire Hall; one for outside and the other for inside the garage. Specific system and placement to be determined by the fire department members.

### 7. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

#### a. Trailer Occupancy & Nuisance Property Control Bylaw

**MOTION: 064-26**

Councillor Crisby / Councillor Dyke

Be it resolved that the TRAILER OCCUPANCY & NUISANCE PROPERTY CONTROL by-law 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**

**MOTION: 065-26**

Councillor S. Powell / Councillor K. Powell

Be it resolved to enter a closed meeting, as per section 41.(1) of the TLSDA, at 8:26 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: 066-26**

Councillor S. Powell / Councillor K. Powell

Be it resolved to return to an open meeting at 8:52 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: 067-26**

Councillor K. Powell / Councillor Crisby

Be it resolved that due to account arrears, water would be disconnected for the following PAR ID numbers: 056406, 056345, and 056301.

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

**Opposed – 0**

**MOTION: 068-26**

Deputy Mayor Handcock / Councillor Babstock

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn at 8:54 PM

**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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Handwritten initials "for/" in blue ink, positioned to the left of the Mayor's name.

Mayor, Peter Moss



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Denise Hickey", written over a horizontal line.

Town Clerk, Denise Hickey