

# Regular Meeting of Council September 22, 2025, 7:00 PM AT SANDRINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT:

Councilor S. Burry

Mayor B. Critchley

Councilor G. Arnold

Councilor K. Brown

Deputy Mayor K. Saunders

Councilor M. Harvey

ALSO PRESENT:

Darlene Tuck, Town Clerk

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Critchley called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

#### **REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION #2025-141** Motion to accept September 22, 2025 agenda Brown/Saunders. In Favor – 6. MOTION CARRIED.

# **REVIEW AND ADOPT MINUTES - AUGUST 25, 2025 MEETING**

RESOLUTION #2025-142 Motion to accept August 25 minutes Harvey/Saunders. In Favor – 6. MOTION CARRIED.

# **REVIEW AND ADOPT MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 8 & 18, 2025 MEETINGS**

**RESOLUTION #2025-143** Motion to accept September 8 and September 18 special meeting minutes Harvey/Saunders. In Favor – 6. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **PRIVLEDGE MEETING REVIEW**

**RESOLUTION #2025-128** Motion made to ensure if Councilor Arnold is re-elected into office on October 2, he will go through the mandatory training and he will be closely monitored for 6 months while on Council.

Saunders/Burry. In Favor – 4 (Brown, Harvey, Burry, Saunders). Opposed – 1 (Arnold), Abstained – 1 (Critchley). MOTION CARRIED.

#### **INCOME STATEMENT**

Income statement was reviewed and there are still errors in items not being in the proper account. We hope bookkeeper can resolve where the issues are and get our accounting back on track from former clerk.

#### **RESIDENT CHRIS BULL**

Former Deputy Mayor Chris Bull informed Council that minutes from June 23, 2025 were not accurate. Mr. Howell's legal team had led council to believe that Bull was speaking on behalf of council regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> cabin when he contacted our lawyers and was quoted saying "Mr. Bull subsequently informed our client, in his capacity as deputy mayor, that all structures on our client's land were properly accounted for and approved by council". In reviewing past emails, Mr. Bull only sent Mr. Howell a blank permit application to be filled out for the cabin, which could then be reviewed at next council meeting.

RESOLUTION #2025-144 Motion made to put into record conversation that transpired between Bull/Howell. Harvey/Arnold. In Favor – 4 (Harvey, Burry, Arnold, Critchley). Opposed – 2 (Brown/Saunders), Abstained – 0. MOTION CARRIED.



# **BILLBOARD UPDATE**

(2) signs have come in and need to be installed. Councilor Harvey will assist Town Clerk in getting them posted.

# **MAINTENANCE CHUFF BIGHT/COMMUNITY CENTER**

2-3 trees still need to come down at Chuff Bight and one at the Community Center. Motion to contact Damdable Trail Network to see if they can remove the trees before September 30, at which time we will have to close Chuff Bight for being unsafe. Harvey/Brown. In Favor – 5 (Harvey, Burry, Arnold, Critchley, Brown). Opposed – 0, Abstained – 1 (Saunders). MOTION CARRIED.

A revised CEEP application was submitted for approval along with 2 candidates for employment. Resume was received for Maintenance person. TABLED until new council comes on.

# PLAYGROUND/CHUFF BIGHT LIABILITY

After reviewing insurance and our liability, and obtaining legal advice, it was decided to remove the playground structure and apply for a grant for new equipment.

# APPLICATION FOR GAS TAX/NEW PUMP

Government approved the new pump costs.

# **CAPITAL WORKS – FIRE HYDRANTS**

Cecon provided an agreement to start the application process. Councilor Arnold believes this was all done through Meridian Engineering. **RESOLUTION #2025-145** Town Clerk will follow up and see how far we are with the main lines and future fire hydrants. Harvey/Saunders. In Favor – 6. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **GENERATOR**

The last power outage we had, the emergency generator never came on. Town Clerk will follow up on this. **RESOLUTION #2025-146** Darlene will also follow up with resident to determine a price for portion of land.

# **DEED FOR COMMUNITY CENTER**

Deed was in the safe. Further investigation required for when Men's club handed it over to Council.

#### **INVOICES TO BE PAID**

Final Renumeration (5)	\$600.00	Karen Saunders	\$34.50
Audry Penney	\$177.24	Cecon Engineering (Cap. Wrks)	\$3,355.13
CNWM	\$864.90	Bell Aliant	\$175.87
Central Office Equip.	\$105.78	Eastlink	\$199.09

RESOLUTION #2025-147 Motion to pay invoices. Saunders/Harvey. In Favor - 6. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Parade Marshal for Agricultural Society requesting Town participation. Email from Tonya Lane. Invitation to participate in water study.



#### **SEWER TAX**

**RESOLUTION #2025-148** Only those charged the sewer tax in 2024 and 2025 are eligible for a refund. Burry/Saunders In Favor – 6. MOTION CARRIED.

## **CEEP GRANT**

Still working on amendments. If everything goes well, start date will be October 6.

#### **SNOW CLEARING**

Request for quotes will go out right away. Deadline is October 20, 2025, for new council to consider. Darlene will also send out RFQ for garbage pickup.

## **BUSINESS ROAD SIGNS**

Service NL provides a sticker for business signs on the highway. Darlene will find out where the boundaries are.

# **PERMITS**

A couple of houses in the community are putting up buildings. Town Clerk will check addresses and send a letter to owners of the property.

# **DAMBDABLE TRAIL FESTIVAL**

(35) copies were made for festival. Motion to donate copies instead of charging. Harvey/Brown. In Favor – 6. MOTION CARRIED.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Swearing in ceremony scheduled for October 6, 2025 Regular council meeting scheduled for October 14, 2025

#### **ADJORNMENT**

**RESOLUTION #2025-149** Motion to adjourn at 9:54 pm. Deputy Mayor Saunders. In Favor – 6. MOTION CARRIED

Mayor

Alauline Duck
Town Clerk