

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 1, 2026

AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

GUESTS: STEW SABISTON/REGIONAL DIRECTOR NAB

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- **REGULAR – APRIL 27, 2026**
- **SPECIAL – APRIL 30, 2026 and MAY 12, 2026 and MAY 21, 2026**

3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| a. HALL/DECKING | e. OFFICE RAMP |
| b. TIMBER PERMITS | f. TRANSFER STATION |
| c. POST OFFICE WATER | g. VALLEY FIBER |
| d. RICE LAKE CONTROL STRUCTURE | h. ONE TON TRUCK |

4. BISSETT BEAUTIFICATION/REFURBISHMENT INITIATIVES

- **List for discussion**

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCTS RECEIVABLE – PENDING

- **MARCH 31, 2026**
- **APRIL 30, 2026**

6. UNPAID BILLS

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7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. LAND USE

9. BISSETT EMERGENCY SERVICES

- A. MONTHLY REPORT**
- B. FIRE DEPARTMENT BYLAW REVIEW**
- C. OTHER:**

10. RECREATION PROGRAM

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **COMMUNITY TRACTOR**
- b. **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**
- > **PRE-REGISTRATION EXERCISE**
- c. **POST OFFICE A/C**
- d. **RENTAL CLINIC / BAY RE: SHARED HEALTH**
- e. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 1, 2026

6:30PM

MEMBERS: Carla Nicholson-Spence
Doug McPherson

BY PHONE: James Baldwin
Caroline Baldwin
Larry Johnson

GUESTS: **VIA TEAMS:**
Stew Sabiston/Regional Director NAB
Beth Ladyka/MDC NAB
Shannon Ganter/Technical and Public Works Consultant NAB
John Musyoka/Environmental Services Consultant NAB

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #21 – 2026/27

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Agenda – June 1, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda be adopted with additions to New Business.
M/S by Caroline Baldwin and Larry Johnson All in favour

GUESTS: Stew Sabiston and staff attended the council meeting to discuss the Water Treatment Plant and the necessary upgrades to the aging infrastructure. Capital funding is approximately \$3,000,000.00 and is shared and prioritized among all 48 NA communities. Upgrades to the plant would cost an estimated \$5,000,000.00, and securing funding to facilitate these upgrades, is still a few years away. In the interim, small upgrades have been carried out at the plant to replace some of the aging components.

The estimated increased demand, as provided by 1911 Gold, as it ramps up, has resulted in the determination that the aging plant will not be able to facilitate their requirements.

As the priority and focus is on providing good quality potable water to the community, council will be inviting 1911 Gold to come to the table to discuss a potential financial partnership for this project.

RESOLUTION #22 – 2026/27

WHEREAS: Letter to 1911 Gold Corp.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council officially invites 1911 Gold to have serious discussions on the water treatment plant project.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Larry Johnson All in favour

Further to the above, the following was discussed:

- Tractor – NAB is working on putting together a tender for pricing a new, more adequate tractor for the community.
- Hall Tender - NAB is working on the DRAFT tender for completing the foundation work at the Hall and can be expected by the weeks end.
- Foundation Fire Hall – NAB is aware that work needs to be carried out and funding sources are to be looked at.

All were thanked for meeting with council and left the meeting (via TEAMS) at 6:55pm

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2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

RESOLUTION #23 – 2026/27

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Regular Meeting Minutes April 27, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Regular Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin 4 in favour/LJ abst.

RESOLUTION #24 – 2026/27

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Special Meeting April 30, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Special Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin 3 in favour/LJ abst.

RESOLUTION #25 – 2026/27

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Special Meeting May 12, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Special Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

M/S by Larry Johnson and Caroline Baldwin 3 in favour/JB and DM abst.

RESOLUTION #26 – 2026/27

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Special Meeting May 21, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Special Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

M/S by Caroline Baldwin and Larry Johnson All in favour

3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

A. HALL/DECKING BEACH AREA: See GUESTS

B. TIMBER PERMITS: Council waiting upon response. CARRY

C. POST OFFICE/CLINIC WATER: Scope of work to be drafted and put out for Tender to carry out the most efficient way to alleviate the problem.

D. RICE LAKE CONTROL STRUCTURE: Follow up with the department. CARRY

E. OFFICE RAMP: Due to the high bids received, council has considered other avenues to facilitate the office ramp by way of dividing up the Tender to better accommodate the funding approved for this project. CARRY

F. TRANSFER STN: CARRY

G. VALLEY FIBER: Follow up with the department noting that legal review can be lengthy.

H. ONE TON TRUCK: Box to be looked at for required repairs. CARRY

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4. BISSETT BEAUTIFICATION/REFURBISHMENT INITIATIVES

a. A comprehensive list was presented to council "Community To Do" and was reviewed in detail. Each item was discussed and placed in a category in order to move forward in getting some of these little and big projects accomplished.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: PENDING

6. UNPAID BILLS AS AT MARCH 31, 2026 AND APRIL 27, 2026 RESOLUTION #27 – 2026/27

WHEREAS: Unpaid bills as at June 1, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Unpaid bills as at June 1, 2026 with the addition of D. Halldorson in the amount of \$50.88 for a total payable of \$20950.54 be approved for payment.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Caroline Baldwin

All in favour

UNPAID BILLS AS AT JUNE 1, 2026

ABC FIRE & SAFETY	255.36	Batteries F/D radios
ADVENTURE AIR	1,735.43	Fuel
CLEARTECH INDUSTRIES INC	4,546.51	Chemicals
CONTEC PROJECTS (2017) LIMITED	3,920.00	2nd pmt extra reservoir
D & D Excavating & Hauling	4,077.41	Bin Hauling
GARDWINE NORTH	1,411.36	Freight
HALLDORSON, D.	16.20	Supplies FD
JADLER INDUSTRIES LTD	2,942.57	App'd WTP
LIFESAVING SOCIETY - MANITOBA BRANCH	200.00	Swim Program Fee
LINDE CANADA INC	43.21	Accetelyne
PETZNICK, Dave	672.00	App'd supplies FD
Powerview Auto Supplies Ltd.	63.80	Batteries F/D
WBM TECHNOLOGIES INC	209.41	Copier U/F
WYNNE, Gail	556.81	Starlink office-hall/Office supplies
WYNNE'S PLACE	249.59	Water samples x 4/Misc supplies
Total outstanding:	<u>20,899.66</u>	

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. The Swim to Survive program has been approved for August 4 – 7th with an Emergency First Aid component to be available Wednesday and Thursday. Notice to be posted nearer to date of event.

B. Confirmation of the 2026/27 Community Budget was received with an annual amount of \$392,501.21 that includes funding for the Municipal Operating Grant, One MB Growth Revenue Fund, Northern Roads and Reserve funds and represents a -0.8% decrease from the previous year.

7. CORRESPONDENCE...con't

C. Earthmax advised they will be out the week of June 8th to carry out remediation work.

D. MTI has advised that gravelling is taking place on PR #304 and dust control to be applied after that has been completed which will include that portion of PR #304 that runs through the community.

E. 1911 Gold reports drilling results from one of their most advanced regional targets. Further information can be found at: www.1911gold.com

F. 1911 Gold is considering a barge drill program on Rice Lake in the bay area drilled this past winter, and is looking for council approval.

RESOLUTION #28 – 2026/27

WHEREAS: 1911 Gold is considering a barge drill program on Rice Lake in the area drilled this past winter, and is seeking council approval.

WHEREAS: As per Resolution #11 – 2026/27 dated April 27, 2026 the Bissett Community Council will only consider in-community drill program requests that will be carried out no earlier than October 1 with drilling to be completed no later than March 31 of any year and therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council stands behind their decision in respect to the consideration period, and has voted not in favour of supporting the proposed barge drill program as per request.

M/S by James Baldwin and Larry Johnson

All in favour

G. Council requested a copy of the Wildfire Waiver and has been advised that the waiver is being reviewed due to legalities.

H. An update on the Nopiming Park, Whiteshell Provincial Park and Bissett Region – Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Remediation Program was received from Environment and Climate Change – Environmental Programs and Remediation Branch. More information is available at: Orphaned_and_Abandoned_Mines

I. Information on the Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba (MMSM) and introduction of the new Executive Director – Christa Rust was received.

J. Response was received after council's reply to a previous letter sent to council requesting detailed information on the 1911 Gold meeting held with council on March 10th that included additional comments and concerns. Each were addressed and direction given to CAO to respond based on each of those comments and/or concerns.

K. Concerns raised about elevated chlorine in the water – council will address by testing area of concern and providing those results as well, remediation of Currie Drive road due to the drill program. Council to respond.

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8. LAND USE:

- A. \$20,770.54 was received from NAB for payment of outstanding taxes and is specific to the overall community budget.
- B. NAB provided Council with the confidentiality agreement, that they signed, in order to obtain Assessment Roll information.
- C. Council has been advised by Lands Branch that letters are now being sent out to Crown Land Permit holders who are in arrears and will include tax arrears information.

9. EMERGENCY SERVICES:

- A. **MONTHLY REPORT:** April and May 2026 reports were received.
- B. **FIRE DEPARTMENT BY-LAW REVIEW:** CARRY
- C. **OTHER:**
- a. Dave Petznick/Fire Chief, advised that the new location for the water tank, currently located on Currie Drive, will require brushing, waste rock and moving it to the selected location on Vanson Road where water sources are scarce, and expects it to be carried out in June.
 - b. The notes from the meeting held between 1911 Gold Safety & Security and the Bissett Fire Department, May, 6, 2026 were received as information and provided to the BVFD.

10. RECREATION PROGRAM: NIL

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **COMMUNITY TRACTOR:** As per GUESTS - NAB is working on putting together a tender for pricing a new, more adequate tractor for the community. Some of the funding will be provided by the community Reserve account associated with Utility Vehicle that requires ministerial approval to use.

RESOLUTION #29 – 2026/27

WHEREAS: Utility Vehicle Reserve funding approval to use.

WHEREAS: The Bissett Community Council is in need of a tractor suitable to the ever changing needs of the community, with expected costs that can not be accommodated through the community budget and therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council is requesting ministerial approval to expend funds from the above noted for the purchase of a community tractor.

M/S by Caroline Baldwin and Doug McPherson

All in favour

- B. **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** The council, along with the assistance of the department of MNR/NAB and ESS, will be carrying out an **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE** and so there is no misunderstanding, this is a **voluntary EXERCISE only**. The community will be advised of specifics but it is essentially being done as a 'pre-registration' **EXERCISE** to help gather information about community residents ie: contact information and specific needs in the event of an emergency.

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C. POST OFFICE/CLINIC AIR CONDITIONING:

RESOLUTION #30 – 2026/27

WHEREAS: Post Office/Clinic air conditioner replacement.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: An A/C be purchased and replaced.

M/S by Larry Johnson and Caroline Baldwin

All in favour

D. RENTAL CLINIC/BAY SHARED HEALTH: To continue as is until otherwise advised.

E. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT:

RESOLUTION #31 – 2026/27

WHEREAS: Additional temporary Public Works Assistant.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The BCC post for an additional temporary PW Assistant.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

F. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026

10:30AM

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The meeting adjourned at 9:51pm

CARLA NICHOLSON-SPENCE/MAYOR

GAIL WYNNE/CAO

NOTE: THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT YET BEEN ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AND ARE SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT.

SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 30, 2026

MEMBERS:

Carla Nicholson-Spence
Doug McPherson
James Baldwin
Caroline Baldwin

WATER TREATMENT PLANT 7 AND 7 SCHEDULE – JOHN MCPHERSON AND ALAN LEAMY.
RESOLUTION #17 – 2026/27

WHEREAS: 7 and 7 schedule – John McPherson and Alan Leamy – WTP.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The schedule be approved.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Caroline Baldwin All in favour

ADDITIONAL WORK WTP:

RESOLUTION #18 – 2026/27

WHEREAS: Additional work WTP – Contec.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Additional work be approved as per quote submitted.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Caroline Baldwin All in favour

OTHER:

- Reported that the septic tank at the post office/clinic needs replacing.
- Meeting with Shared Health May 21st.

CARLA NICHOLSON-SPENCE/MAYOR

GAIL WYNNE/CAO

SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 12, 2026

10:00AM

MEMBERS:

Carla Nicholson-Spence
Larry Johnson
Caroline Baldwin

BVFD:

Dave Petznick/Fire Chief
Rick Kacperski/Deputy FC
Dee Halldorson/BVFD Liason

GUEST:

Lee Lemball/Area Fire Manager – Bissett

Council invited the BVFD and Lee Kemball to meet for introductory and informational purposes in an open table discussion that included:

- 1st response for in community brush fires is BVFD.
- Advise NRO – will assist if gets away from.
- NRO does not carry out assistance with community structure fires ie house/buildings.
- NRO does not carry out assistance with dump fires unless they get away in the bush.
- Wildfire and domestic firefighting equipment is different.
- BVFD does not have wildfire training or equipment.
- Spring/summer prediction – full recharge, lower than normal temps going into spring, severe El Nino (August/September).
- Community preparedness is essential.
- No fire bans at this time but open fires are prohibited unless under permit that is required April 1 – November 15 in any given year.
- BVFD put out a community notice to bring awareness and FireSmart information.
- FIRESMART is an essential step in helping in the efforts.
- Alerts are generated on weather and there are 3 levels.
- Standby or red alert indicates crew's must be ready for dispatch within 5 minutes and is normal to be in place all summer.
- Crews are moved where they are needed.
- Wildfire information is available on all types of media platforms and most recently MB READY.
- Understanding smoke impacts air traffic that can ground planes and the use of drones that impacts firefighting capabilities and can hinder efforts.
- CWPP – stalled at the moment due to an essential stakeholder lead leaving her position, but the council has every intention of having this completed and are currently waiting for NA to confirm funding for a 3rd party contractor to complete.
- Fire Breaks – this discussion initially got the ball rolling on the CWPP. There is a lot that has to be considered in respect to the feasibility of a fire break, and most importantly not giving the false sense of hope as the recent fires have shown a drastic change in how fires are behaving. Fire breaks have been used for wildfire fighting purposes. They are costly and require constant upkeep however, this is not off the table for further discussion.

- Advised Lee that MNR has recently purchased 2 x value protection trailers that would be dispatched to communities if the need arises.
- Council has applied for a trailer skid for the BVFD – waiting list.
- Tanker compatibility for NRO to utilize in conjunction to the BVFD.
- Draft sites – Rice Lake is most likely but other areas that are accessible will be considered.
- BVFD participation in wildfire crew training as observers – could be accommodated. Lee to advise CAO and FC of opportunities.
- Potential of collaboration with early spring crews and community brush clearing but would require a formal request (too late for this season), a plan including moving brush.
- The recent renos to the house located on Antonio Street that was acquired by NRO is being carried out as a model for FireSmart – signage will be included.
- There are funding opportunities through FireSmart to host educational events.

Lee was thanked for attending.

The following discussion followed:

- Need to consider additional chase vehicle for BVFD:
 - BVFD to determine suitable and provide written request including quotes.
- Tanker: Alternate location where water sources are sparse – Vanson Road.
 - BVFD to flag out location and provide required materials and moving of the tanker to this location.
- Large brush pile at the dump needs pushing;
 - See if 1911 can assist
- Ice plant chemicals.
 - BCC to reach out to Gateway Mechanical to discuss removal of.
- Fire Truck manual and tire quote:
 - BCC to follow up.

PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT:

Advised that the 2nd candidate for the position has withdrawn his interest and therefore;

RESOLUTION #19 – 2026/27

WHEREAS: Public Works Assistant hiring.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Ken Yewchyn be hired as the PWA that will incorporate transfer station duties to start immediately.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Rate of pay be \$19/hr for PWS and remain at \$17/hr for transfer stn.

M/S by Caroline Baldwin and Larry Johnson

All in favour

The meeting adjourned at 1:46pm

CARLA NICHOLSON-SPENCE/MAYOR

GAIL WYNNE/CAO

SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 21, 2026

1:00PM

MEMBERS:

Carla Nicholson-Spence
Doug McPherson
James Baldwin
Larry Johnson
Caroline Baldwin

SHARED HEALTH:

Scott Noble/Executive Director of Emergency Medical Services Operations
Jason Little/COO Emergency Response Services Shared Health

After reaching out to the Minister of Health, The Honorable Uzoma Asagwara, requesting a follow up to re-address the critical need for high quality emergency service to our community, and noted that; no update or follow up has taken place since council met with the EMS Operations former Executive Director in late 2022, council had the opportunity to meet with Scott Noble and Jason Little from Shared Health (SH).

Introductions of those in attendance took place followed by a discussion as follows;

- RETURN OF AMBULANCE TO THE COMMUNITY/MANIGOTAGAN STATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:
 - The Bissett ambulance was removed in 2019 as it was needed as a backup unit in the IERHA area at that time.
 - Neither Shared Health or IERHA has officially informed the community that it would not be returning.
 - Previous discussions by Shared Health to have an Ambulance stationed in Manigotagan was on the government plan but has since changed, however, not entirely off the books but no current directives to engage.
 - Province wide, ambulance services are dispatched from any available and nearest service location to respond and therefore there is no guarantee that even if Bissett or Manigotagan had an ambulance it would be readily available at all times, giving a false sense of security.
 - Realistically, the ambulance will not be returning to Bissett.
 - SH understands and acknowledges the challenges in the remote communities to provide emergency services.
 - Stretcher service alternative; for non-urgent only aka 'horizontal transport' and the reality is the challenges to the entire health care system and refocusing to a direction of 1st responder approach.

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- Changes to the EMR program required an upgrade to the standardized EMT program in order to bring Manitoba to interprovincial standards for medical transport that requires 312 hours and following completion, the majority of employment opportunities is outside home communities which means that, even if a community member is trained there may be no opportunity for that person to remain, employed, in the community.
- Alternatively, there is a First Response program requiring 90 hours of training, information to be provided by Shared Health, with perhaps an opportunity to look at our neighbouring communities to partner with in an effort to provide emergency care prior to the arrival of an ambulance.
- Costs associated are not funded by Shared Health however, in-kind service agreements are in place to provide medical direction and licencing, where applicable, with education and equipment that falls on the community.
- Council to follow up with Northern Affairs to look at potential funding opportunities moving forward.

In conclusion, it is evident that there is much more advocating that needs to be done not only by Shared Health, but all communities to ensure the need for high quality emergency service to our NA communities is HEARD!

The meeting adjourned at 1:36pm

CARLA NICHOLSON-SPENCE/MAYOR

GAIL WYNNE/CAO

SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 21, 2026

MEMBERS CONTACTED IN PERSON:

Carla Nicholson-Spence
Doug McPherson
James Baldwin
Larry Johnson
Caroline Baldwin

AUGER SERVICES – SPEED SIGNS:

RESOLUTION #20 – 2026/27

WHEREAS: Post hole auger services.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Reece Kihn be hired to provided 4 x post holes for the new speed sign installation as per quote received in the amount of \$325 and any applicable taxes.

M/S by James Baldwin and Caroline Baldwin

All in favour

CARLA NICHOLSON-SPENCE/MAYOR

GAIL WYNNE/CAO

NOTES:

APRIL 30, 2026:

1) RICE LAKE DAM STRUCTURE – Invited by MNR/NA to follow up – NOTES:

COUNCIL: Carla Nicholson-Spence
Doug McPherson
James Baldwin
Caroline Baldwin

MNR: Stew Sabiston
Justin Tsang

MTI: Scott Johnstone
Chris Propp
Jaime Smith

Discussion on the status of the RLDS included:

- Who is responsible
- Plan moving forward
- Time Frame
- Stakeholders
- Level to be maintained
- Consult with 1911 on level required for operation
- Rice Lake permitted water usage (1911)
- Feasibility
- Environmental Licencing
- Water source concerns
- Pics from review NA to MTI
- MTI engineers to scope and look at action
- Potential funding partners
- Letter of support 1911 requirements
- Letter identifying drinking water source

MAY 5 – 7, 2026:

2) REGIONAL WORKSHOP – Invited by MNR:

Attended by:

Carla Nicholson-Spence

Gail Wynne

Welcome by Glenn Simard/Minister

Opportunity to speak to ADM/Kevin McPike

TOPICS INCLUDED:

- Proposed Crown Land Sales
- Planning for roads and drainage maintenance
- Motivational speaker
 - Carla and Gail had a side meeting with Devin/Shannon and Stew regarding the office ramp
- Program updates:
 - Fire Review
 - Council Composition
 - Northern MB Community Consultation Board
- Elections overview
- Funding model review
- Water, Wastewater and solid waste management
- MB Hydro and Your Community
- Property Tax
- Funding requirements
- Breakout session:
 - Carla remained with leadership
 - Gail with CAO's
- Wage subsidy programs
- All Hazards Emergency Planning

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3) 1911 GOLD FOLLOW UP – Invited by 1911 Gold – NOTES:

Follow up included:

- Emergency Response Plan
- Road Maintenance
- Nursing station – shared resources
- Clean up ball diamond
- Soccer field waste rock pad – no longer required
- Speed Sign donation
- Public Meeting hosted by 1911 Gold June 23rd
- Invite from 1911 to tour mine site June 23rd