REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

GUEST: PAUL TYTGAT – BY PHONE

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES
- REGULAR – AUGUST 12, 2025
- SPECIAL – AUGUST 12 AND SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

A. PROJECT UPDATES:
   - WATERWORKS (SUBSTANTIAL WORKS WARRANTY)
   - HALL
   - DECKING
   - RAMP AT OFFICE
   - CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION GRANT
   - RICE LAKE DAM
   - WTP COMPUTER
   - DISTRIBUTION PUMPS WTP

B. PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS and ACCTS RECEIVABLE
   AUGUST 2025

5. UNPAID BILLS
   SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. LAND USE

8. BISSETT EMERGENCY SERVICES
   A. EQUIPMENT LIST
   B. AED PAD REPLACEMENTS

9. RECREATION PROGRAM

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. MEETING SHARED HEALTH

B. CURB STOP REPAIR – ROUND LAKE

- REGIONAL WASTE SITE BRIEF

D. PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT

E. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 10:00AM

MEMBERS: Carla Nicholson-Spence
Doug McPherson
James Baldwin
Larry Johnson

GUEST: Paul Tytgat – By Phone

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #75 – 2025/26
WHEREAS: Adoption of the Agenda – September 17, 2025.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda be adopted with additions to New Business.
M/S by James Baldwin and Larry Johnson All in favour

A letter of resignation was presented to council from Gordon Arndt. The council has accepted the resignation effective September 17, 2025. A Bi-Election will be called.

RESOLUTION #76 – 2025/26
WHEREAS: Resignation of Gordon Arndt.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council accept the resignation of Gordon Arndt effective Immediately – September 17, 2025.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: A Bi-election be called to fill the vacant position to October 2028.
M/S by James Baldwin and Larry Johnson All in favour

The council would like to thank Gord for his time and efforts while serving as councilor for the Bissett Community Council.

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

RESOLUTION #77 – 2025/26
WHEREAS: Adoption of the Regular Meeting Minutes August 12, 2025
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes be adopted as presented.
M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson All in favour

RESOLUTION #78 – 2025/26
WHEREAS: Adoption of the Special Meeting Minutes August 12, 2025.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes are adopted as presented.
M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson 3 in favour/L J Abst.

RESOLUTION #79 – 2025/26
WHEREAS: Adoption of the Special Meeting Minutes September 3, 2025.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes are adopted as presented.
M/S by Doug McPherson and Larry Johnson 3 in favour/JB Abst.

GUEST: Paul Tytgat joined by phone. The purpose of the meeting was to advise Paul that the council made a unanimous decision to remove him from the "Acting Fire Chief" role of the Bissett Fire Department. Paul is encouraged to remain an active member. Council acknowledges his contributions and dedication to the dept.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

A) PROJECT UPDATES

WATERWORKS PROJECT: Earthmax has been carrying out deficiency work in the community and a special meeting is being held this date to discuss some concerns. Council has been made aware that the substantial work warranty expires in November 2025 and is taking steps to protect the council/community from the costs associated with future work deficiencies that may come to surface and that the council does not feel it is their responsibility to assume the costs of. Therefore, the following Resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION #80 – 2025/26
WHEREAS: Community of Bissett, Waterworks Project.
WHEREAS: The Bissett Community Council foresees future expenditures as a direct result from the works carried out by Earthmax and;
WHEREAS: The Bissett Community Council will not be held responsible for any associated costs that may arise from the works carried out and with the substantial work warranty expiring in November 2025;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council deems that the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations – Northern Affairs Branch will be responsible and assume all associated cost now and in the future that are a direct result of water and/or sewer works carried out by Earthmax.
M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson All in favour

- **HALL/DECKING/OFFICE ACCESSIBILITY RAMP:**
  - **HALL**: MNR has reached out for quotes for assessments on what work is required at the Hall (foundation) in order to put out a Tender for associated works. To date only one quote has been received and additional ones are being waited on.
  - **DECKING**: Council has requested that this be included in the 'assessment' Tender and will follow up with MNR.
  - **OFFICE ACCESSIBILITY RAMP**: A Draft Tender for the accessibility ramp was submitted to council and has been reviewed. Council has some questions for clarification as well as comments.
- **CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION FUND:** Council will follow up with MNR.
- **COMPUTER WTP:** The replacement computer was approved; however additional unforeseen upgrades are now necessary that have doubled the costs and require Ministerial approval. Council will discuss with Stewart Sabiston/Regional Director and ask for a brief on the project that led us to this unexpected delay and additional costs.
- **RICE LAKE DAM:** This is moving in a positive direction as MNR continues to work with MTI on the upgrade of the dam.
- **DISTRIBUTION PUMPS:** Council to follow up.

B) PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA: The Agenda was reviewed, discussed and agreed to by council. The meeting will be held at 7:00pm this date. Separate Minutes to be posted.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

RESOLUTION #81 – 2025/26
WHEREAS: Financial Report and Accounts Receivable – AUGUST 2025.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Financial Report and Accounts Receivable be approved as submitted.
M/S by Doug McPherson and Larry Johnson All in favour

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AS AT AUGUST 31, 2025

NAME	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
MNR	69,184.11	Wildfire Evac Exp.
Springfield Septic Services	320.00	Sewage Lagoon U/F
WALLACE LAKE LODGE	1,000.00	Transfer Stn U/F
WYNNE, Hugh	75.00	SINCE PAID
TOTAL OUTSTANDING:	**70,579.11**	

5. UNPAID BILLS AS AT SEPTEMBER 17, 2025:
RESOLUTION #82– 2025/26
WHEREAS: Unpaid bills as at SEPTEMBER 17, 2025.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Unpaid bills as at September 17, 2025 for a total payable of $13,346.26 be approved for payment.
M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin All in favour

NAME	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
ADVENTURE AIR	733.73	Fuel
ALS ENVIRONMENTAL	344.40	Lagoon Testing
BRENNTAG CANADA INC.	706.20	Chemicals
CLEARTECH INDUSTRIES INC	2,321.17	Chemicals
D & D Excavating & Hauling	4,796.85	Garbage Bin Hauling
DURACAN	453.60	Water Testing
GARDWINE NORTH	420.39	Freight
KIHN, Reece	1,050.00	Transfer Stn approved work
LINDE CANADA INC	40.32	Accetelyne
Powerview Auto Supplies Ltd.	1,131.19	Pole Saw approved
WBM TECHNOLOGIES INC	181.60	Copier u/f
WYNNE, Gail	1,166.81	Tshirt deposit, office supplies
TOTAL OUTSTANDING:	13,346.26	

NOTE: GAIL WYNNE PRESENTED ALL CORRESPONDING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR HER SPECIFICALLY, FOR COUNCIL REVIEW – ACCEPTED.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. A letter was received from Angela Hiebert addressing the beach area that the council greatly appreciated. Council acknowledges that the beach area is recognized as our most used and coveted recreational area and is working within our own Public Works department to increase regular maintenance and in the long term, council is prioritizing repairs, upgrades and new additions based on affordability. James Baldwin will look at costs to purchase tilling equipment.

B. An email was received from Dean Marowitch asking council to consider holding the Public Meeting on a Saturday to accommodate seasonal residents. This to be taken under consideration.

6. CORRESPONDENCE…con't

C. A letter was received from MNR acknowledging their site visits on August 14 and 20th.

D. Public Works Workshop – November 4, 5, 6, 2025
RESOLUTION #83 – 2025/26
WHEREAS: Public Works Workshop – November 4, 5, 6, 2025 – Winnipeg.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Reece Kihn attend.
M/S by Doug McPherson and Larry Johnson All in favour

E. A letter was received from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Honorable Mike Moyes in follow up to the letter sent in August 2024 from the previous Minister regarding a new approach to licencing legacy water power developments and his commitment to environmental assessments and understanding ongoing environmental impacts and future guidelines for legacy water power developments. For information.

E. An update on the True North Mine progress was received from Shaun Heinrichs/President and CEO 1911 Gold with further details and information available on the 1911 Gold website.

F. Request from a cottager at Wallace Lake to be billed independent for water filling in Bissett. The Association has advised that very few cottagers fill water and they would like to see independent billing vs association fees implemented. The council will continue to implement fees to the association(s) based on users that will be provided by the association and will not direct bill.

G. Ian Cyr, Site Superintendent – 1911 Gold updated council on the drill site clean up efforts. Council will advise that the 'water' sitting at the vicinity of the baseball field is not normal and needs to be addressed. Council is appreciative of the efforts being made to reinstate areas to original or better.

H. Water usage from 1911 Gold (True North Gold Mine) for the month of July was received.

I. The BAHS Minutes from September 9, 2025 were received and are attached.

7. LAND USE: NIL

8. BISSETT EMERGENCY SERVICES:

A. The August 2025 Monthly report was received.

B. EQUIPMENT LIST: The equipment list submitted has now been forwarded to the department for review. CARRY

C. AED PAD REPLACEMENT:
RESOLUTION #84 – 2025/26
WHEREAS: AED pad replacement.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: AED pads be approved for purchase for unit at the Hall and Fire Hall.
M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin All in favour

9. RECREATION PROGRAM:
NIL

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. MEETING: SHARED HEALTH: Council has followed up with Shared Health on the re-establishment of the Ambulance service and has received a response with a near future meeting to be arranged.

B. CURB STOP REPAIR – ROUND LAKE ROAD: Council has been made aware of a curb stop leak at a location on Round Lake Road. Unfortunately, it is hard to determine whether or not this is a direct result of the waterworks project. Council will look at the possibility of other required works in order to bring in Dufour for repair and will advise the occupant that if the leak is determined to be on the owners side the costs are that of the occupant and will advise the department of the potential of it being a result of the waterworks project.

C. REGIONAL WASTE DISPOSAL SITE BRIEF: Doug McPherson and Larry Johnson both attended, in person, the RWDS meeting held in Seymourville on September 3rd. The site is facing challenges of cell capacity and shortage of covering materials, feasibility of a new regional site is being looked at, no ground testing has been carried out in years and some items continue to remain as carried.

D. PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT: A list of outstanding and required work was submitted, reviewed and has been determined that;
RESOLUTION #85 – 2025/26
WHEREAS: Public Works Assistant, Ken Yewchyn.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Public Works Assistant, Ken Yewchyn will work until October 31, 2025.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Reece Kihn will return to work full-time and following the PW Workshop being held the first week of November.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Alan Leamy to remain employed until November 7th and;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: If it is deemed necessary to have Alan Leamy stay on past November 7th for an extended period that will be determined based on need.
M/S by James Baldwin and Larry Johnson All in favour

E. TRANSFER STATION: Q Lake Lodge has informed the council office that several times this summer they were not able to dump garbage in the domestic bin at the Transfer Station as it could not accommodate the volume, leaving Q Lake Lodge to travel to a further destination to dump. They are paying to use the site. Suggestion was made to consider 2 bins to be located at the site specifically during high season.

Council will consider this suggestion as well, will approach Wildfire Services to suggest that they have their own bin during fire season for base garbage that takes up a large volume at the Transfer Station site. A letter will be sent to Wildfire Services.

IN ADDITION TO:
RESOLUTION #86 – 2025/26
WHEREAS: Transfer Station fill in.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Larry Johnson fill in at the Transfer Station on Sunday, September 21st for 4 hours at $16.00 per hour.
M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson 3 in favour/L J Abst.

10. NEW BUSINESS…con't

F. PW USE OF OWN EQUIPMENT: Due to unloading of chemicals at the Water Treatment Plant it will be necessary for Reece Kihn to utilize his own equipment in the interim of James Baldwin seeking out quotes on tractor forks that would enable the use of the community tractor.
RESOLUTION #87 – 2025/26
WHEREAS: Use of personal equipment – Reece Kihn – for unloading chemicals at the Water Treatment Plant.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Fuel be approved for equipment required to carry out the above noted.
M/S by Doug McPherson and Larry Johnson All in favour

G. TANKER – CURRIE DRIVE: The fire department to be asked to coordinate and seek out costs for the moving of the tanker from Currie Drive back to where it was taken from. Costs associated to be brought to the attention of council prior to moving.

G. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025
10:00AM
***SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM

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CARLA NICHOLSON-SPENCE/MAYOR GAIL WYNNE/CAO

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

BISSETT & AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Present: Josette Lukowycz, Seija Dittmar, Jack Gillespie, Pat Unger, Eleanor Stardom, Joan Bjornsson, Barb Stevenson, Del Stevenson, Jim Campbell, Bob Bjornsson

Welcome: Josette welcomed Jack Gillespie and Barb and Del Stevenson to the meeting.

Before the formal meeting started, Pat Unger announced that her uncle, Hugh Wynne, had passed away the previous weekend at age 93. There will be a Celebration of Life held on Sunday, September 21 from 1:00 - 3:00 at the Bissett Community Hall.

Treasurer's Report (Joan): We currently have a bank balance of $7,823.11 with two cheques totaling $135.50 outstanding.

Membership (Josette): Josette had processed all the membership renewals received to date and we currently have around 94 members. Some members passed away over the last year and there were a few who did not renew. Any membership renewals coming in after this date will be for 2025-26.

Newsletter (Bob): Preparing this year’s newsletter has been a challenge. All was going well until last night when a printing glitch meant that Bob had to start all over again. He has received the cover art from Jo’Anne Kelly as well as nine articles and he estimates that, when completed, the newsletter should be 24-28 pages in length. On a different note, Bob had a pack of shipping tags from San Antonio Gold Mines Ltd. that he shared with everyone present.

Passages: Ian Fults in Dryden, ON and Hughie Wynne.

Secretary’s Report: A sympathy card was sent to Austin Fults, a birthday card was sent to Honorary member Donna Solinsky and a get-well card was sent to Barry McLeod.

Fishing Derby: The Bissett fishing derby was held on the August long weekend and the BAHS sponsored two tagged fish in memory of Brian Seewald and Monty Vialoux. Unfortunately, or fortunately for the fish, neither fish was caught so all we had to pay was the sponsorship fee of $20 per tag. If our tagged fish are caught next year, we will then pay the prize money for each fish. We plan to sponsor two more tags for the 2026 fishing derby.

Morris Museum Tour on August 12: Josette described the outing as outstanding and thanked Barb and Del Stevenson for organizing the event. Everyone agreed that the museum was well worth a second trip as there was so much to see and the guides were very knowledgeable.

Monty’s Archives: All of Monty’s albums have been catalogued and digitizing at Staples has begun at an approximate cost of $600 per box or $100 per album. The BAHS received a substantial donation from Mark Hawrysh to assist with the costs. There are seven boxes of albums and the first two boxes have been sent to Staples. Although the results from the first box were fine, the results from the second box were not acceptable and were being redone. It was hoped that they will be ready for pickup by the weekend. The problem was that the person who had copied the first box of albums had been promoted to management and her replacement was not up to her standards. That particular Staples store has declined to continue with the project and Bob was going to check out other Staples stores.

Another problem is that the store is afraid of getting sued if any of the pictures and clippings, some of which are quite old, are damaged in copying. The question was raised whether it was worth getting an oversized scanner but who would want to do the scanning? The price for a scanner is apparently relatively cheap. Josette offered sincere thanks to Bob for all the work he had done on the project.

New Business

The BAHS has received numerous donations for which we are very grateful. Josette is running out of thank you cards and it was agreed that she should order 50-60 cards and envelopes from Galaxy Printing who had done previous orders for us.

The meeting was adjourned