

**REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 26, 2024**

**AGENDA**

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    - Hugh Wynne
  - B. GUEST: NADINE SEAVERS/RECREATION DIRECTOR
2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES
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  - AIR STRIP (SIGFUSSON NORTHERN)
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  - COMPUTER WTP
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NIL
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  - JUNE 26, 2024
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  - b) BIG BIN – TRANSFER STATION
  - c) TIRES – ½ TON TRUCK (RECALL)
  - d) NACC
  - e) NEXT REGULAR MEETING

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**JUNE 26, 2024**

**10:00AM**

**MEMBERS:** Carla Nicholson-Spence  
Doug McPherson  
Mark Wynne  
James Baldwin - **BY PHONE**

**GUESTS:** **BY-LAW REPRESENTATIONS:** Hugh Wynne  
**RECREATION DIRECTOR:** Nadine Seavers

## **1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

RESOLUTION #46 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Agenda – June 26, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda be adopted as presented with additions to New Business.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Mark Wynne All in favour

**A.** Hugh Wynne attended the council meeting to address the by-law amendment to close the public reserve as posted. Mr. Wynne suggested that future road straightening should be investigated ie: have Highways Engineers in to evaluate prior to closing said public reserve.

On another note, Mr. Wynne suggested that the council seriously revisit Incorporation. Mr. Wynne was thanked for attending.

NADINE SEAVERS attended at 10:35am

- There has not been too much happening with the recreation program, the challenge being no one showing up or events being cancelled due to availability of Recreation Director.
- Council asked that communication be more consistent in respect to changes in programming whether cancelled, postponed or noted program changes.
- Council asked that special events be posted separately and closer to the event date ie: sign painting, etc.
- July Calendar was presented. Events are being held in the mornings.
- Nadine will be unavailable for personal reasons until at least the 15<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Nadine was asked to provide a list of required baseball equipment including TBALL supplies.
- Canada Day event scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Look at hosting Hunter Safety program in Bissett – to be looked into.
- Question regarding use of Gym and equipment: Hardly used. Equipment to be moved into the storage room and all tables and chairs relocated not to block Emergency Exit.
- Nadine was thanked for attending.

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**BY-LAW:** A letter be sent to Mr. Wynne as follow up to his attendance at this meeting. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the By-law was carried out.

RESOLUTION #47 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Public Reserve Closure By-Law – Second Reading.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council has given Second Reading of the above noted By-Law.

M/S by Mark Wynne and James Baldwin All in favour

RESOLUTION #48 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Public Reserve Closure By-Law – Third Reading.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council has given Third Reading of the above noted By-Law.

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

**2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

RESOLUTION #49 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Regular Meeting Minutes June 3, 2024 and Special June 20, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Regular Meeting be amended to include Resolution #50 – 2027-24/25 approving the transfer of funds to reserve accounts.

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

M/S by Doug McPherson and Mark Wynne All in favour

**3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:**

**A) WATER/SEWER PROJECT:**

The project continues with completion of work looking like mid July. This DOES NOT include clean up and restoration of properties that will take longer to complete.

Brought to Council's attention problems with a sewage pump on Lot 70, Plan 10968 – Mark Fenez who feels it is a result of the recent project. There are no indications that the failure of his sewer pump is a result of the project as sewer work was not carried out in this specific area. Council will follow up in writing.

It is important to note that ANYONE who has experienced any problems due to what they feel may be a direct result of the project please report them to the council office immediately.

**B) SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT:** This was carried out prior to the conclusion of the meeting.

Three (3) applications were received.

RESOLUTION #51 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Summer Youth Employment.

WHEREAS: The Bissett Community Council has received 3 applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: All 3 applicants Kally Baldwin, Thomas Seavers and Kayde Totin be hired for a period of 5 weeks with a potential to extend one additional week, after evaluation at the end of week 3 or 4 as to how much progress has been made in respect to planned projects.

M/S by Mark Wynne and Doug McPherson 3 in favour/JB abstained

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**3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES...con't**

**C) AIRSTRIP:** In response to council's inquiry about restricted access by Sigfusson Northern at the airstrip near Wallace Lake and a recent telephone conversation and clarification, it appears there would be little to no impact on the access for those who berry or mushroom pick in the area **however** council has posted a notice advising those who carry out berry or mushroom picking at the airstrip to be cautious of trucks and equipment in the area.

**D) CHEMICAL FEED PUMPS:** Three (3) new pumps were approved for purchase; however, payment is required prior to receiving them.

RESOLUTION #52 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Chemical feed pumps.

WHEREAS: Three (3) pumps were approved for purchase as per Resolution #44 – 2024/25.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The amount of \$7099.63 be approved for payment.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

**E) RICE LAKE DAM:** A water gauge has been placed by the WTP and will be monitored by the operators and reported to MTI. No response from the Minister of MTI, Premier Kinew or Minister Ian Bushie in respect to council's letter. Council will follow up.

**F) WATER TREATMENT PLANT – COMPUTER REPLACEMENT: CARRY**

**G) SWIM TO SURVIVE:** Scheduled to be held on August 12 – 15 with evening courses being held for Emergency First Aid and Boat Safety. Notices to be posted.

**H) LEGACY BOARD UNVEILING:** Everything is in place for the unveiling on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Due to the excessive rain that has resulted in the area being extremely saturated, the board will stay in its current location until the area dries up and the intended area for its permanent location is prepped

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:**

**NIL**

**5. UNPAID BILLS AS AT JUNE 26, 2024**

RESOLUTION #53 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Unpaid bills as at June 26, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Unpaid bills as at June 26, 2024 in the amount of \$12601.11 be approved for payment.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour/MW abst GW/CNS abst own

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Description</u>
ADVENTURE AIR	914.52	Fuel
ALS ENVIRONMENTAL	138.60	Water Sample Testing
CLEARTECH INDUSTRIES INC	2,760.95	Chemicals
D & D Excavating & Hauling	2,334.24	Bin Hauling x 2
DEL COMMUNICATIONS INC	261.98	Ad Mining Mag Fall Edition
DURACAN	56.70	Water Sample Testing
GARDWINE NORTH	252.00	Freight
HALLDORSON, D.	102.26	Coveralls BES Fire Dept
Powerview Auto Supplies Ltd.	375.34	Misc supplies Public Works
WYNNE, Gail	4,988.43	Office supplies, Legacy Board event
WYNNE'S PLACE	<u>114.00</u>	
Carla Nicholson-Spence	302.09	Legacy Board Event Supplies
<b>Total outstanding:</b>	<u><b>12,601.11</b></u>	

**EXPENSES for GAIL WYNNE: DUE TO REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT EACH BILL WAS REVIEWED AND AUTHORIZED BY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:**

CANADA POST	\$74.85	SEND AUDIT MATERIALS
STAPLES	178.06	COPY PAPER AND KEY BOARD DRAWER
STARLINK	156.80	COUNCIL OFFICE INTERNET
LEGACY BOARD EVENT	109.82	BBQ ITEMS, FOIL, GLOVES, PROPANE
STAPLES	166.72	BROWN AND WHITE WINDOW ENVELOPES
HOME HARDWARE	67.19	CHECK VALVE WTP SLUDGE TANK
CHEVREFILS	2778.17	COMMUNITY FLOWERS (AS APPROVED)
HOME HARDWARE	1399.62	APPROVED PUBLIC WORKS LIST OF SUPPLIES
WALMART	40.25	YOUTH EMPLOYMENT REPELLENT/WORK GLOVES
WALMART	16.95	HALL SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>4988.43</b>	

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A.** Council received information on the 2024/25 funding from MNR. Funding has been increased by 18.4% and includes the Municipal Operating Grant (MOG) in the amount of \$35745.82 and conditional funding of \$20000 for Northern Roads and Bridges Program (NRBP). The MOG grant is unconditional and will be used to help fund the Summer Youth Employment Program as Green Team funding has not been received.

**B.** Letter of Understanding – Northern Roads and Bridges Program (NRBP). Conditional funding to be used on roads.

RESOLUTION #54 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Letter of Understanding – Northern Roads and Bridges Program (NRBP).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Letter of Understanding has been reviewed and signed by the Bissett Community Council.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Mark Wynne

All in favour

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**6. CORRESPONDENCE... con't**

**C.** Letter from Shannon Ganter re: recent visit to Bissett June 11, 2024.

**D.** Request from MNR for council to complete a survey on Communication. This will be reviewed by council prior to the next scheduled meeting, completed and submitted after further discussion.

**E.** Email from Lee Kemball/Bissett Fire Base Manager as follow up to his attendance at the last Regular Meeting regarding the Fire Guard. Information is forthcoming on a forester and fire smart contacts.

**F.** Ian Cyr/Site Supervisor – 1911 Gold Corporation advised that work will be carried out on the vent raise at the corner of Cartwright Bay (near the Hall) – this will be capped. Work will commence July 2<sup>nd</sup> and take approximately 2 weeks to complete.

**G.** Letter from Diane Totin asking council to reconsider their original decision to keep the outhouse at the outdoor skating rink and have it removed. It is deteriorating and locked so it is not accessible to those who have stopped expecting an outhouse for use.

Council will ask for a full evaluation of the structure with further decision to be made. CARRY

**H.** An update on the Nopiming Provincial Park and Bissett Region – Orphaned and Abandoned Mines (OAM) Remediation Program was received. The OAM program aims to address the environmental and public safety concerns associated with OAM sites. Work continues on Phase II.

**I.** MB Hydro will be hosting an Open House in Bissett on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:00pm at the Community Hall regarding training and employment opportunities. Notices have been posted. Everyone is welcome.

**J.** Bissett and Area Historical Society Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2024 attached.

**7. LAND USE:**

**8. BISSETT EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

**A. OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE POSITION:** CARRY

**B. DONATION:** A \$300 monetary donation was made by Patti and Byron Grapentine to the Fire Department for their efforts in burning the old Currie Building. Council will ask the department for input on how this donation should be best spent.

**C. SUPPORT UNIT VEHICLE DECALS:**

RESOLUTION #55 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Support Unit vehicle decals.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Two (2) decals be purchased identifying the support unit.

M/S by Mark Wynne and Doug McPherson

All in favour

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**8. BISSETT EMERGENCY SERVICES...con't**

**D.** MNR has advised that fire equipment as identified by the Fire Department to be confirmed as funding has become available to purchase required equipment.

**E.** MNR has provided information on the current review of the Community Safety Officer Program for communities that currently have this program in place (although vacant for a number of years this is a funded position that serves – Bissett, Aghaming, Manigotagan and Seymourville). While it is under review all currently vacant CSO positions will remain vacant, no new CSOs will be hired and funds being held in trust.

**9. RECREATION PROGRAM: SEE GUESTS**

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. COMMUNITY SPEED SIGNS:** Council will apply for 2 x speed signs through an MPI program and in an effort to try and slow down people travelling through the community. Speed signs are basically leased to the community, at no cost, for a period of 5 years. Council would be responsible for damages and these signs do not require a person to carry out as they are securely placed in the selected location. (These signs are like the ones located in Brokenhead)

RESOLUTION #56 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: MPI Speed Sign Program.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council apply for 2 x speed signs through the above noted.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

**B. LARGE BIN – TRANSFER STATION:** Request was made by PW to have the large garbage bin placed at the Transfer Station as has been done in the past for discarding accepted materials – typically a one-time use. NOTE: It was determined that later on in the season would be better suited.

**C. TIRES – ½ TON TRUCK:**

CARRY

**D. NACC – NORTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS:** In the opinion of this council; Over the past several months it has become quite evident that NACC is not currently fulfilling the mandate of its association. Council will be inquiring as to the purpose of NACC in writing and verbally voicing their concerns.

The membership is currently being paid on behalf of councils by MNR – with no choice given to the community as to whether they want to be a member or not. This will be brought up at the MNR Town Hall scheduled for July 2, 2004.

RESOLUTION #57 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Northern Association of Community Councils (NACC)

WHEREAS: It is of the opinion of the Bissett Community Council and evident over the past several months that NACC is not fulfilling the mandate of its association.

WHEREAS: Council is a member at no choice of their own with membership fees being paid by MNR.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council start inquiring as to the purpose of NACC by addressing concerns in writing, verbally and at the MNR Town Hall forum.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: MNR be requested to provide information on why membership fees are being paid on our behalf with no input from the council.

M/S by Mark Wynne and James Baldwin

All in favour

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**10. NEW BUSINESS...con't**

**E. POST OFFICE – WATER ISSUES:** Each winter the water line at the Post Office freezes. A solution has been suggested to help and resolve and will be looked into and if suggested solution is deemed to help the part will be ordered.

RESOLUTION #58 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Post Office water freezing issue.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: If it is deemed to be helpful in the efforts of keeping the water line from freezing in the winter the suggested part be ordered at a cost of approx. \$350.00.

M/S by Mark Wynne and James Baldwin

All in favour

**F. ROUND LAKE SUBDIVISION:** It has come to the attention of council via recent visual inspection that there are currently vacant/abandoned locations at Round Lake that are inhabitable and unsafe.

The owners of the specific dwellings will be notified and asked to remove structures. Tax and General Permit status inquiries will be made.

RESOLUTION #59 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Round Lake Subdivision inhabitable, vacant and unsafe dwellings.

WHEREAS: Specifically, Lot 7, Block 2, Plan 16305 and Lots 8/9, Block 2, Plan 16305 Round Lake Road.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The owners of the dwellings located on the above noted be notified and requested to immediately take action to remove the inhabitable, vacant and unsafe dwellings from said properties.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

**G. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

**MONDAY, JULY 29TH @ 10:00AM**

**\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 11:55PM

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CARLA NICHOLSON-SPENCE/MAYOR

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GAIL WYNNE/CAO