

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2025**

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 17, 2025

7:00PM

MEMBERS: Carla Nicholson-Spence

Doug McPherson

Caroline Baldwin

BY PHONE: James Baldwin

Larry Johnson

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #128 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Agenda – December 17, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda be adopted with addition.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Caroline Baldwin

All in favour

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

RESOLUTION #129 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Regular Meeting Minutes November 20, 2025 and Special December 3 and 4, 2025.

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

M/S by James Baldwin and Larry Johnson

All in favour/DM abst Dec 4

3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

A) PROJECT UPDATES

➤ **WATERWORKS PROJECT:** Deficiencies work to be carried out in the spring.

➤ **HALL/DECKING BEACH AREA:** The Engineer has carried out the inspection. Report is pending. Attention to clearing snow off of the curling side roof was suggested during the inspection.

RESOLUTION #130 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Snow removal curling rink side roof.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Approval to hire help to remove as required.

M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson

All in favour

➤ **OFFICE ACCESSIBILITY RAMP:** To follow up. CARRY

➤ **CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION FUND:** Council has reached out to the funding authority for information on Tender templates in order to move forward. CARRY

➤ **RICE LAKE CONTROL STRUCTURE:** Council will participate in a meeting December 18th (Postponed to new year) CARRY

➤ **WATER TREATMENT PLANT DISTRIBUTION PUMPS/COMPUTER:** A pre-project meeting was postponed. Date to be determined. Contract for distribution pumps to be reviewed. CARRY

➤ **TANKER CURRIE DRIVE:** Fabrication or purchase of dolly still pending. CARRY

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

- **TRANSFER STATION:** The Mine has been contacted and confirmed that they are now only utilizing the site for cardboard. Further discussion is necessary for upgrades at the site. **CARRY**
- **TIMBER PERMITS:** Response has been received and requests input on suggested cutting areas with access. Suggest looking at funding sources through the CWPP initiative as a possible option to cover permits and discussions with the Mine re cutting opportunities in burn area on properties. Further discussion is required. Follow up to be carried out. **CARRY**
- **POST OFFICE/CLINIC WATER:** Council has reached out to the NA Public Works consultant to provide some assistance in respect to this matter. Alternate heating suggestions were made and will be explored. **CARRY**
- **VALLEY FIBER:** Personnel reached out and proposed 2 possible public meeting dates. Council responded requesting dates in the new year and has not heard back. Public Meeting will be posted upon confirmation of date and time when that has been provided by Valley Fiber.
- **BMASH REGIONAL WASTE DISPOSAL SITE:** Council did reach out to the department requesting clarification on questions they had post RWDS meeting. The department is looking at entertaining the model from the Waterhen location for daily operation of the regional site and different ways to manage. The site itself is in need of enhancement and expansion; to be explored by the dept.
- **BEACH OUTHOUSE PUMPING:** Council has reached out to UniJet and AquaJet with only one response from UniJet: Cost to have this service is approximately \$3500. No decision has been made at this time and Council will reach out to Manigotagan and Seymourville to see if they require same services as an effort to save monies. Other alternate methods are being considered. **THIS DUE TO GARBAGE BEING TOSSED DOWN THE OUTHOUSES AT THE BEACH AND THE INABILITY OF OUR LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDER TO PUMP OUT BECAUSE OF IT.**
- **WALLACE LAKE GATE ACCESS:** Follow up was received from the MNR Cottage Admin program (Karon Chester) advising that after consideration of the comments received from Bissett and the Wallace Lake Cottage Association and other stakeholders, the plan moving forward is:
 1. Manitoba Parks and Conservation Officer Service will monitor the Wallace Lake area for the winter season.
 2. If there is an issue of congestion, Manitoba Parks will re-evaluate for an alternative for increased accessIt was noted that "Due to the impacts of the 2025 wildfire season, the Manitoba Parks operation staff are tasked with wildfire clean up duties and infrastructure rebuild in and around all areas of Nopiming"

4. BISSETT BEAUTIFICATION/REFURBISHMENT INITIATIVES

- a. **OUTDOOR RINK** – Council to inquire as to the availability of the Fire Department and volunteers to flood the outdoor rink in the new year.

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4. BISSETT BEAUTIFICATION/REFURBISHMENT INITIATIVES

Council discussed future goals for decorating at Christmas, including lighting up the Church and potentially getting the festive pole lights. This will take research and planning. A suggestion was made to reach out to the community and ask for donations of slightly used decorations or lights. A notice will be posted.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

RESOLUTION #131 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Financial Report and Accounts Receivable – November 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Financial Report and Accounts Receivable be approved as submitted.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AS AT DECEMBER 20, 2025

Name	Total	Description
CRAIG, Darcy	150.00	SINCE PAID
FENEZ, Mark	150.00	SINCE PAID
LEAMY, Alan	150.00	SINCE PAID
MCPHERSON, Doug	160.00	SINCE PAID
MNR	68,719.78	REIMB WILDFIRE EXP
SEAVERS, Nadine	150.00	SINCE PAID
Springfield Septic Services	695.00	SEWAGE LAGOON U/F
THOMSON, Brian	150.00	WATER/GARBAGE
WALLACE LAKE LODGE	1,200.00	TRANS STN U/F
YEWCHYN, Alma (Post Master)	290.00	SINCE PAID
TOTAL OUTSTANDING:	<u>71,814.78</u>	

B. Request from Wallace Lake Lodge to consider reduction in amount due for the 2025 season due to the wildfire evacuation at Wallace Lake extended into August. After review it was determined that the site was used by them to dump 1/2 of the 2024 season total and therefore:

RESOLUTION #132 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Wallace Lake Lodge consideration to reduce the 2025 annual user fees – Bissett Transfer Station due to the impacts of the wildfire evacuation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The amount for the annual user fees be reduced from \$1000 to \$500 for the 2025 billing period after review of use that was 1/2 of the 2024 season

M/S by Doug McPherson and Larry Johnson

All in favour

6. UNPAID BILLS AS AT DECEMBER 17, 2025:

RESOLUTION #133 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Unpaid bills as at December 17, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Unpaid bills as at December 17, 2025 for a total payable of \$33680.73 be approved for payment.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

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6. UNPAID BILLS...con't

Name	Total	Description
ADVENTURE AIR	364.87	FUEL
CLEARTECH INDUSTRIES INC	1,941.83	CHEMICALS
D & D Excavating & Hauling	1,263.81	BIN HAULING
DUFOUR Enterprise Ltd	16,947.00	CURB REPAIRS
DURACAN	113.40	WATER SAMPLE TESTING
LINDE CANADA INC	36.28	ACETENYL
MAZERGOUPE	3,224.55	TILLER 25/26 RWDS
MINISTER OF FINANCE-	5,101.23	CONTRIBUTION
MINISTER OF FINANCE C/O	469.14	HWYS
NICHOLSON-SPENCE, Carla	148.90	CONCERT GIFTS SHELVES FIRE HALL
OSIS BUILDING SUPPLIES	263.70	APPR'D
POWERTHREE AGENCIES	282.00	ADD INSUR ONE TON MISC SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT
Powertree Auto Supplies Ltd.	401.39	MAINT
WBM TECHNOLOGIES INC	106.68	COPIER U/F
WYNNE, Gail	2,456.34	*SEE BELOW FUN EVENT FOOD/WATER SAMPLES/FD TRAINING LUNCH
WYNNE'S PLACE	<u>559.61</u>	
Total outstanding:	<u>33,680.73</u>	
* SAGE ACCOUNTING RENEWAL	956.48	
* ALAN LEAMY REG WTII / EXAM	1052.00 (NA TO REIMBURSE)	
*MISC SUPPLIES	\$447.86 OFFICE SUPPLIES/TABLEWARE FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT	

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Letters of Thank You from MNR ADM Kevin McPike and Paul Doolan/Exec Director MNR/NA Branch for the T-shirts and 100 Year Anniversary books sent in appreciation of the extraordinary support during the wildfire evacuation.

b. The Gov't of MB has announced the two grants now available to apply for; Urban/Hometown Green Team and From the Ground Up.

RESOLUTION #134 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Urban/Hometown Green Team 2026 Application.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council make application to the above noted.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

RESOLUTION #135 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: From the Ground Up funding opportunity.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council apply for funding from the above noted for the decking and boat launch at the beach area.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

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7. CORRESPONDENCE...con't

c. 2026 Manitoba Disaster Management Conference – WPG January 28 – 30. Request possible funding assistance from NA to send 2 council members.

d. Simply Septic Service (Rene's Septic Landmark) recently purchased Springfield Septic and has requested to have access to the Bissett sewage lagoon for dumping.

RESOLUTION #136 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Request from Simply Septic (Rene's Septic Landmark) to use the Bissett sewage lagoon for dumping sewage.

WHEREAS: Springfield Septic has an outstanding accounts receivable of \$695.00 that is due and therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council approves the use of the Bissett lagoon as requested, PENDING payment in full of the outstanding amount owing from Springfield Septic.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: All requirements for use will be provided in writing to Simply Septic with fee established at \$50.00 per 1000 gallons and is subject to change at the discretion of council.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

e. Information was received from Manitoba's Used Oil Recycling Program, a non-profit Corporation dedicated to the collection of recycling of used oil products in Manitoba with a mandate from the MB Government to "Increase Program coverage to northern and remote communities". This is a funding opportunity and will be investigated further. CARRY

f. Trina Cameron provided detailed information on a Valentine's Social event she would like to hold on February 14th at the Hall, that is available and has been booked. Council will request a meeting with Trina and Dee in early January to have a better understanding and clarification as to whether this is being proposed through the Interim recreation program opportunity, being carried out as an individual and council's role. (Further info received; the event is independent of council and not a request through the Interim recreation program and therefore does not require any approvals from council – consideration of a donation towards food will be followed up).

g. Water usage from 1911 Gold (True North Gold Mine) for the month of November was received. Usage to be reviewed.

RESOLUTION #137 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Water usage – 1911 Gold (True North Gold Mine).

WHEREAS: Council to review water usage at the Mine site to determine if an increase to fees is required due to reduction in fees during the Care & Maintenance phase.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: After review, should it be deemed necessary to, an increase to pre-care and maintenance will be implemented.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: With limited use of the Transfer Station, the fee currently established will remain in effect and until reviewed for the new fiscal year.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Caroline Baldwin

All in favour

The 1911 Gold News Release was also received from Shaun Henricks and can be found on the 1991 Gold website.

h. Bissett and Area Historical Society Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2025 – attached.

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8. LAND USE: NIL

9. BISSETT EMERGENCY SERVICES:

A. MONTHLY REPORT: The November 2025 Fire Dept report was received.

B. FIRE CHIEF: CARRY

C. EQUIPMENT LIST: Council has been made aware of a potential funding opportunity for fire truck upgrades – request has been made in the amount of \$15000.00 for any items that are considered an upgrade to the fire truck as per consultation with fire department and equipment list provided.

D. 8' LADDER PURCHASE REQUEST:

RESOLUTION #138 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: 8' ladder – fire department – request to purchase.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: An appropriate and good quality 8' ladder be approved for purchase at a cost of approx. \$300.00 as requested.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Caroline Baldwin

All in favour

10. RECREATION PROGRAM:

NIL

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COUNCIL SIGNING AUTHORITY:

RESOLUTION #139 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Bissett Community Council signing authority.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Gordon Arndt be removed as signing authority of the Bissett Community Council and Caroline Baldwin be added as signing authority.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: All members of council namely; Carla Nicholson-Spence, Doug McPherson, James Baldwin, Larry Johnson, Caroline Baldwin and Gail Wynne/CAO have signing authority.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Two signatures are required on all cheques.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Larry Johnson

All in favour

B. CURB STOPS ROUND LAKE: During the recent curb stop repairs carried out by Dufour, it was brought to the attention of council that all curb stops at Round Lake trailer park need repair. These are original to install and pins are deteriorating. Five (5) repairs were carried out while Dufour was in the community with additional requirements to complete the remaining. Inventory will also need to be replenished; a list will be compiled. The department of NA will be contacted to request funding the repairs that were carried out and the future repair requirements.

C. UNIJET TREATED WATER: Treated water was being provided to UniJet who are carrying out services for 1911 Gold (True North Gold Mine) and will be billed at \$100/1000 gallons for treated water. Council will advise that in the future, advance request for consideration and arrangements must be made when filling needs from the WTP are required. Council cannot guarantee that this service will be available.

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11. NEW BUSINESS...con't

D. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

JANUARY 21ST, 2026

7:00PM

***SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:17PM

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, November 18, 2025

Present: Jim Campbell, Jack Gillespie, Daisy McTaggart, Willard Anderson, Bob Bjornsson, Dean Wilson, Joanne Wilson, Eleanor Stardom, Joan Bjornsson, Josette Lukowycz, Seija Dittmar, Pat and Don Unger.

Josette welcomed back Dean Wilson and Joanne Wilson.

Treasurer's Report (Joan): As of November 18, 2025 we had a bank balance of \$5646.59 with no outstanding cheques. The newsletter (printing and mailing) is paid for totaling \$1060.43.

Membership (Josette): The report will be tabled until our next meeting in January as membership renewals are just starting to come in.

Newsletter: Josette thanked Bob, Joan and Eleanor for all their work putting the newsletter together. One of our members questioned who took the picture of the Patriotic Beaver - it was Cheryl McPherson.

Passages: Ruth (Anderson) Morden in Kenora. Ruth was one of our longtime Honorary Members.

Secretary's Report: A get well card was sent to Barbara (McLeod) Stevenson. Birthday cards were sent to Honorary Members Seija (Jarvi) Dittmar, Chris (Wojewoda) Pawlik and Gwen (Rousseau) Jefferies.

Monty's Archives: Doug Vialoux has volunteered to drive up to Jean Vialoux's place and pick up the gavel and boxes of material from Monty's archives. Bob Bjornsson has the vintage electrical instruction books that will be offered to the Winnipeg Electrical Museum.

December Lunch: Everyone at the meeting indicated that they could attend. Others who were unable to attend the meeting will be contacted. Josette will bring a few copies of Wilda's books for door prizes. **Each person attending is asked to bring a wrapped gift for the gift draw.**

Scanners: Bob has put the search for a scanner on hold until after the hunting season.

New Business: There will be no regular meeting in December. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at Smitty's at noon. Everyone is welcome.

Pat announced that Nettie Panting (her mother) had suffered a stroke. She was making good progress.

The meeting was adjourned

