

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2025**

AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

GUEST: Alvin Murdock/MDC (Municipal Development Consultant) 7:00 – 8:00pm

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- REGULAR – DECEMBER 16, 2024
- SPECIAL – DECEMBER 18 AND 23, 2024

3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

- WATER/SEWER PROJECT
- FIRE BREAK/CWPP
- RICE LAKE DAM
- ICE PLANT
- CEMETERY CARVING
- LEAD TESTING
- SPEED SIGNS
- HYDRO RE TREES
- HWYS FOLLOW-UP
- CLIMATE ACTION FUND
- COMPUTER WTP

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS and ACCTS RECEIVABLE

- DECEMBER 2024

5. UNPAID BILLS

- JANUARY 16, 2025

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. LAND USE

8. BISSETT EMERGENCY SERVICES

9. RECREATION PROGRAM

10. NEW BUSINESS

- BUDGET 2025/26
- 911
- POLICY CONSIDERATION – COMMUNITY MEMBERS PASSING
- NACC BRIEF (GORDON/LARRY)
- NEXT REGULAR MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 16, 2025

7:00PM

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

GUESTS:

- **ALVIN MURDOCK/MDC** (Municipal Development Consultant) – COUNCIL ORIENTATION
- **TERRY BUSS**

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #158– 2024/25

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Agenda – January 16, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda be adopted with inclusion of Terry Buss to address council.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Gordon Arndt All in favour

A. GUEST: Alvin Murdock/MDC – MNR joined via Teams and the Council Orientation continued and was completed. Alvin was thanked for his time.

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

RESOLUTION #159 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Regular Meeting Minutes December 16, 2024.

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

M/S by Gordon Arndt and James Baldwin All in favour

RESOLUTION #160 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Special Meeting Minutes December 18 and 23, 2024.

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

M/S by James Baldwin and Gordon Arndt All in favour

GUESTS: TERRY BUSS – attended to discuss the ditching on Currie Drive. Spraying was suggested in efforts to alleviate future growth. Council will look into. Contractors/equipment has also been a challenge as well as some property encroachment. Terry was thanked for his time and assured him that this matter will be addressed.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

A) WATERWORKS PROJECT: All 3-meter chambers have been connected to Hydro. Reimbursements for water use and damages have been received. Request and submission of Invoice for payment to council and CAO for hours worked and specifically as a direct result of the project that went above and beyond and **unpaid** was **denied** by the department stating that the efforts of council and the CAO were appreciated and moving forward the branch (NAB) will consider adding a specific cost for council and admin staff involvement for community capital projects. Outstanding Invoice in the amount of \$2137.33 for plumbing services that council submitted in May has finally been submitted by the dept for reimbursement.

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B) FIRE BREAK/CWFP – Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan: Council has been asked to name members to a committee to prepare the CWPP. All council will participate in the development of this plan and a member or 2 from the Fire Department will be asked.

RESOLUTION #161 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan CWPP Committee appointment.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: All of council, the CAO and up to 2 members of the Fire Department be appointed.

M/S by Gordon Arndt and Doug McPherson

All in favour

C) RICE LAKE DAM: Council has requested an update from Stew Sabiston/MNR on the meeting that took place between NAB and MTI in respect to Rice Lake Dam and specific questions council had about the ultimate authority of the structure should the department fund in its entirety the feasibility and environmental licencing. The council has been advised that following this meeting the next step is for NAB (Northern Affairs Branch) and the Bissett Council to engage a consultant to complete an environmental feasibility study with funds being provided by NAB. There was no mention of council’s question specifically and follow up will be made.

CARRY

D) ICE PLANT: Council has sent a letter to the current Curling Club Executive regarding the situation with the Ice Plant. Response was received indicating that there is a need to fill vacant positions and reorganizing. The Club will look at holding a Curling Club specific Public Meeting at their earliest and available convenience. Fundraising efforts will be carried out by way of letter requests for donations to local businesses that have supported the Curling Club. Informally they have discussed other fundraising opportunities that will be brought forward to the council once a new executive and membership have had the opportunity to meet. They have requested council’s input or suggestions on fundraising as in a small community this can be a challenge.

E) CEMETERY CARVING: Nothing further at this time.

CARRY

F) LEAD TESTING: In preparation for this mandatory testing John McPherson will be consulted with to identify potential testing locations. NAB has already advised that they will provide funding and testing in the rollout of this mandatory testing requirement. Further information was obtained from NAB to help determine potential testing locations. The public will be informed when this testing requirement officially commences.

G) SPEED SIGNS: NAB has approved utilizing monies from allocated road funding to purchase 2 digital speed signs in an effort to help reduce or perhaps bring attention to the speed in which people travel on PR #304 through the community. MTI has been contacted to provide guidance on the required authorization to place these signs on PR #304.

CARRY

H) HYDRO – RE TREES: Council has made contact with Hydro to specifically see who is responsible to clear the trees posing threats to Hydro/phone lines on PR #304 that runs through the community. Councils request has been forwarded to the applicable department with no further response at the time of this meeting.

CARRY

I) HIGHWAYS FOLLOW UP: Council will continue to pursue follow up in respect to the informal meeting held with Kelvin Harder and Richard Boulette/ Manigotagan HWYS Yard and identified projects not carried out as indicated. Council does acknowledge and notes that more attention has been seen on PR #304 in the past few weeks including in community and is appreciative of the efforts.

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

J) CLIMATE ACTION FUND: Council previously approved an application to apply for funding through the Climate Action Fund however after further clarification and conversations with funding personnel the identified projects would not fall under this funding at this time however it was suggested that council apply for the \$15000 available to carry out a Community Climate Assessment that would potentially open the door to further funding opportunities.

RESOLUTION #162 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Climate Action Fund.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council apply for funding from the above noted for the purpose of carrying out a Community Climate Assessment.

M/S by Gordon Arndt and Larry Johnson

All in favour

K) COMPUTER WTP: Follow up has once again provided the same response in respect to funding that has been identified by the department to replace the now defunct computer in the water treatment plant and is currently awaiting approvals. Anticipation of funding approval is expected in the next couple of weeks and council will be notified.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

RESOLUTION #163 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: December Financial Report.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The December Financial Report and Accounts Receivable be accepted as presented.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>Name</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Description</u>
1911 GOLD CANADA CORPORATION	925.00	Water/Garbage S/F
FENEZ, Mark	150.00	SINCE PAID
LAURIN, Krystal	75.00	SINCE PAID
MNR	21,134.44	WATER PROJECT/REIMB
SEAVERS, Nadine	150.00	SINCE PAID
SHARED HEALTH - ERS EAST	<u>525.00</u>	CLINIC/BAY RENTAL
Total outstanding:	<u><u>22,959.44</u></u>	

5. UNPAID BILLS AS AT NOVEMBER 25, 2024

RESOLUTION #164– 2024/25

WHEREAS: Unpaid bills as at January 16, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Unpaid bills as at January 16, 2025 for a total amount payable of \$3844.52 be approved for payment.

M/S by Gordon Arndt and James Baldwin

All in favour/CNS Abst own

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UNPAID BILLS AS AT JANUARY 16, 2025

NAME	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
BRENNTAG	618.55	CHEMICALS
CLEARFLOW	157.04	CHEMICALS
D & D	2,400.24	GARBAGE BIN HAULING X 2
DURACAN	56.70	WATER TESTING
KACPERSKI, Richard	180.00	MISC
LINDE	31.99	ACETYLENE
NICHOLSON-SPENCE, C.	200.00	APP'D GIFT CERTIFICATE
WYNNE, Gail	25.00	COM FOR OATHS RENEWAL 3 X WATER SAMPLES
WYNNE'S PLACE	175.00	TRANSPORT ADMIN/FIRE DEPT SUPPLIES
TOTAL PAYABLE:	\$3,844.52	

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Request from Michele Della Libera/VP Exploration - 1911 Gold Corp. for a meeting with council to discuss the possibility of additional in community drilling. Council will advise of the next Regular Meeting and if a special meeting is required prior to the set date, available dates and time will be requested.

B. NAB has provided the Capital Project Report for the first 6 months of 2024/25. With a total budget of \$3.8 million for 2024/25, provincial funding has reached approximately \$1.81 million in this reporting period. They are on track to spend the allocated capital funds for 2024/25. Bissett was provided \$20000 for roads.

C. The 1911 Gold Corp. True North Gold Mine – 2024 Annual Discharge Monitoring Report was received for information and file.

D. The December water report was received from 1911 Gold.

7. LAND USE:

NIL

8. BISSETT EMERGENCY SERVICES:

A. The December Monthly report was received.

B. Flooding of the outdoor rink was discussed as the fire dept was approached. The rink has had 2 applications of water and additional is required. Fire Dept to be contacted.

9. RECREATION PROGRAM:

A. A proposal was received from Gail Wynne to consider funding a "Chili Night Potluck" event. The request is comprised of decorations, buns, dessert and 3 place prizes for a total of \$235.00. Date to be determined.

RESOLUTION #165 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Chili Potluck.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approve the amount of \$235.00 for the above noted event.

M/S by James Baldwin and Gordon Arndt

All in favour

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9. RECREATION PROGRAM...con't

NET REPLACEMENT – OUTDOOR RINK:

RESOLUTION #166 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Net replacement – outdoor rink nets.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Replacement nets be purchased for the outdoor rink.

M/S by Gordon Arndt and Doug McPherson

All in favour

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COMMUNITY BUDGET – 2025/26:

The 2025/26 Budget and components of the budget were sent out to council prior to the Regular Meeting for review. Questions were addressed and the Budget and components were approved.

RESOLUTION #167 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Bissett Community Budget – 2025/26.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Budget and required components; Management Plan, 5-Year and Capital Plan and Recreation Plan have been reviewed.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Budget and required components be approved as presented.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Gordon Arndt

All in favour

B. 911: It has been noted that ambulances trying to navigate around the community when responding to an emergency call poses a challenge and wasted time looking for locations. As time is of the essence in an emergency, assistance is required in helping to correct this delay. Contact has been made with dispatching and they are requesting the Civic Addressing map to forward to their GIS department as well as they are contacting the EDManager to take the matter to the responders to provide insight on what may work in their favour when they are dispatched to the community.

C. POLICY CONSIDERATION – COMMUNITY MEMBERS PASSING: It has been suggested by the CAO that a policy be put in place for Community Members Passing as it has been inconsistent and an adopted policy to refer to would be in the best interest of present and future councils. Council discussed some components of a Policy and have asked Gail to make a draft for further consideration. CARRY

D. NACC REGIONAL MEETING BRIEF: Gordon Arndt and Larry Johnson attended the NACC Regional Meeting held at South Beach Casino on Friday, January 10th. Gord provided council with a brief on the meeting. Council is still undecided on its future membership with NACC.

E. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH AT 2:00PM

***SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:11pm

CARLA NICHOLSON-SPENCE/MAYOR

GAIL WYNNE/CAO

