

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 1, 2024**

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 1, 2024

10:00AM

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

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #10 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Agenda – May 1, 2024.

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

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

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

RESOLUTION #11 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Regular Meeting Minutes March 25, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Regular Meeting Minutes be adopted with an

amendment to the Regular Meeting to include the following Resolution missed
in error but passed at that Regular Meeting.

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

RESOLUTION #12 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Transfer of GP – Blue Water to Adventure Air.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The GP be approved as submitted.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Any and all taxes and GP/Lease fees are current.

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

RESOLUTION #13 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Special Meeting Minutes April 2, 4, 22, 24, 30, 2024.

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

M/S by Doug McPherson and Mark Wynne All in favour/JB abst April 2 & 4, 2024

3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

A) WATER/SEWER PROJECT:

THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE'S PATIENCE, UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION

AS THIS NECESSARY WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT 😊

Council has approved sending a letter to MNR addressing project concerns.

RESOLUTION #14 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Water and Sewer works project – letter to MNR.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: A letter be sent to Stewart Sabiston/Regional Director addressing
project concerns and requesting another meeting to discuss.

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

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B) WATER TREATMENT PLANT – COMPUTER REPLACEMENT: Due to the unforeseen costs associated with replacing the computer (including necessary program) this is being looked at by MNR for additional funding. **CARRY**

C) LEGACY BOARD UNVEILING: The date of the unveiling has been set for Sunday, June 30th. Further information will be posted.

RESOLUTION #15 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Legacy Board unveiling.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: An event be planned for June 30th.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Costs associated be approved by council.

M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson

All in favour

D) EMPLOYEE REVIEWS: To be carried to NEW BUSINESS.

E) SIGFUSSON NORTHERN START UP: Confirmation has been obtained that Sigfusson Northern will start up operations (Central Mine area) in May or June. All previous services ie: water, sewer and garbage will be required. All previously set fees to remain the same.

F) RICE LAKE DAM: Along with MNR, council has recently met with MTI – Water Infrastructure/Engineering & Technical Services and were advised that although the dam outlet is owned by the province it is not a licensed structure and their mandate does not include new water supply dams.

They have indicated that they would not license nor supply a new permanent control structure. In the structures current state, they would not permit or authorize any work to be carried out ie: sandbagging or rock weirs to help maintain a higher water level.

In conclusion we were told that it is the responsibility of the community to resolve and it is now council's opinion and position that a letter be sent to Minister Bushie, Minister of MTI and The Premier, Wab Kinew to address.

RESOLUTION #16 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Rice Lake Dam.

WHEREAS: After a recent meeting with MTI Water Infrastructure, it has become necessary to address the Rice Lake Dam concerns with Minister Bushie, Minister of MTI and The Premier, Wab Kinew.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: A letter be sent to the above noted in respect to the Rice Lake Dam.

M/S by James Baldwin and Mark Wynne

All in favour

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

G) FOREST FIRE PREPAREDNESS: Council met with MNR Protective Services Consultant/Kevin Popowich and has completed a simplified Emergency Plan as well as participated in a recent preparedness workshop that included Dee Halldorson and recently distributed an “**ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY**” mailout, posted on the community Facebook page and posted in the community.

GETPREPARED.CA IS A VALUABLE WEBSITE FOR PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES

H) TRANSFER STATION VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: Carried out on April 18th and attended by Ken Yewchyn, Reece Kihn and Alan Leamy.

I) DECKING/HALL FOUNDATION: Decking on the board walk at the boat launch area is in need of some repairs as well as in-depth look at the foundation requirements at the Hall. Council will seek out professional opinions on options and costs. Grant potential to be explored.

CARRY

J) FIRE BREAK STATUS: Council has met with MNR Protective Services Consultant/Kevin Popowich and helped outline a potential Fire Break for the community. During the meeting held May 1st, Stew Sabiston/Regional Director MNR along with Kevin Popowich called allowing council an opportunity to hear that some funding has been secured for this project. Further information is to be gathered and arrangements have been made to meet with Lee Kemball - Area Fire Manager to further discuss.

CARRY

4. FINANCIAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

RESOLUTION #17 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Financial Report and Accounts Receivable – April 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Financial Report and AR be accepted as presented.

M/S by Mark Wynne and Doug McPherson

All in favour

PLEASE BE REMINDED:

- **INVOICES ARE SENT OUT AND PAYMENT IS DUE WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF INVOICE**
- **AFTER 30 DAYS OF NON-PAYMENT A STATEMENT IS SENT OUT**
- **AFTER 60 DAYS OF NON-PAYMENT WATER IS DISCONNECTED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE**
- **SERVICE IS NOT RESTORED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED IN FULL**
- **PAYMENT OPTIONS CAN BE CONSIDERED AND MUST BE REQUESTED**
- **IF PAYMENT OPTION IS NOT CARRIED OUT AS AGREED TERMS, SERVICE IS DISCONNECTED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AFTER ONE MISSED PAYMENT**
- **SERVICE IS NOT RESTORED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED IN FULL=**

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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AS AT APRIL 30, 2024

***THOSE 'SINCE PAID' INDICATED**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Description</u>
1911 GOLD CANADA CORPORATION	925.00	WATER/GARBAGE
BALDWIN, James	150.00	WATER/GARBAGE
BILCOWSKI, John	75.00	GARBAGE
BILCOWSKI, Seth and Laura	300.00	SINCE PAID
BUSCH, David	75.00	SINCE PAID
COULTAS, Jodi	150.00	WATER/GARBAGE
CRAIG, Darcy	150.00	WATER/GARBAGE
CRIGGIE, Ron	150.00	WATER/GARBAGE
D. MAROWITCH/K. OLSZEWSKI	450.00	SINCE PAID
DAVE'S AGGREGATES	150.00	SINCE PAID
DEGOBEO, Richard	150.00	SINCE PAID
FENEZ, Mark	150.00	WATER/GARBAGE
FOUBERT, Art	150.00	SINCE PAID
FRIESEN, Tanya	300.00	WATER/GARBAGE
FRONTIER SCHOOL DIV. #48	1,170.00	WATER/GARBAGE
FUNK, Andy & Donna	150.00	WATER/GARBAGE
GRAPENTINE, Byron	150.00	SINCE PAID
HIEBERT, Rodger	225.00	WATER/GARBAGE
HOTEL SAN ANTONIO	200.00	OS WATER/GARBAGE
JOHNSON, Casey/Cheryl	150.00	WATER/GARBAGE
LAURIN, Krystal	150.00	WATER/GARBAGE
LENTZ, Donna & Andy	225.00	WATER/GARBAGE
LEVASSEUR, Ron	450.00	SINCE PAID
MARTIN, Keith	150.00	SINCE PAID
McCLAUGHLIN, Laura/Troy	150.00	GARBAGE
MCPHERSON, Doug	375.00	SINCE PAID
MCPHERSON, R.	150.00	WATER/GARBAGE
MCPHERSON, Richard.	300.00	WATER/GARBAGE
MNR	475.63	REIMB CAO WORKSHOP
NEUFELD, Jeff/Pam	225.00	WATER/GARBAGE
PETERS, Melvin/Kari	225.00	WATER/GARBAGE
PETZNICK, Dave and Debbie	150.00	WATER/GARBAGE
QUESNEL LAKE CARIBOU LODGE	1,000.00	GARBAGE
SEAVERS, Nadine	150.00	WATER/GARBAGE
SENIUK, Roman	300.00	WATER/GARBAGE
SHARED HEALTH - ERS EAST	525.00	RENT CLINIC/BAY

SLOBODZIAN, Peter and Caroline	300.00	WATER/GARBAGE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	4,000.00	WATER/GARBAGE
		TIPPING FEES GARBAGE WL
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT .	1,500.00	COTTAGE
TYMCHYSHYN, Raymond & Joanne	150.00	WATER/GARBAGE
TYTGAT, Paul	150.00	WATER/GARBAGE
WALLACE LAKE LODGE	1,000.00	GARBAGE
WASKUL, Michael	300.00	SINCE PAID
WASNIE, Kelly	225.00	WATER/GARBAGE
WIENS, Rolly/Carol	225.00	WATER/GARBAGE
WIESS, David	450.00	WATER/GARBAGE
WYNNE, Hugh	300.00	WATER/GARBAGE
WYNNE, Jill	150.00	WATER/GARBAGE
YEWCHYN, Steve	150.00	WATER/GARBAGE
Total outstanding:	<u>19,270.63</u>	

5. UNPAID BILLS:

RESOLUTION #18 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Unpaid bills as at May 1, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Unpaid bills as at May 1, 2024 in the amount of \$8738.67 be approved for payment.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour/MW abst GW

UNPAID BILLS AS AT MAY 1, 2024

ALS ENVIRONMENTAL	138.60	WATER TESTING
CLEARTECH INDUSTRIES INC	4,622.06	CHEMICALS
D & D Excavating & Hauling	1,214.21	GARBAGE BIN HAULING
JONKER PLUMBING SERVICES INC	2,237.21	PLUMBING TO BE REIMB MNR
LINDE CANADA INC	31.41	ACETYLENE
WYNNE, Gail	212.56	MISC OFFICE SUPPLIES
		PW
POWerview AUTO	282.62	SUPPLIES
Total outstanding:	<u>8738.67</u>	

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Response was received from Kevin McPike/Assistant Deputy Minister MNR in regards to council's inquiry about Tax Sale options for outstanding taxes. The intent of the recent letter sent out to ratepayers who are in tax arrears was intended to initiate action on part of property owners who are in arrears and it is the departments intention to continue to pursue repayment on an individual level. This could include entering into a tax repayment agreement allowing ratepayers to repay the outstanding tax balance in monthly installments until the full balance is repaid. Tax sale is an option as a last resort and not a preferred course of action given the logistical challenges in undertaking one tax sale for all 48 communities. But it is within their authority to conduct.

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6. CORRESPONDENCE...con't

B. A letter was received from the Honorable Ian Bushie/Minister MNR in order to share important information on actions taken 'to help shape how we understand our province'. This is an independent study being conducted aimed at examining representation, inclusion and participation of all people within local government across Manitoba. This is in partnership with INCLUSIVE KIND INC. This is open to local government officials and will also be a topic of discussion at the up-and-coming Regional Workshop in Winnipeg May 14 – 16.

C. MNR has hired Chris Riedle as a new Protective Services Consultant who will work with and in addition to Kevin Popowich/PSC.

D. A response was received from Reg Meade/President NACC in respect to the areas of concern addressed by council at the 2023 Annual General Meeting, namely Tax Collection and CAMP (Cottage Administration Modernization Project). These resolutions have been forwarded to the Minister of MNR – Ian Bushie where NACC will arrange follow-up discussions with the department to review resolutions that were presented and passed in 2023.

E. The NACC Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for August 20 – 22, 2024.

F. The Bissett & Area Historical Society Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2024 were received and are attached.

G. Water reports for March and April were received from 1911 Gold as information.

7. LAND USE:

NIL

8. BISSETT EMERGENCY SERVICES:

A. MARCH REPORT: Was received.

B. 1ST AID COURSE: Council has received request from the Fire Department to carry out a Standard First Aid/CPR/AED Level "C" course. This will be a 2 day in class course. Quote received was \$1500 for minimum 5 and maximum 16 participants.

RESOLUTION #19 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Standard First Aid/CPR/AED Level "C" course – Bissett Fire Department.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council approves the quote received in the amount of \$1500.00 to include a minimum 5 and maximum 16 participants.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: This opportunity will be given first priority to the Fire Department members and if there is room to accommodate additional participants within the 16 maximum, it will then be open to community participants.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Date to be determined by the fire department members when the majority can attend.

M/S by Mark Wynne and James Baldwin

All in favour

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8. BISSETT EMERGENCY SERVICES...con't

C. Council has been advised that Debbie Petznick has resigned her position as Operation and Maintenance personnel. Recommendation to hire Nadine Seavers and Mike Waskul to carry out the combined duties was presented. **CARRY**

9. RECREATION PROGRAM: The MAY calendar was presented and due to the unavailability of the Recreation Director this month programming is limited. Any programming outside the posted calendar will be made public via BISSETT WELLNESS & RECREATION FACEBOOK PAGE, phone calls to parents or local notices.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT:

RESOLUTION #20 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Public Works Assistant start date.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Alan Leamy return to work effective May 6, 2024.

M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson

All in favour

B. BOAT LAUNCH: Concern raised about the condition of the boat launch. Concrete pad was suggested. In the interim Mark will look into possibly having rock placed as a short-term solution. Grant opportunities to be explored. **CARRY**

C. ADVENTURE AIR GARBAGE SERVICE FEES: After review it was determined that the current rate be increased effective immediately.

RESOLUTION #21 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Adventure Air garbage service fees – May 1 – October 31, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The rate of \$1500.00 be set for the above noted period.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Subject to change at the discretion of council.

M/S by James Baldwin and Mark Wynne

All in favour

D. WATER CURB – ROUND LAKE RD: Letter to be sent to occupier of Lot 4, Blk 2 Round Lake Subdivision regarding positioning of mobile home over water curb.

E. FROM THE GROUND UP GRANT: Council will look at applying for funding through the From the Ground Up – Safe Healthy Communities for ALL Program. This is a newly introduced grant with a deadline of May 31, 2024.

RESOLUTION #22 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: From the Ground Up – Safe Healthy Communities for ALL Program.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council apply for applicable funding for eligible community projects.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Mark Wynne

All in favour

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F. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 @ 1:00PM
*SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

G. EMPLOYEE REVIEWS: Council carried out preliminary reviews in preparation for meeting with the employees June 3rd.

During Gail Wynne's preliminary review both Gail Wynne and Mark Wynne excused themselves from the meeting and building.

Gail Wynne was called back and the in-person review was carried out.

Mark Wynne was called back following the in-person review.

James Baldwin excused himself from the meeting and building while the preliminary review was being carried out for Nadine Seavers and as a note, did not return to the meeting as it adjourned immediately following.

RESOLUTION #23 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Moving the meeting IN-CAMERA.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The meeting be moved IN-CAMERA.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

RESOLUTION #24 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Moving the meeting out of IN-CAMERA.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The meeting be moved out of IN-CAMERA.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Mark Wynne

All in favour

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 2:05PM

CARLA NICHOLSON-SPENCE/MAYOR

GAIL WYNNE/CAO

MNR: MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

BISSETT & AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Present: Seija Dittmar, Jo'Anne Kelly, Eleanor Stardom, Josette Lukowycz, Pat and Don Unger, Rob and Rose Falk, Nettie Panting, John Panting, Jim Campbell, Joan and Bob Bjornsson, Joanne Wilson

Josette welcomed Jo'Anne Kelly back to the group.

Treasurer's Report (Joan): We currently have a bank balance of \$7105.70 with no bills outstanding.

Membership Report (Josette): Membership renewals are nearly all in with only five members outstanding. A final notice will be sent to them this month. Our total membership is approximately 125 members.

Newsletter: Bob encouraged members to send in an article on any aspect of life in Bissett. We have had one article submitted already.

Secretary's Report: A get well card was sent to Donna Solinsky and a birthday card was sent to Anna Senyk. Both are in our Over 90 group.

New Business: Eleanor had received an email from Diane Dubé, curator of the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum. Diane offered to house the Bissett archives that Monty had collected over the years and which are now being stored in his heated garage. Bob Bjornsson volunteered to drive up to Belair and pick up all the boxes sometime in the next few months. He will bring them into the city and we will go through them over the summer before we make any firm commitment.

Josette thanked Joan for arranging a date for our summer museum visit on **Tuesday, August 13** at the **Manitoba Electrical Museum**, 630 Harrow Street in Winnipeg. **Please mark your calendars.** Everyone is welcome. We will be asking for numbers closer to the August date. The tour will start at 11:00 with a lunch to follow. The museum is walker friendly and there is an elevator to the basement.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 12:00 Noon**
at Smitty's Restaurant (St. James and Ellice)

Everyone is welcome