

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**May 28, 2025**

**10:00am**

**MEMBERS:** Carla Nicholson-Spence  
Doug McPherson  
Larry Johnson  
James Baldwin  
Gordon Arndt 10:08am

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

RESOLUTION #23 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Agenda – May 28, 2025.

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

M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson

All in favour

## **2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

RESOLUTION #24 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Regular Meeting Minutes April 29, 2022 and Special May 13, 25, 2025.

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

M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson

All in favour

## **3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:**

**A) WATERWORKS PROJECT:** The amended Waterworks Project Deficiencies Plan was submitted by Earthmax and reviewed by council – May 22, 2025. Council appreciated the effort in the plan submitted and after consult with John McPherson to ensure that all deficiencies as identified have been noted the council is prepared to move forward with approval.

RESOLUTION #25 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: The amended Waterworks Project Deficiencies Plan as per council request has been received from Earthmax and;

WHEREAS: After consultation with John McPherson;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council accept and approve the submitted plan.

M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson

All in favour

## **B) CAMP - COTTAGE ADMINISTRATION MODERNIZATION PROGRAM**

MNR Cottage Program personnel assigned to this initiative attended the Wallace Lake Cottage Owners Association Annual General Meeting in early May and council was provided a copy of those Minutes. It appears none of the concerns raised by council during our initial meeting in April with the Cottage Program staff was conveyed to the WLCOA.

Council was also advised that the Cottage Program staff met with Wanipigow E and W Cottage Associations on May 26<sup>th</sup> and addressed concerns with Wanipigow Cottage subdivisions East and West. These Cottage Associations are now looking to meet with council. This will be arranged.

- Letter to be written to the department requesting information and clarification on some of the information provided in the WLCOA AGM Minutes and
- In the interim of negotiating fees for services ie: water (filling totes) that is not currently paid by any of the outside users named, council will advise via the Cottage Program Senior Analyst who is to inform the presidents of those associations ie: Wallace Lake and Wanipigow E and W Cottage Subdivisions that filling totes in community will be suspended immediately and until further notice.

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**RESOLUTION #26 – 2025/26**

WHEREAS: Water service fees Wallace Lake and Wanipigow East and West Cottage Subdivisions.

WHEREAS: Water totes are filled by cottage owners in Bissett with no fees currently established and therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The cottage association presidents of the above noted be contacted by Karon Chester Senior Analyst Cottage Program NA/MNR immediately that until such time as a fee for service is negotiated filling water totes, jugs or any holding device is temporarily suspended at any of the water filling areas in the community of Bissett.

M/S by James Baldwin and Larry Johnson

All in favour

**C) 1911 PUBLIC MEETING:** A Public Meeting was scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> in Bissett however, due to the community evacuation another meeting date will be discussed. CARRY

**D) COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS PLAN:** The plan has made great progress but due to the wildfire season, the meetings will reconvene in the fall.

**E) CURRIE DRIVE DITCHING:** Nothing further has been discussed with Dan's Excavating who will be contacted for follow-up. CARRY

**F) PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT:** One application was received. Upon contacting the individual the candidate advised he was no longer interested in the position. Upon Ken Yewchyn's acceptance the council is prepared to offer him an equivalent of full-time work with a schedule between the Transfer Station and PWA.

**RESOLUTION #27 – 2025/26**

WHEREAS: Public Works Assistant – Transfer Station.

WHEREAS: Ken Yewchyn be given the opportunity to accept a combined Transfer Station position with the PWA position to be the equivalent of 40 hours per week.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Rate of pay for PWA is \$18.00/hr and job completion for PWA will be determined.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Larry Johnson

All in favour

**RESOLUTION #28 – 2025/26**

WHEREAS: Public Works Supervisor rate of pay.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Reece Kihn be reinstated to his regular rate of pay.

M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson

4 in favour/1 opposed

**G) HALL PROJECT:** To be readdressed for completion. CARRY

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

**RESOLUTION #29 – 2025/26**

WHEREAS: Financial Report and Accounts Receivable - April 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Financial Report and Accounts Receivable (\$24,070.00) be accepted as presented.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

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### 5. UNPAID BILLS AS AT MAY 28, 2025:

RESOLUTION #30 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Unpaid bills as at MAY 28, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Unpaid bills as at May 28, 2025 for a total amount payable of \$ 11,976.86 be approved for payment.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Larry Johnson

All in favour

Name	Total	DESCRIPTION
ABC FIRE & SAFETY	750.40	AIR TANK INSPECTION
BISSETT & AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	15.00	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
CLEARTECH INDUSTRIES INC	2,957.85	CHEMICALS
D & D Excavating & Hauling	2,438.87	BIN HAULING
DURACAN	170.10	WATER TESTING
eda Environmental	3,425.46	UV LIGHTS APPROVED
GARDWINE NORTH	1,192.30	FREIGHT
LINDE CANADA INC	33.04	ACETYLENE
Powerview Auto Supplies Ltd.	87.36	MISC PW SUPPLIES
WBM TECHNOLOGIES INC	260.38	COPIER QUARTERLY USAGE
WYNNE, Gail	325.65	PAPER FOR OFFICE/GRAD GIFT/ORANGE BUOY/ BATTERIES/GLOVES - HALL
WYNNE'S PLACE	320.45	April 1 - May 15 Water samples/Misc Supplies
<b>Total outstanding:</b>	<u>11,976.86</u>	

### 6. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Complete Public Water System analysis carried out March 5, 2025 was received. Department notified of any deficiencies ie: computer replacement, leaking tap and backflow prevention devices.

B. Letter from Shannon Ganter/Technical Public Works Consultant confirming in community visit April 25, 2025.

C. Letter from Jaime Bertrand/WPSH Consultant confirming in community visit May 8, 2025.

D. Letter confirming funding for the 2025 Green Team program. Council will post for this Employment Opportunity. SEE LOCAL NOTICES and BCC FACEBOOK PAGE.

RESOLUTION #31 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Green Team Program 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council post this Employment Opportunity.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

E. Letter from the Northern Water Smart Program 2025 advising that unfortunately they are unable to offer programming under this program. Council will look into the cost to hire outside this program.

F. Request for council to consider advertising in the Fall edition of the MB Exploration and Development Review Magazine. This is one of 2 publications council considers advertising in annually.

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

RESOLUTION #32 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: MB Exploration and Development Review Magazine – Fall edition advertising.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council take out a 1/8-page ad at \$299.00 plus applicable taxes.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

**G.** Written request for consideration for (fill) from the large clay pile placed by Earthmax on Zirk Bay. Council is not in the position to permit anyone from taking clay from this pile and no consideration will be made until such time as all deficiency work is completed by Earthmax. Response will be made. A notice to be posted in the community that clay, sand, gravel or soil left by Earthmax is **NOT** for public taking as we have noted people have helped themselves to it.

**H.** An email was received from Aldeana Lacquette on behalf of the Wood family, thanking council for their generous monetary gesture and sympathy card for the passing of Norma Wood.

**I.** The April meter reading from 1911 Gold was received.

**G.** The Minutes from the meetings of the Bissett and Area Historical Society May 13, 2025 was received. Attached.

**7. LAND USE:**

**A.** A response was received from Bruce Gray/Deputy Minister Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures on behalf of the Honorable Ian Bushie/Minister in respect to councils' inquiry into the land moratorium that has been in place in Manitoba for several years. The original suspension of Crown land sales was set to prevent acceptance of unsolicited applications. There are some exceptions to the interim sale policy intended to support economic development opportunities.

The department is currently working with MNR to create an inventory of vacant surveyed parcels within registered plans in NA communities.

An updated process for interim sales is also being developed.

Council has just received a listing of vacant surveyed crown land in the community and will review and respond.

CARRY

**B. RESOLUTION #33 – 2025/26**

WHEREAS: The Bissett Community Council intends to enact a bylaw to provide for:

Amendment to the Zoning By-law 10/2012 to which purpose;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The public reserve Lot 2 Plan 40521 be consolidated with lot 1, Plan 40521.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The redesignation of Lot 1 and 2, Plan 40521 be from residential to commercial.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: For the sum of \$1.00 and other good and value consideration, said Lot 2, Plan 40521 be transferred to Ronald Cameron.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Original survey be consolidated.

M/S by James Baldwin and Larry Johnson

All in favour

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**8. BISSETT EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

**A.** The April 2025 Monthly report was received.

**B.** A response was received from the Deputy Minister of Health/Scott Sinclair in respect to the letter council sent to the Minister of Health addressing the immediate need for Ambulance Services in the area. Shared Health will be reaching out to arrange a meeting with council. CARRY

**9. RECREATION PROGRAM:**

**A. CANADA DAY:** Council was initially considering putting on a Canada Day event but it did not come to fruition and so they reached out to see if any individual or individuals would like to submit a proposal – none were received. In spite of this PLEASE show your Canadian Spirit! HAPPY CANADA DAY!

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. FOREST FIRE BRIEFING:** Carla Nicholson-Spence had a phone call from Minister Glenn Simard/MNR In regards to the fire situation. The phone call was very welcome and we appreciated his concern.
- Ian Cyr at 1911 has offered parking space at the site for anyone wanting to take their vehicles, boats etc.
  - Due to the closure of the road on the east side of PR #304 the Transfer Station cannot be accessed and therefore it is necessary to rent a bin for temporary use – Ian Cyr at 1911 will allow the bin on Mine property for PW use only.

RESOLUTION #34 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Garbage bin rental D & D.

BE IT RESOLVED: A bin be rented from D & D to be placed at the Mine site for PW use.

M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson

All in favour

**B. REGIONAL WORKSHOP BRIEF:** Carla, Larry and Gord attended the Regional Workshop in Winnipeg and each provided an overall brief on the Workshop: Was interesting, a lot of listening and knowledge, good conversation with delegates, tax collection was not very beneficial, conflict resolution was very good and beneficial, some content was not applicable, some topics could have been better presented, presentation by the department on potential changes that could impact communities was not clearly presented and it is important to have a very strong voice in this matter.

**C. CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION GRANT:**

CARRY

**D. WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH:** MNR would like to present a simplified version of the WPSH manual. Council will coordinate this effort in future meetings. CARRY

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

**E. GRINDER PUMPS:** Grinder pumps are not permitted with the low-pressure sewer system. Gord was asked to remove the one he installed and a notice will be posted as a reminder to the community.

**E. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 24TH  
7:00PM  
\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
(THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO)  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2025  
10:00AM**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 12:02PM

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CARLA NICHOLSON-SPENCE/MAYOR

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GAIL WYNNE/CAO

**BISSETT & AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING**  
**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

**Present:** Willard Anderson, Daisy McTaggart, Joan Bjornsson, Pat Unger, Bob Bjornsson, Eleanor Stardom, Joanne Wilson, Dean Wilson

The meeting was chaired by Joan Bjornsson in Josette Lukowycz's absence.

**Treasurer's Report** (Joan): We currently have a bank balance of \$6,512.42 with one item outstanding.

**Membership** (Eleanor): We have sent out reminders to those members who have yet to rejoin which has resulted in eight more members renewing. We will be sending out final reminders towards the end of this month. We welcome our newest member, Sharlene Reid of Powell River, BC, daughter of Cameron Reid who was the United Church minister at Bissett from 1964-66.

**Newsletter** (Bob): Bob is awaiting the submission of articles. The deadline is mid July but there is some flexibility.

**Passages:** Rosewitha Haufler Clark in Campbell River, BC.

**Fishing Derby:** Gail Wynne was pleased to hear that we will be sponsoring two prizes over the next two years in memory of Brian Seewald and Monty Vialoux. She will provide us with more information closer to the August derby.

**Monty's Archives** (Bob): Bob was slowly transferring boxes of binders to Eleanor for cataloguing. He had visited Staples with a sample album to get a quote on having it digitized only to be told that, contrary what he had been told on a previous visit, Staples couldn't do it. He was quoted \$4.99 per page as opposed to the previous quote of \$160 for 400 pages, even if they could do it. He plans to return to Staples to talk to the first sales person he contacted.

**New Business:** Diane Dubé had emailed to say that she had incorporated the video outlining current activity at the mine into the Bissett display at the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum in St. Georges.

The meeting was adjourned

Next meeting: **Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 12:00 noon**  
**at Smitty's restaurant (St. James and Ellice)**

Everyone is welcome