

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

GUESTS: Water Treatment Plant Operators:
John McPherson
Reece Kihn

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- REGULAR – JANUARY 19, 2026
- SPECIAL – JANUARY 20, 27, 29 and FEBRUARY 12, 2026

3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

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| a. HALL/DECKING | h. TIMBER PERMITS |
| b. OFFICE ACCESSIBILITY | i. POST OFFICE WATER |
| c. CWPP - Brief Mtg | j. VALLEY FIBER |
| d. RICE LAKE CONTROL STRUCTURE | k. TURBIDIMETER |
| e. WTP DISTRIBUTION PUMPS/COMPUTER | l. 1911 MTG |
| f. TANKER | m. HYDRO – low lines (Trails) |
| g. TRANSFER STATION | |

4. BISSETT BEAUTIFICATION/REFURBISHMENT INITIATIVES

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCTS RECEIVABLE

- a. JANUARY 2026

6. UNPAID BILLS

FEBRUARY 19, 2026

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. LAND USE

9. BISSETT EMERGENCY SERVICES

- A. MONTHLY REPORT
- B. FIRE DEPARTMENT BYLAW REVIEW
- C. VARIOUS TOPICS TO ADDRESS

10. RECREATION PROGRAM

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. WTP RESERVOIR CLEANING
- b. MEETING BRIEFS:
 - > FEB 10, 11
- c. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 19, 2026

7:00PM

MEMBERS: Carla Nicholson-Spence
Caroline Baldwin

BY PHONE: James Baldwin
Larry Johnson

EXCUSED: Doug McPherson

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #161 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Agenda – February 19, 2026.

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

M/S by James Baldwin and Larry Johnson

All in favour

GUEST: JOHN MCPHERSON/WTP OPERATOR

Council invited John and Reece (absent) to participate in the meeting to provide information on the equipment, repairs and or upgrades that are required in the water treatment plant. The purpose is to seek quotes and submit them to the department for possible funding opportunities. Safety issues were also addressed and will be followed up on.

Information was provided on the up-and-coming project, namely, reservoir cleaning, and additional modifications that are recommended to be carried out in conjunction with this project.

The department will provide the additional dollars to carry out the additional work required and two (2) quotes were received and reviewed.

RESOLUTION #162 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Additional work – Water Treatment Plant modifications.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Contec Project (2017) Limited be awarded the contract for additional work as per Quote #23397-2600 received February 18, 2026 at a cost of \$4900.00 plus applicable taxes.

M/S by Caroline Baldwin and James Baldwin

All in favour

It was also brought to council's attention that in addition to the Scope of Work for the reservoir cleaning that the department is funding, vac truck services are required at an additional cost of \$4000 plus applicable taxes. Council has requested that the department fund this additional expense as part of the project. (Following the meeting the department confirmed they will provide the additional funding).

John McPherson was thanked for attending.

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

RESOLUTION #163 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Regular Meeting Minutes January 19, 2026 and Special January 20 and February 12, 2026.

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

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

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3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

A. HALL/DECKING BEACH AREA: The department is ACTIVELY working on a DRAFT tender for these projects.

B. OFFICE ACCESSIBILITY RAMP: The amended Draft Tender has been received and reviewed. Council comments to be submitted to the department and following satisfactory draft amendments, the council will approve and the department will post on behalf of the community.

RESOLUTION #164- 2025/26

WHEREAS: Office Accessibility Ramp – Tender.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Pending satisfactory draft amendments the Tender be posted by the Department on behalf of the community.

M/S by Larry Johnson and James Baldwin

All in favour

C. COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS PLAN BRIEF (CWPP): Council had the opportunity to meet with some of the stakeholders in an effort to review the last CWPP draft and move forward to complete the plan that started in late 2024 and due to the wildfires, took a hiatus in April 2025. Updating and further information is pending and another meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

D. RICE LAKE CONTROL STRUCTURE: The department has advised that they are working on another meeting date.

CARRY

E. WATER TREATMENT PLANT DISTRIBUTION PUMPS/COMPUTER: This project is near completion. The department has funded the project with the exception of \$10,000 that council is responsible for. Additional funds have been provided for the modification works as per GUESTS (Page 1) and, in those funds top up pay for John McPherson.

RESOLUTION #165 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Top up pay – John McPherson – Distribution pumps and computer project.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Hours specific to the above noted be topped up at an additional \$22.68 per hour.

M/S by Larry Johnson and Caroline Baldwin

All in favour

F. TANKER CURRIE DRIVE: It has been decided that the Fire Department will be asked for input on what is best use and location for the tanker temporarily located on Currie Drive.

G. TRANSFER STATION:

CARRY

H. TIMBER PERMITS: Currently awaiting response to our follow up as there is no moving forward without identified designated cutting areas.

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I. POST OFFICE/CLINIC WATER:

CARRY

J. VALLEY FIBER: Public Meeting will be hosted by Valley Fiber on Monday, February 23rd.

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

K. TURBIDIMETER: Approved January 19, 2026 by Resolution #147 – 2025/26 however, the amount stated is incorrect and did not include another component for this equipment that was on the original quote.

RESOLUTION #166 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Resolution #147-2025/26 be amended to include additional component cost as per Quote QUO45915.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council approve the purchase as stated on noted quote at an additional cost of \$4,741.00 plus applicable taxes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The council request funding considerations from the department.

M/S by James Baldwin and Caroline Baldwin

All in favour

L. 1911 GOLD MEETING: Council will propose a TEAMS format meeting with 1911 Gold in early March.

M. MB HYDRO – RAINY LAKE ROAD AREA: Council contacted Hydro to report the extremely dangerous low lines and crews responded immediately. Notice was posted to warn users.

Thank you, Dave Petznick, for travelling out with the MB Hydro crew to show them the location!

4. BISSETT BEAUTIFICATION/REFURBISHMENT INITIATIVES

a. **OUTDOOR RINK** – Moving forward, a plan will be put in place and well in advance, so that the outdoor rink can be flooded and used as intended next winter season. The cost to install a water source closer to the rink will be looked at as an alternate flooding plan. This plan will also require volunteers to help carry out this task.

b. Council was advised that no Christmas decorations have been donated to date, pole festive lighting is approximately \$1000 per and permission must be obtained from MB Hydro to put them on their poles as well as electrical components will be required. Other options will be considered.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

RESOLUTION #167 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Financial Report and Accounts Receivable – January 2026.

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

M/S by Caroline Baldwin and Larry Johnson

All in favour

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AS AT JANUARY 31 2026

<u>Name</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Description</u>			
MNR	69,073.77	Reimbursements; WILDFIRE EXP.	NA	REIMBURSEMENT	APPROVED
SHARED HEALTH - ERS EAST	1,050.00	Clinic/Bay Rental			
Springfield Septic Services	695.00	Sewage Lagoon U/F			
THOMSON, Brian	<u>150.00</u>	Water/Garbage S/F			
Total outstanding:	<u><u>70,968.77</u></u>				

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6. UNPAID BILLS AS AT DECEMBER 17, 2025:

RESOLUTION #168 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Unpaid bills as at February 19, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Unpaid bills as at February 19, 2026 for a total payable of \$72950.98 be approved for payment.

M/S by James Baldwin and Larry Johnson

All in favour

UNPAID BILLS AS AT FEBRUARY 24, 2026		*GRANT/PROJECT FUNDED
<u>Name</u>	<u>Total</u>	Description
ADVENTURE AIR	797.05	FUEL
*BARRICADES AND SIGNS LTD	9,729.89	2 X SPEED SIGNS
BOB'S SEPTIC	882.00	PUMPOUTS
BRENNTAG CANADA INC.	491.30	CHEMICALS
*CELCO CONTROLS LTD	40,989.97	WTP COMPUTER PROJECT
CLEARTECH INDUSTRIES INC	2,139.56	CHEMICALS
D & D Excavating & Hauling	2,322.07	BIN HAULING
DURACAN	113.40	WATER TESTING
GARDWINE NORTH	2,076.15	FREIGHT
LINDE CANADA INC	42.47	ACCETELYNE
MIN. OF FINANCE	12,000.00	REPAY CLIMATE ACT GRANT
MINISTER OF FINANCE C/O	16.19	HWYS O/S AMT
Powerview Auto Supplies Ltd.	436.21	MISC PW
WYNNE, Gail	<u>914.72</u>	WTII ACCOM - REIMB BY NA
		FLAGS/OFFICE STARLINK/ OFFICE SUPPLIES/
TOTAL OUTSTANDING:	72,950.98	

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Approved funding; Bissett Fire Protection Equipment in the amount of \$32,700.00 will be provided by Northern Affairs (the department) for equipment purchases as identified by the Fire Department. The Letter of Understanding was reviewed and signed.

RESOLUTION #169 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Bissett fire protection equipment funding - Letter of Understanding.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The LOU was reviewed and signed.

M/S by Caroline Baldwin and James Baldwin

All in favour

B. Request from Paul Doolan/Executive Director MNR Northern Affairs for the Bissett Community Council to confirm that they would like to maintain the current process for electing the mayor annually from its elected council members as outlined in Section 1(2) of the Province of Manitoba Community Councils Election Regulation, M.R. 71/2009.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE...con't

B. RESOLUTION #170 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Bissett Community Council current process of electing mayor annually.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council resolves that on February 19, 2026 to maintain the current process for electing the mayor annually from its elected council members as outlined in Section 1(2) of the Province of Manitoba Community Councils Election Regulation, M.R. 71/2009 which states: In the communities of Bissett and Homebrook, the mayor is to be elected annually by the members of council from among the members within 30 days after the fourth Wednesday of October or, in the event of a recount, within 30 days after the recount is completed.

M/S by James Baldwin and Larry Johnson

All in favour

C. 1911 Gold press release dated February 10, 2026 was received. All press release information can be found on the 1911 Gold website: www.1911gold.com

D. In respect to the Pointe du Bois Hydro project, information was shared that on Friday, February 13, 2026 Manitoba Hydro encountered 'prayer flags' along the right-of-way for the transmission line and all clearing activities in the immediate vicinity have been paused until appropriate measures are determined. MB Hydro will be initiating the Culture and Heritage Resources Protection Plan (CHRPP).

E. MB Hydro provided copies of letters as information in regards to the Great Falls, Pointe du Bois, and Pine Falls Generating Station licencing renewal request.

F. Bissett and Area Historical Society Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2026 – attached.

G. The 1911 Gold water usage for January was received.

H. Email received from Cerrie Slobodzian/Earth Child by Design requesting information on the authority of the council to require Development Permit Applications for water and sewer hook up and property development on private property. Council to respond.

I. Free training opportunity – WHMIS and Transporting Dangerous Goods.

RESOLUTION #171 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: WHMIS and Transporting Dangerous Goods – Beausejour February 24, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Reece Kihn, Alan Leamy and Ken Yewchyn attend.

M/S by Caroline Baldwin and James Baldwin

All in favour

8. LAND USE: Lot inventory, as provided to Crown Lands by council, was circulating to various departments for comments. Deadline has surpassed and council will follow up and request an immediate update on the status of this process.

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9. EMERGENCY SERVICES:

A. MONTHLY REPORT: The January 2026 Fire Dept report was received.

B. In reviewing the Community of Bissett Bylaw #3 – 95 for establishing and operating a fire department and other pertinent information, it was brought to the attention of council that in 2009 a Resolution was passed in respect to the appointment of a Fire Chief that contradicted the bylaw. It was read to council and the decision was made to rescind Resolution #151 – 2009/10.

RESOLUTION #172 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Resolution #151 – 2009/10.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Resolution #151 – 2009/10 be rescinded on the basis that it is in contradiction of the current bylaw #3 – 95.

M/S by James Baldwin and Caroline Baldwin

All in favour

The Bylaw will be reviewed and updated.

C. OTHER:

- 1) A letter was received from Dave Petznick/Fire Chief thanking council for their confidence in him and outlined his short-term plan moving forward with the Fire Department.
 - 2) The Fire Department advised that a Deputy Fire Chief has been appointed however council will ensure that all steps in doing so were carried out prior to officially appointing them.
 - 3) Prior to the appointment of Dave Petznick, council reached out to Stew Sabiston/Regional Director requesting consideration for funding Level I training for any candidate that did not currently have that training and was seeking appointment as Fire Chief. Response indicated that the department (NA) would provide necessary funding to provide Level I training if required.
 - 4) Council to request that members provide a 'Drivers Licence in Force' on an annual basis if they are driving the fire truck and / or support unit. These can be obtained from MPI at no charge.
 - 5) The computer that is no longer operating will be brought to the council office for disposal.
 - 6) The fire truck safety is due at the end of April. Additional work is required and as a result may mean that the truck is out of the community for 2 days and therefore council will look into the possibility of a rental and potentially the rental being brought to the community and our unit taken out and returned. Follow up to this will be brought to council's attention.
- RESOLUTION #173 – 2025/26
- WHEREAS: Fire truck safety.
- BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The fire truck be taken out for its annual safety including oil change, pump test and additional identified work.
- M/S by James Baldwin and Larry Johnson
- All in favour
- 7) Updated member list and re-appointment will be carried out.

9. EMERGENCY SERVICES...con't

COUNCIL WENT IN-CAMERA FOR DISCUSSION:

RESOLUTION #174 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Moving in-camera.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council move to go in-camera for discussion – 9:11pm.

M/S by James Baldwin and Caroline Baldwin All in favour

RESOLUTION #175 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Moving out of in-camera.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council resolves to move out of in-camera – 9:29pm.

M/S by Caroline Baldwin and James Baldwin All in favour

RESOLUTION #176 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: In-camera discussion decision.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council has decided to take action as discussed in-camera.

M/S by Larry Johnson and Caroline Baldwin All in favour

10. RECREATION PROGRAM:

Council made an inquiry to the department as to the use of the recreation funding provided, a per capita grant, and response was that council is not required to spend the funding on staffing but rather to support programming to provide social, artistic, physical, educational and cultural recreation for all age groups and genders in response to community needs.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. WATER TREATMENT PLANT RESERVOIR CLEANING: Discussed in GUESTS.

B. MEETING BRIEFS – These meetings did not require a quorum of council and are therefore not Special Meetings and notes were taken to provide a brief:

1) **January 27th**: Doug McPherson, Caroline Baldwin, John McPherson, Reece Kihn, Alan Leamy and Gail Wynne participated in a kick-off meeting facilitated by Northern Affairs re: reservoir cleaning that will take place this spring.

2) **January 29th**: Doug McPherson, Caroline Baldwin and Gail Wynne attended the Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba and MARR Zoom forum on Manitoba's blue bin recycling model transition – does not pertain to Bissett at this time.

3) **February 10th**: John McPherson and Reece Kihn participated in the on-site visit with Contec Project (2017) Limited who has been awarded the contract for reservoir cleaning.

4) **February 10th**: Larry Johnson by phone, Carla Nicholson-Spence, Caroline Baldwin and Gail Wynne participated, in-person, in Seymourville for the Regional Waste Disposal Site meeting. Several topics were discussed. Much needs to be done to re-organize this committee.

5) **February 10th**: Bissett was invited to participate in a 'Community Safety & Well-Being' (CSWB) planning presentation facilitated by Northern Affairs and Justice (Federal - out of Ottawa) who joined via TEAMS. Carla Nicholson-Spence, Caroline Baldwin and Gail Wynne attended, in-person, following the RWDS meeting. Manigotagan and Seymourville reps were also present.

11. NEW BUSINESS...con't

B. MEETING BRIEFS...con't

The purpose, as presented by NA, was for a potential partnership with these communities, including Aghaming, who were offered to participate as a group committee to establish a Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

A presentation was made and several questions were raised and Justice was unable to provide all answers, which is understandable, however, they were asked to provide additional information to each of the councils for further consideration and in advance of each of the set council meetings of those present that they were provided.

Justice made it clear that a decision to move forward would be required by February 27th or they would seek out another community to participate (with only 2 opportunities for Northern Affairs).

The follow up information was only provided on this date, February 19th and did not answer nor provide the further information that was requested. The current plans are based on large metropolitan areas in Canada and no data could be provided on smaller like communities as to the success of them.

Following further discussion, it was the decision of council that they would not participate in this opportunity.

RESOLUTION #177 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council respectfully declines this opportunity.

M/S by James Baldwin and Larry Johnson

All in favour

February 11, 2026: Carline Baldwin, Reece Kihn, Ken Yewchyn and Gail Wynne participated in a TEAMS forum on a presentation from the Green Action Center who is providing work for the Regional Waste Disposal Site. It is expected that once this review is complete and recommendations are put forth it will mean some training for our site in how materials are taken to the RWDS.

C. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

7:00PM

***SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:07PM

CARLA NICHOLSON-SPENCE/MAYOR

GAIL WYNNE/CAO

SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2026

MEMBERS CONTACTED:

CARLA NICHOLSON-SPENCE
DOUG MCPHERSON
JAMES BALDWIN
LARRY JOHNSON
CAROLINE BALDWIN

RE: Term Deposit Accounts

RESOLUTION #159 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Term Deposit Accounts – Special Projects.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: All project monies be placed in a RESERVE account upon
receipt of funding.

M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson

All in favour

CARLA NICHOLSON-SPENCE/MAYOR

GAIL WYNNE/CAO

SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2026

MEMBERS CONTACTED:

CARLA NICHOLSON-SPENCE
JAMES BALDWIN
LARRY JOHNSON
CAROLINE BALDWIN

RE: REQUIRED PARTS – WTP MCCROMETER

RESOLUTION #160 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Purchase of parts for water treatment plant repair.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Parts be purchased as per quote received from Keywin Industries,
February 12, 2026 in the amount of \$803.00 plus applicable taxes.

M/S by Caroline Baldwin and Larry Johnson

All contacted in favour

CARLA NICHOLSON-SPENCE/MAYOR

GAIL WYNNE/CAO

BISSETT & AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Present: Rob Falk, Seija Dittmar, Daisy McTaggart, Willard Anderson, Josette Lukowycz, Eleanor Stardom, Jack Gillespie, Rose Falk

Welcome: Josette welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that regrets were received from Bob and Joan Bjornsson and Jim Campbell.

Member Update: Josette had run into John Panting at Seven Oaks General Hospital and he said that his mother, Nettie, is still there and would welcome any visitors. Her family is currently navigating the system to try and have Nettie paneled and placed in a home where she wants to be.

Bob Shindruk reported that he still has mobility issues but remains cheerful. A recent highlight was a visit from several RCMP officers and their spouses who took him out for lunch. He says hi to everyone. He has several items he would like to donate to the museum. One is a chain carved by Pete Kopek from a single piece of wood entitled "The Chain of Life".

Treasurer's Report (Josette): We have a current balance of \$6,325.38 with one cheque outstanding for \$249.20 which includes postage and the reordering of 100 Bissett Historical Society note cards from Galaxy Printing.

Membership (Josette): Including Honorary Members, we have 59 members who have renewed. We also welcome new member Robyn Kacperski.

Website: (Josette): Josette has restarted work on the website. She has been concentrating on bring the In Memoriam page up to date with the assistance of the website's Help Line. (To check it out, Google The Bissett and Area Historical Society, click on the link then click on the In Memoriam tab.)

Newsletter (Bob): No report.

Passages: Seija Dittmar's husband Ed in Winnipeg.

Secretary's Report: A sympathy card from the BAHS was sent to Seija and family.

Monty's Archives: No report.

August outing: Our annual August Museum field trip was discussed and it was agreed that we will travel to Gimli this year. Rob and Rose Falk volunteered to organize the outing which will be held on Tuesday, August 11 instead of our usual meeting. Two museums of note in Gimli are the New Iceland Heritage Museum and the Gimli Glider Museum.

New Business: Rob Falk and Daisy McTaggart had noticed a posting on the Bissett Facebook page advertising for local mill labourers to support operations at the True North Gold Mine in Bissett. (Note: I Googled 1911 Gold's web site and found that they were also advertising for four mine engineers, an operations buyer, a warehouse technician, a mill millwright and a mill electrician. Nice to hear good news about the Bissett mine.)

The meeting was adjourned

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026
at noon at Smitty's**

