

**REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2025**

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 23, 2025

9:00AM

MEMBERS: Carla Nicholson-Spence
Doug McPherson
James Baldwin **BY PHONE**
Larry Johnson **EXCUSED AT 10:21AM**

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #90 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Agenda – October 23, 2025.

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

M/S by Doug McPherson and Larry Johnson

All in favour

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

RESOLUTION #91 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Regular Meeting Minutes September 17, 2025 and Special Meetings;

Special – September 17, 2025 Public Meeting – September 17, 2025

Special – September 25, 2025 Special – September 29, 2025

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

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

A) PROJECT UPDATES

> **WATERWORKS PROJECT:** The deficiencies walk through was carried out with council – including John McPherson and Gail Wynne, MNR, Earthmax, Water Services Boards and Stantec on October 15, 2025. All deficiencies identified from the initial walk through in 2024 were inspected and any additional requirements were noted and will be corrected. Council expects a plan and timeline for this work to be completed. There are some areas identified in the Tender that need addressing.

➤ **HALL:** MNR have received three (3) quotes for foundation assessment, that were received just prior to the start of the meeting. Council has carried out a preliminary review and will be given until Monday, October 27th to respond with any questions and/or selection of contractor. The purpose of the assessment is to identify the exact foundation needs for the Hall and funding is part of the grant received for this specific project.

➤ **DECKING:** Council will work with MNR to provide necessary assessment assistance as it was not included as we had expected, in the Hall assessment. Follow up required.

RESOLUTION #92 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Bissett beach area decking assessment.

WHEREAS: The decking at the beach area is deteriorating and poses an immediate safety concern.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: MNR provide necessary Tender to carry out required assessment of the decking and report back on options to repair or replace including costs associated.

M/S by James Baldwin and Larry Johnson

All in favour

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

- **OFFICE ACCESSIBILITY RAMP:** The department has committed monies for this project. No new information has been provided since the initial draft tender was reviewed and comments sent back. MNR will be asked if a pre-fabricated ramp can be considered.
- **CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION FUND:** Council to request possible templates from other communities in order to proceed with this approved grant. CARRY
- **COMPUTER WTP:** Requires Ministerial approval (in the process)
- **RICE LAKE CONTROL STRUCTURE:** This is moving in a positive direction as MNR continues to work with MTI on the upgrade of the control structure and further discussion will be had.
- **DISTRIBUTION PUMPS:** KELLER provided on site evaluation and has provided a quote for a distribution pump noting that additional work is required to accommodate. CARRY

B. **BY-ELECTION DATE:** November 19th – Notices will be posted throughout the process.

C. **PUBLIC MEETING REVIEW:**

- > **DIGITAL SPEED SIGNS:** MTI has finally approved placement on PR #304 and council will proceed with ordering and installing. Purchase was previously approved.
- > **SPEED REMINDER:** Council will send a reminder to 1911 Gold in respect to speed limits in the community for all employees, contractors and service providers and ask that they all be reminded to respect posted speed limits and noting that this is not all 1911 related – the community and all users are continually reminded to SLOW DOWN while traveling in and through the community.
- > **VANSON ROAD:** Due to noted increase in traffic on Vanson Road it was suggested that signage and speed bumps be installed on Vanson Road as well as Gabrielle Street. Council concurs and will install 2 speed bumps on Vanson Road and 2 on Gabrielle Street and approves the purchase of required signage and flagging.

RESOLUTION #93 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Installation of speed bumps and required signage – Vanson Road and Gabrielle Street.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Speed bumps be installed on Vanson Road and Gabrielle Street and;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Warning signage and flagging, posts and hardware to install be approved.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: In addition, and included in this order is 8 stop signs for replacing in the community.

M/S by Larry Johnson and Doug McPherson

D. **TILLER/FORK QUOTES:** James Baldwin provided separate quotes for a tiller, that can be pulled behind the tractor and forks as follow up to September 17th discussion.

RESOLUTION #94 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Purchase of tractor tiller and forks.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: A tiller and forks be purchased for the town tractor as per quotes received.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Larry Johnson

All in favour

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

RESOLUTION #95 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Financial Report and Accounts Receivable – SEPTEMBER 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

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NAME	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION	
1911 GOLD CANADA CORPORATION	925.00	WATER/GARBAGE S/F	SINCE PAID
MNR	69,184.11	REIMB WILDFIRE EXP	
SHARED HEALTH - ERS EAST	525.00	AUGUST RENT	SINCE PAID
Springfield Septic Services	320.00	SEWAGE LAGOON U/F	
WALLACE LAKE LODGE	1,000.00	GARBAGE S/F	
TOTAL OUTSTANDING:	<u>71,954.11</u>		

5. UNPAID BILLS AS AT OCTOBER 23, 2025:

RESOLUTION #96– 2025/26

WHEREAS: Unpaid bills as at OCTOBER 23, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Unpaid bills as at October 23, 2025 for a total payable of \$11,336.59 be approved for payment.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

Name	Total	Description
ADVENTURE AIR	609.54	FUEL
D & D Excavating & Hauling	3,895.57	GARBAGE BIN HAULING
DAN'S EXCAVATING LTD	1,984.50	DITCH CURRIE DRIVE APPROVED
DURACAN	226.80	WATER TESTING
GARDWINE NORTH	1,609.56	FREIGHT
LINDE CANADA INC	35.40	ACETYLENE
MINISTER OF FINANCE C/O	2,345.70	MTI ROAD GRADING
NICHOLSON-SPENCE, Carla	107.51	MAGNETS - LEGACY BOARD
POWerview AUTO SUPPLIES LTD.	26.56	MISC SUPPLIES PW
WYNNE'S PLACE	495.45	WATER SAMPLE DELIVERY/MISC SUPPLIES
Total outstanding:	<u>11,336.59</u>	

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. The "From the Ground Up" grant applications for the decking and boat launch was not approved. Council to follow up and recognize the need for repairs to the deteriorating decking.

B. The 1911 news release dated September 25, 2025 was received as information. Please see 1911Gold.com for full release information.

> Council discussed drill site clean up and noted the area by the ball field still has water standing and the soccer field area, at last look (October 15th) was not yet completed. Council to send an email to 1911 and request a time frame for completion of this required restoration.

C. Manitoba Hydro sent a letter sharing information on the approved Environmental Act Licence for the Pointe de Bois to Whiteshell station transmission line. A copy of this licence can be found at: Gov.mb.ca/sd/registries/6195/3447.pdf

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6. CORRESPONDENCE...con't

- D.** Information was received on personal use timber permits and designated cutting areas. Purchasing permits and information on location can be obtained by going to the FORESTRY BRANCH WEBSITE. Council will be carrying out further discussions in respect to the designated site and permits.
CARRY

- E.** The BAHS Minutes from October 14, 2025 were received and are attached.

- F.** Water usage from 1911 Gold (True North Gold Mine) for the month of September was received.

7. LAND USE:

MNR Taxation has asked for a resolution to confirm 3 businesses in the community that are no longer operating in order to remove specifically the business tax portion of the land taxes (the business is still responsible for associated land taxes)

RESOLUTION #97 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Confirmation from the Bissett Community Council that the following businesses are no longer operating and have not been as specified.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Nick's Service – 2001, Bissett Service and Hardware – 2017 and Hotel San Antonio – 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Business tax be adjusted retroactive to those specific dates.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Larry Johnson

All in favour

8. BISSETT EMERGENCY SERVICES:

- A. FIRE CHIEF:** Discussed among members – suggestion: collective team – to be explored. MNR has assured funds for Level I Training for the new fire chief.

NOTE: LARRY JOHNSON EXCUSED HIMSELF FROM THE MEETING AT 10:21AM

B. EQUIPMENT LIST:

CARRY

- C. TANKER:** The tanker has been donated to the community and will be moved.

- D.** The fire department has requested the following:

RESOLUTION #98 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Appointment of new member - Bissett Volunteer Fire Department.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Laura McLaughlin be appointed as a member of the BVFD effective immediately.

M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson

All in favour

RESOLUTION #99 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Materials for shelving – Fire Hall.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Material be approved for purchase from Osis at a cost of \$265.00.

M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson

All in favour

- E.** The Fire Department Review carried out by MNR's Listening Tour was received and provided to the council for review and will be forwarded to the fire department.

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**9. RECREATION PROGRAM:
NIL**

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CWPP – COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS PLAN: Request to reconvene and complete the CWPP to be carried to the new year due to the unavailability of the planning partners at this time

B. EXPENSES – MNR: MNR reimburses expenses when council, the PW or CAO attend out of community workshops at a fixed rate set by the department. The council can provide additional amounts to top these set rates up and it has been requested that meal rates specifically be increased as they are not adequately subsidized at the set fixed rates.

RESOLUTION #100 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Meal rate increase to MNR fixed rates.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Meal rates be increased at the responsibility of the Bissett Community Council at an additional rate of \$10.00 for breakfast and lunch and \$20.00 for supper.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The increase is effective October 23, 2025.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

NOTE: Council will review mileage rates as well, and look at what other communities are doing to compensate council members for special projects that is not currently carried out.

C. LARGE BURN AREA – TRANSFER STATION: Modifications need to be made to the large burn area that was recently worked on to accommodate dumping of brush, etc and specifically to the roadway. This will require a scope of work prior to moving forward. The fire department will carry out burning in the near future. Signage has been purchased.

CARRY

D. WATER CURB REPAIRS:

RESOLUTION #101 – 2025/26

WHEREAS: Water curb repairs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Dufour be hired to carry out required curb stop repairs and capping of water line where needed.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

E. POST OFFICE/CLINIC: Additional work required for heat trace. CARRY

F. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

10:00AM

***SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM

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, October 14, 2025

Present: Willard Anderson, Daisy McTaggart, Rob Falk, Don & Pat Unger, Bob Bjornsson, Eleanor Stardom, Josette Lukowycz, Joan Bjornsson, Seija Dittmar, Jim Campbell, Jack Gillespie

Treasurer's Report (Joan): We currently have a bank balance of \$6376.89. The biggest upcoming expense will be the printing of the newsletter which should cost around \$1300.

Membership (Josette): We have had four renewals and we welcome a new member, Karen (Robison) McKim, from Kenora. Once the newsletter is out we will start getting more renewals.

Newsletter (Bob): The newsletter is done and Bob is just awaiting a revised cover page from Jo'Anne Kelly. There was some discussion as to how many copies to print and it was decided that 120 would be sufficient. Bob hoped to get it to the printer this week.

Passages: Joan Goddard in Sylvan Lake, AB.

Secretary's Report: Sympathy cards were sent to Nettie Panting and Mark and Gail Wynne. A birthday card was sent to Inga Kosevnikov, one of our Honorary Members.

Monty's Archives: Jean Vialoux reported that she has found the BAHS gavel as well as several more boxes of Bissett memorabilia. The question was how could we get them picked up. Eleanor will email Jean's phone number to everyone in the lunch group and whoever can make it out to Jean's place can let Eleanor know.

Wilda's books, *100 Years of Gold*: Pat and Don brought in 2 cases of books from Hugh's place in Bissett. We need a place to store them as Pat and Don don't have storage space. Jim and Jack agreed to take a box each.

New Business

Mark your calendars - the annual Bissett Christmas lunch has been booked for Friday, December 5 at CanadInns Polo Park at 11:30. Josette has arranged to have the same section as last year. We will be having our usual gift draw so we are asking every individual who attends to bring a wrapped gift for the draw so nobody gets left out. That means if a couple comes, they each bring a gift. It does not have to be anything expensive - just something you would enjoy receiving yourself.

The meeting was adjourned

N.B. The next meeting will be held on November 18 due to Remembrance Day falling on our usual meeting date.

Same time, same place.

Everyone is welcome

