

TOWN OF EASTPORT – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 24,
2019 @ 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of regular council meeting held at the Town Hall in Eastport at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Attendance: Genevieve Squire, Arthur Crisby, Kimberly Powell, Shannon Powell and Kelly Bull.

MOTION:	099-19
Proposed by:	Kim Powell
Seconded by:	Art Crisby

Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.

MOTION:	100-19
Proposed by	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Alan Holman

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2019 be adopted as presented.

In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Kelly Bull advised that she has spoken to a representative at the Department of Transportation & Works and that any requests for 'Children at Play' signs on Northside Road or Beach Road will be denied. The Town is not authorized to place such signs on provincial roads, but the residents may place signs on their private property.

The trees at the entrance to Eastport Beach are impeding visibility for drivers attempting to turn onto Beach Road. Kelly Bull will send a request to the Department of Transportation & Works to have the trees cut.

MAYOR'S FILE

MOTION:	101-19
Proposed by	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell

Resolved that as in previous years, the Council will donate \$500 to the Eastport Peninsula Agricultural Exhibition Committee.

In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.

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FINANCE

The quick stat report, June bank reconciliation and payroll were reviewed and found to be in order.

MOTION:	102-19
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Bill Duffitt

Resolved that the invoices be approved for payment as presented.

In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

MOTION:	103-19
Proposed by:	Shannon Powell
Seconded by:	Bill Duffitt

Resolved that the Town approve the following development application, subject to the approval and/or recommendations of any and all applicable government departments and/or agencies :

2024-19	8 Second Street Main	Build Shed	1674
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In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 1. Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION:	104-19
Proposed by:	Kim Powell
Seconded by:	Bill Duffitt

Resolved that the bridge to Northside Beach will be repaired or replaced as a pedestrian/ATV bridge only, and will be closed to passenger cars/trucks/vans. Ideally, the materials from the existing bridge will be repurposed. Kelly Bull to contact engineering firms to obtain quotes.

In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.

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OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS

There was much discussion around the issue of feral cats in the town. As there is no provincial legislation that deals with feral cats in municipalities, and the fact that the town does not have an animal control officer, our options are limited at this point. Kelly Bull to contact other towns in the province to find out how they have handled this issue.

The Department of Municipal Affairs & Environment has advised all municipalities in the province that all owners of real property, which includes vacant land must pay a water or water & sewer tax if the infrastructure is available at the location of the vacant land. This is not a discretionary tax and must be accounted for in the 2020 budget in order for towns to receive a Municipal Operating Grant from the provincial government. Kelly Bull to contact other town in the province to find out the average rate.

Town staff recently barricaded Northside Bridge, but the barricade was removed. The incident, along with photographs of the vehicles that were unlawfully on the beach were sent to the RCMP. Constable Monks advised he will speak to the owner of the vehicles. It is not anticipated that any charges will be laid.

MOTION:	105-19
Proposed by:	Art Crisby
Seconded by:	Shannon Powell

Resolved that the meeting would adjourn at 8:20 PM

In favour – 5; Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0. Carried.

Genevieve Squire-Mayor

Kelly Bull, Town Clerk/Manager