

**TOWN OF PORT REXTON**  
**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 10, 2025**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Meeting held in the Recreation Room**

Present at the meeting were:

**Mayor Dean Bailey**  
**Councillor Eldon Bannister**  
**Councillor Roland Taylor**

**Deputy Mayor Wanda Rex**  
**Councillor Chris Kelly**  
**Councillor Shirley Clark**

**Staff Present:** Town Clerk/Manager: **Cathy Piercey**

**Regrets:** Councillor **Janice Hayward**

**Visitors:** **Sarah Agnew, Patricia Connolly, Lois Long,**  
**Alicia MacDonald, Carol Osmond, Nick Stead**

Mayor Bailey called the Council Meeting to order at 6:32 pm and asked for the adoption of the agenda for this meeting.

**MOTION #84 – 2025 – Taylor/Bannister ; resolved that the agenda for this meeting shall be adopted as presented. All six members present in favour, resolution carried.**

Mayor Bailey then asked if there are no errors or omissions, for a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on August 13, 2025.

**MOTION #85 - 2025 – Bannister/Kelly; resolved the adoption of the minutes of the emergency meeting (before regular meeting) held on August 13, 2025. All six members present in favour, resolution carried.**

**MOTION #86 - 2025 –Kelly/Rex; resolved the adoption of the minutes of the regular meeting (after emergency meeting) held on August 13, 2025. All six members present in favour, resolution carried.**

**REPORTS AND BUSINESS ARISING**

**Fire Department**

No one from the fire department was in attendance. Mayor Bailey reported he talked to the Fire Chief and they have been extremely busy filling up water wells due to the ongoing dry conditions. They sent 4 members to Lethbridge to help assist with the fire at Sextons Mill. Councillor Kelly attended the meeting and the speeding issue was addressed again and will be closely monitored. Fire Chief to check with Trinity Fire Department regarding a suit that was a special order for a new candidate that is no long

with the department to see if they have a need for it. Front (small) door into Fire Department needs to be replaced. Will follow up with Fire Department members to do an assessment and update later.

### **Heritage Society**

Deputy Mayor Rex reported tickets are still being sold on the painting donated by Ed Roche. Delayed the draw for Labour Day weekend as they would like to sell some more tickets. They held a show on August 28 featuring Tina Randell's Oh Me Nerves Comedy Show and Big Jib for entertainment after. Had a good turnout – around 75 people.

### **Recreation Commission**

No one from the recreation was in attendance. Bonfire materials are still on the beach. Fire ban may be lifted in the near future so the bonfire may go ahead. Update to follow.

### **Waste Site**

Mayor Bailey reported there are a lot of dead rats at the waste site. Orkin are still doing their monthly visits checking traps and monitoring the area.

### **Hike Discovery**

Deputy Mayor Rex reported there hasn't been a meeting lately.

### **Otter House**

Councillor Kelly reported there hasn't been a meeting lately. However, due to the recent wildfires across our province lately there is a concern if a fire takes place at the Otter House location there is no alternate route for a way out at the present time. Will follow up and update later.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A newsletter from MACE highlighting message from the premier and minister plus wildfire prevention tips. Filed.
- A bulletin from MNL regarding ATV restrictions and Wildfire information. Filed.
- A bulletin from PMA regarding Wildfire updates and resources. Fall Forum taking place in Gander October 22-24/25. Town Clerk/Manager will attend. Filed.

## **FINANCES**

The financial summary for August 1 - 31, 2025 that was included in Council member's meeting documents was briefly discussed.

### **Expenses**

August Invoices Paid:	<b>\$6,106.83</b>
Pre-Authorized Payments/Payroll:	<b>\$12,612.05</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,718.88</b>

## Revenue

August 1 - 31, 2025 Income: Taxes, Interest, Town of Trinity (1/2 Waste Site Reimbursement), Rentals, Fees	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,643.09</b>
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**General Account Bank Balance August 31/2025:      \$88,817.22**

The **August Budget Revenue/Expense Summaries** distributed to Council was discussed at some length and questions asked/answered on various parts of these reports. Regarding these reports and the foregoing financial report a motion was made.

**MOTION #87 – 2025 – Rex/Bannister; resolved the acceptance of all monthly financial reports, the approval for payment of all regular monthly bills, and confirms payment of related invoices as submitted that have been paid to date. All six members present in favour, resolution carried.**

## GENERAL BUSINESS

- Garbage Collection Contract is out September 30, 2025. DKL Enterprises has agreed on same price (\$2,180.00 Monthly) to continue on as Garbage Contractor for the next 2 years, October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027 (do not need to put out on tenders if Council is in agreement). Councillor Rex removed herself from the discussion as she is related to the person (son).

**MOTION #88 – 2025 – Taylor/Clark; resolved that DKL Enterprises will continue on as Garbage Collection Contractor for the next 2 years, October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027 (\$2,180.00 monthly). All five council members present in favour, resolution carried.**

- Snow Clearing/Ice Control Contract is out November 30, 2025. Ervin Locke & Sons has agreed on same price (Snow Clearing Rate \$140.00 hour and Spread Salt/Sand Rate \$80.00 hour) to continue on as Snow Clearing/Ice Control Contractor for 2 years, December 1, 2025 – November 30, 2027 (do not need to put out on tenders if Council is in agreement).

**MOTION #89 – 2025 – Bannister/Clark; resolved that Ervin Locke & Sons will continue on as Snow Clearing/Ice Control Contractor for the next 2 years, December 1, 2025 – November 30, 2027 (Snow Clearing Rate \$140.00 hour, Spread Salt & Sand \$80.00 hour). All six council members present in favour, resolution carried.**

- Mary Bishop (Town Planner) has spent a lot of time preparing the 2 Amendments which have been on going for the last few months. Will be billing us for extra time she has spent on this project. Also, there is more work to finalize the amendments into the town's development regulations to reflect the changes that have been made and going forward we will

need her services to keep us in the proper guidelines as changes keep evolving.

**MOTION #90 – 2025 – Taylor/Kelly; resolved that Council will keep on using Mary Bishop as our Town Planner. All six council members present in favour, resolution carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Skerwink Trail reopened August 20, 2025 with an advisement to users to exercise extreme caution and no smoking as area is still very dry. Mayor Bailey followed Provincial Guidelines.

Tract Consulting – Bobbi Skanes – Application Submitted September 10/25. Will be 6+ months before we find out if we are approved.

Skerwink Sign - Have to get an application from Service NL and apply. They have to approve first before it goes to DOT.

Municipal Election Day is October 2, 2025. Request has been made to have a public meeting for the candidates to present themselves and to put out a notice that proxy voting is an option where we are not having an advance poll. Will follow up.

Tara Morgan - Certificates of Dispossession & Primary Residence Land Title Program. Town Clerk recently spoke with Tara. Was setting up a town meeting for her to come here later on in September and explain what this means and help people with the application process. Due to upcoming election putting this on hold until late October/early November. Also, have spoken to Town Clerk in Trinity to see if they are interested in joining us for this town meeting. She thinks it's a good and will discuss with incoming council.

Rocky Hill Road Well (Hunchback) – Due to a recent loss of water at that well location there is a lot of concern from the residents using that well that a property owner is using his home as a B & B which is only suppose to be used as a residential dwelling. Will have to address with incoming council to discuss having a public meeting of well users throughout the town and the possibility of Council walking away from the town wells.

Town Clerk/Manager has requested the need for a new computer and printer. Present equipment is long overdue for an upgrade.

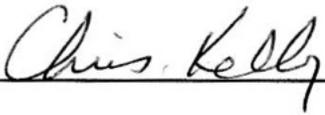
**MOTION #91 – 2025 – Rex/Clark; resolved that Council will approve the purchase of a new computer and printer. All six council members present in favour, resolution carried.**

- John Vivian has requested a cheque from the Skerwink Trail Committee account. Council have decided they would like his request in writing stating the reason why he wants the funds, if they have a committee in place, if so who are the members and what positions do they hold, do they have their own bank account and if so who are the signing officers.

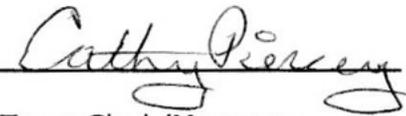
**MOTION #92 – 2025 – Bannister/Rex; resolved that Council will not approve the release of funds from the Skerwink Trail Committee account until more information is brought forward. All six council members present in favour, resolution carried.**

In closing Mayor Bailey would like to thank the outgoing councillors for their services over the last 4 years and some councillors even longer. He was extremely pleased with the members of council and all the accomplishments they have made to the town over the years. He would like to wish everyone all the best in their future endeavours.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm on a motion, **2025 - #93 (Bannister/Clark)**. No regular council meeting for October. Privileged meeting will take place with new councillors within 14 days after Municipal Election takes place.



Mayor  
Chris Kelly



Town Clerk/Manager  
Cathy Piercey

(Minutes never got adopted/approved **until** after new council was sworn in)