

**TOWN OF PORT REXTON**  
**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 11, 2026**  
**6:30pm**

**Meeting held in the Recreation Room:**

Present at the meeting were:

**Mayor Chris Kelly**  
**Councillor Penny Vivian-Penney**  
**Councillor Madelyn Jill White**

**Deputy Mayor Colette Churchill-White**  
**Councillor Eldon Bannister**  
**Councillor Christine Hiscock**

**Staff Present:**     **Town Clerk/Manager: Cathy Piercey**  
                          **Office Assistant: Tina Toope**

**Regrets: Councillor Janice Hayward**

**Visitors: Carol Osmond, John Vivian, Patricia Connolly, Ervin Locke,**  
                  **Barry Pearce**

**Delegate: John Vivian**

Mayor Kelly called the council meeting to order at 6:30 pm and asked for the adoption of the agenda for this meeting.

**MOTION #06 – 2026 – Bannister/Vivian-Penney; resolved that the agenda for this meeting shall be adopted as presented. All six members present in favour, resolution carried.**

Mayor Kelly then asked if there are no errors or omissions, for a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular council meeting held on January 14, 2026.

**MOTION #07- 2026 – White/Hiscock; resolved the adoption of the minutes of the regular council meeting held on January 14, 2026. All six members present in favour, resolution carried.**

Mayor Kelly invites John Vivian to speak on his concerns (five minute time frame). Vivian spoke first to council regarding the town council wells if the revenue and expenses for each well be recorded separately. Second topic was why do we wait to honour/recognize people for their accomplishments around the town/municipality when they are already passed on. Vivian suggested that we recognize them while they are still with us. Made a valid suggestion, for example that John Fisher be recognized for his major contribution to our tourist industry for more than 25 years bringing large numbers of people to our town and "putting us on the map".

Mayor Kelly thanked John Vivian for sharing his concerns and council agreed to further discuss the issues brought forth and will update at a later date.

## **REPORTS AND BUSINESS ARISING**

Deputy Mayor Churchill-White gave a brief presentation on the proposed cell phone tower at 11 Middle Brook Road. Churchill-White spoke on the lack of cell service in our area, 2022 petition with over 500 names that wanted better service, no cost to the town for the proposed tower, new tower will improve cell service for our first responders (police, fire, ambulance, etc.) using the province wide radio system, only 3 possible areas for tower placement when site selection was done in August 2025 and the new tower will not interfere with the conservation area (SAM). Also, received a letter of support from the Town of Trinity. In conclusion, council felt Bell followed through with the public consultation process properly and our municipal/provincial governments have no authority to accept or reject this proposed tower as this is a federally regulated project by the ISED.

**MOTION #08- 2026 – Hiscock/Bannister; resolved the acceptance of the proposed Bell cell phone tower at 11 Middle Brook Road. All six members present in favour, resolution carried.**

Update: Councillor Hayward arrived at 6:55pm.

### **Fire Department**

Mayor Kelly reported there were no issues at the present time and would attend the upcoming fire department meeting.

### **Heritage Society**

Councillor White reported Linda Ivany will be donating money to the Heritage Society and Lions Club when she has her Yoga Retreat this spring/summer. Heritage Society do not have meetings in the winter months.

### **Recreation Commission**

Councillor Hayward reported they will be having a winter cooking class on February 19, 2026. Marcel Cooper has been hired as the Outdoor Rink maintenance person. Rink is still in the ice making process with temperatures and constant snowfalls making it difficult to get ready for use. Retirement party for Lois Long is looking to take place sometime in April at Fisher's Loft. Also felt it was a good idea to honour people while they are still with us. Still exploring getting better signage for the town and want to set up a committee. They have acquired a lot of softball and soccer equipment and looking to see if more programs are available for our students /younger generation so we could utilize our facilities more (rink, softball field). Would need a supervisor to oversee any summer jobs.

### **Waste Site**

Mayor Kelly reported no issues or concerns at the present time.

### **Hike Discovery**

Mayor Kelly invited John Vivian to speak on behalf of Hike Discovery. He informed us they are in the recruiting process and hopefully new board will soon be elected and a new format to take place.

### **Otter House**

Mayor Kelly/Councillor White reported Olivia White has prepared a January report that will be available on the website.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- A letter received from Katie Fowlow of Bishop White School looking for support to help offset travel costs to Calgary in May to participate in the National Volleyball tournament.

**MOTION #09- 2026 – Hiscock/Bannister; resolved that council will give Katie Fowlow of Bishop White School \$100.00 towards travel costs to Calgary in May. All seven members present in favour, resolution carried.**

- A letter received from Anna Verge of Bishop White School looking for support to help offset travel costs to Calgary in May to participate in the National Volleyball tournament.

**MOTION #10- 2026 – Hiscock/Bannister; resolved that council will give Anna Verge of Bishop White School \$100.00 towards travel costs to Calgary in May. All seven members present in favour, resolution carried.**

- A letter from concerned citizens in the Lethbridge area regarding last summers fire at Sexton’s Lumber Yard. A committee has been formed and they are lobbying to have certain steps in place for their residents safety and the entire Bonavista Peninsula. Another meeting to take place in March. Update to follow.

- Request from Neil Hardy and Sharon Collett to build a small house on Dog Cove Road. Council had a discussion and some concerns where it is going to be built as it is close to the beginning of the Skerwink Trail. Also, would like to know what the exterior will look like, access to the proposed building site and the time frame of the build. Will request additional information from the potential builders. Update to follow.

- A letter received from Bishop White School looking for support to help offset travel costs to Clarenville for students to participate in Winter Carnival events.

**MOTION #11- 2026 – White/Vivian-Penney; resolved that council will give Bishop White School \$200.00 towards travel costs to Clarenville for students to attend Winter Carnival events. All seven members present in favour, resolution carried.**

The financial summary for January 1 - 31, 2026 that was included in Council member’s meeting documents was briefly discussed.

**Expenses**

January Invoices Paid:	<b>\$24,142.19</b>
Pre-Authorized Payments/Payroll:	<b>\$22,293.98</b>
	<b>\$46,436.17</b>

**Revenue**

January 1 - 31 , 2026 Income:	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,429.44</b>
Property Tax		

**General Account Bank Balance January 31, 2026: \$45,352.15**

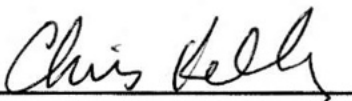
The **January Budget Revenue/Expense Summaries** distributed to Council was discussed at some length and questions asked/answered on various parts of these reports. Regarding these reports and the foregoing financial report a motion was made.

**MOTION #12 – 2026 – Hiscock/White; 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 seven members present in favour, resolution carried.**

### **GENERAL/NEW BUSINESS**

- Town Council Well Users/Public Meeting took place January 22, 2026 with 20+ people in attendance. Well Users/Residents brought up valid points/concerns such as; well sign up process 50+ years ago, wells were drilled for residential use purpose only, is there enough revenue coming in to maintain the wells, water/sewer going to happen or can we get another feasibility study done (one done back in early 1990's), chlorinating the wells (will be costly but may be forced into it by Municipal Affairs), holding tanks to get cleaned out, add extra storage tank, possibly form a well committee and put water meters in place. Council discussed and answered questions and felt that a letter be sent to all town council community well users to complete a survey on present issues that need to be addressed now. Will update the results at the next council meeting.
- Request from Sarah Tickner and Danny Williams on possibly purchasing 55 World Pond Road. Would like to open a small RV park (6 sites) plus possibly tents, flea market, restore existing pool and washrooms (if feasible). Council had a brief discussion. Will follow up with the potential buyers.
- Request from Trinity Historical Society to see if the town are interested in taking part in a pilot project of a shared community calendar. Council discussed and gave the go ahead to participate.
- Mayor Kelly reported there is a Multi-Use Trail Committee being formed to address the ongoing concerns of an ATV trail going through the town of Port Rexton. They are in the recruitment process. Mayor Kelly and Councillor Bannister will serve on the committee and report back to council.
- Councillor White has taken over accessing/updating the towns website. Minutes for 2025 and Budget 2026 are now all posted. White has expressed the website is not user friendly and badly needs to be updated. She is reaching out for quotes to get a new website designed and has spoken to the Town of Trinity regarding theirs. Looked into getting some funding for this but nothing available at this time. More info to follow.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm on a motion, **2026 - #13 (Bannister/Hiscock)**. Next regular council meeting March 11, 2026.



Mayor  
Chris Kelly



Town Clerk/Manager  
Cathy Piercey