

TOWN OF PORT REXTON
Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2026
6:30pm

Meeting held in the Recreation Room:

Present at the meeting were:

Mayor Chris Kelly	Deputy Mayor Colette Churchill-White
Councillor Janice Hayward	Councillor Eldon Bannister
Councillor Christine Hiscock	Councillor Madelyn Jill White

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

Regrets: Councillor Penny Vivian-Penney

Visitors: John Vivian, Nicole Duffett

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

MOTION #28 – 2026 – Bannister/White; 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 April 8, 2026.

MOTION #29 - 2026 – Hiscock/Hayward; resolved the adoption of the minutes of the regular council meeting held on April 8, 2026. All six members present in favour, resolution carried.

REPORTS AND BUSINESS ARISING

Fire Department

Mayor Kelly reported they recently purchased a used pickup truck to carry extra water and equipment. Helmets should be here mid June. AED Training was recently done. They need to purchase some more hoses.

Heritage Society

Deputy Mayor Churchill-White had nothing to report.

Recreation Commission

Councillor Hayward reported they had their Annual General Meeting on May 12/26. Signage Committee in place. Finalizing Lois's retirement party details. Eat Great Participate Program held over the winter is almost completed. Remaining funds will be used for kitchen utensils/griddles needed in the recreation hall. Looking into getting netting to be placed around the outdoor skating rink for safety purpose and protect the building. Going to wait until the fall to have Volunteer Week. Date for Port Rexton Days will be July 10-12/26. Activities are in the planning stages and fireworks will be on the final night. Grant Application for Lawn Bowling didn't get approved. PL4C are looking into making a Sports Equipment Library in the Rink Building. Recently found out we will be getting a Pickle Ball Court down by the

outdoor rink (*portion may be funded by donation). Beach Volleyball Court to be moved down by the rink. 2 Playgrounds are in desperate need of long overdue repairs. Discussed possibility turning one into a dog park or maybe part of it. Rec NL are looking at Port Rexton to host a meeting in the recreation room in June. Planning an event for Canada Day to be held at the Town Municipal Building. Will be an early start and flag raising as to not interfere with other organizations in the area. Held election of officers. New executive are Melanie Long-Treasurer, Alicia McDonald-Secretary, Janice Dewling-Vice President, Nicole Penney-President. Janice Hayward and Crystal Bailey decided to step down from the executive. Council would like to thank them for their years of service and dedication. Going forward Penny Vivian-Penney will give a report from the recreation at the council meetings.

Waste Site

Mayor Kelly reported no current issues at the waste site.

Hike Discovery

Mayor Kelly asked John Vivian if there was anything to report. Vivian said they had 2 workers hired to do some work on the trail. They are recruiting for a coordinator.

Otter House

Mayor Kelly had nothing to report.

Multi-Use Trail Committee

Mayor Kelly reported they have a meeting scheduled for May 31/2026.

Mayor Kelly invited John Vivian to speak (5 minute time limit). Vivian spoke about our area as being a very popular tourist attraction and the need to be more ecologically and environmentally friendly especially in our conservation areas. There are areas that need to be cleaned up. A lot of low lying water/bogs which need to be addressed. Also suggested would be nice to know where all the old cart paths (as they were know by years ago) are and get them turned into walking trails.

Councillor Hayward also added she recently visited King's Point and took notice to their town signage. It stood out and made an impact. Also suggested looking into solar powered speed limit signs.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Email received from Royal Canadian Legion looking for a donation. Council briefly discussed and decided not to donate. All legions in our general area have all closed down.

- Email received from Make-A-Wish Canada looking for a donation. Council discussed and decided to donate to this cause as it has helped children in our area over the years.

MOTION #30 - 2026 – Hiscock/Bannister; resolved that Council will go ahead and donate \$100.00 to the Make-A-Wish Canada, NL Chapter. All six members present in favour, resolution carried.

- Email received from Trinity Bay North asking for our support to distribute a petition they will be sending to the House of Commons lobbying for more RCMP officers for the Bonavista detachment. Council discussed and agreed to distribute the petition in our local area.

FINANCES

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

Expenses

March Invoices Paid:	\$22,355.52
Pre-Authorized Payments/Payroll:	<u>\$15,381.53</u>
	\$37,737.05

Revenue

March 1 - 31 , 2026 Income:	Total	\$64,674.61
Property and Business Tax		

General Account Bank Balance March 31, 2026: \$76,694.01

The **March 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 #31 – 2026 – Bannister/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 six members present in favour, resolution carried.

The financial summary for April 1 - 30, 2026 that was included in Council member's meeting documents was briefly discussed.

Expenses

April Invoices Paid:	\$25,496.69
Pre-Authorized Payments/Payroll:	<u>\$16,835.81</u>
	\$42,332.50

Revenue

April 1 - 30 , 2026 Income:	Total	\$76,690.51
Property/Business Tax, Water Rates, GST/HST Rebate		

General Account Bank Balance April 30, 2026: \$106,869.53

The **April 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 #32 – 2026 – Hiscock/Hayward; 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.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- Dog Cove Road new residential build was discussed and Council have agreed all questions/concerns have been resolved and to go ahead and approve the new home construction for Neil Hardy and Sharon Collett.

MOTION #33 – 2026 – Bannister/Hiscock; resolved that Council will go ahead approve a new residential build on Dog Cove Road for Neil Hardy and Sharon Collett. All six members present in favour, resolution carried.

GENERAL/NEW BUSINESS

- Hello Trinity Bight website is up and running. Online calendar to advertise events/happenings in the Trinity Bight area.

- Clean Up Week is May 25-29/2026. Also, reminder for residents to clean up around their property.

- Lockston Path Provincial Park inquiring if they can start using our waste site facility to dump their garbage. Presently going to Amherst Cove and looking to get somewhere closer to home. Will be for May - September camping season. Council briefly discussed and decided to go ahead and give their approval.

MOTION #34 – 2026 – Churchill-White/Bannister ; resolved that Council will approve Lockston Path Provincial Park to use our Waste Site Facility at a cost of \$300.00 a year. All six members present in favour, resolution carried.

- Discussed about looking into getting a Fire Break around the Waste Site Facility. Will look into and update.

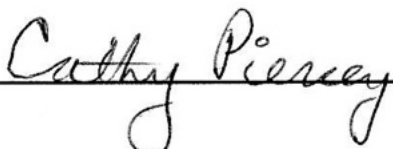
- Councillor White inquired on the progress of cleaning out the storage room and going through the old documents. Lois has been brought back for as a Special Projects Coordinator to go through years of documents. It's a lengthy process to sort, label, file, shred. She also had a virtual meeting with Emergency Services to finalize the details and resubmit the EMP. Waiting on approval. First draft of the new website is ready for viewing.

- Deputy Mayor Churchill-White suggested we get some planter boxes for outside the Municipal Building and do some yard maintenance for town improvements.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm on a motion, **2026 - #35 (Bannister/Hiscock)**. Next regular council meeting June 10, 2026.



Mayor
Chris Kelly



Town Clerk/Manager
Cathy Piercey