

**TOWN OF PORT REXTON
Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 8, 2026
6:30pm**

Meeting held in the Recreation Room:

Present at the meeting were:

Mayor Chris Kelly

Councillor Janice Hayward

Councillor Madelyn Jill White

Deputy Mayor Colette Churchill-White

Councillor Eldon Bannister

Councillor Christine Hiscock

Staff Present: Town Clerk/Manager: Cathy Piercey

Regrets: Councillor Penny Vivian-Penney

Assistant Town Clerk: Tina Toohey

Visitors: Alicia MacDonald, 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 #41 – 2026 – Bannister/Churchill-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 June 10, 2026.

MOTION #42 - 2026 – Hiscock/Bannister; resolved the adoption of the minutes of the regular council meeting held on June 10, 2026. All six members present in favour, resolution carried.

REPORTS AND BUSINESS ARISING

Fire Department

Mayor Kelly reported he and the town clerk attended the July 6/26 meeting. Re-confirmed they will not be filling pools and wells this summer. Will post on their Facebook page. They will be doing a BBQ for the Port Rexton Weekend. Got 2 quotes for new pagers. Bell \$17,733.07 and HiTech Communications \$14,015.65. Looking into getting Starlink installed. Helmets to be here middle of July.

Heritage Society

Deputy Mayor Churchill-White reported they are still looking into getting water hooked up by a different route. Councillor White asked if she could get some information for the new website, for e.i. building and town history, advertise upcoming events and it would be a real advantage if the building could be open to the public.

Recreation Commission

Mayor Kelly reported on behalf of the recreation they have 4 new members join. Lois's retirement party was a great success and a wonderful evening was had by all. Canada Day celebrations kicked off around 9am with flag raising at the Town Hall

followed by refreshments/snacks in the recreation hall with 24 people in attendance. PR days agenda is complete. Kickoff event will be a parade (including children's decorated bicycles) from the rink to the town hall, flag raising followed by a wiener/marshmallow roast. The evening will conclude with sunset yoga at Devil's Cove beach area. Next day will be soup and sandwiches at the recreation room followed by afternoon events at the outdoor rink area which will include live music, beer tent, games, snacks and a pickle ball tournament. Day 2 will wrap up with a teeny bopper dance followed by an adult dance to be held at the Lions Club. Day 3 will be the finale fireworks (pending fire ban/weather). Pickle Ball court is up and running. Rink netting has arrived. Still working on getting beach volleyball court moved plus signage committee are planning an upcoming meeting.

Waste Site

Mayor Kelly reported no current issues at the waste site.

Hike Discovery

Mayor Kelly invited John Vivian to report. They have been in operation for 13 years with the same rate and now are looking to get the yearly membership raised to \$2,500.00. Councillor Hayward suggested to wait until next year as most people have already received their invoices for this year. She also spoke on the parking at the Trinity East side for access to the Skerwink Trail has been really congested this summer. Has become a safety hazard. Vivian has ordered more signs to be placed around.

Otter House

Mayor Kelly presented a draft infographic regarding changes made to the Municipal Plan and Development Regulations that Mary Bishop (Town Planner) and Olivia White have prepared. These changes need approval to share on our website and Facebook page. Council had a brief discussion.

MOTION #43 - 2026 –Bannister/Hiscock; resolved the approval to share on our social media websites the Draft Infographic with the changes made to the Municipal Plan and Development Regulations. All six members present in favour, resolution carried.

There is also an Applicant Checklist if anyone is interested in creating an Accessory Dwelling Units for the Otter Housing project. Latest design plans are now available.

Multi-Use Trail Committee

Mayor Kelly reported there were 6 people at the July 2/26 meeting. They adopted their Terms of Reference. Sarah Agnew elected as Chair and John Vivian elected as Vice Chair. Lockston to Freshwater is not a viable route. Will look at a different route. More signs are needed around town. Looking into funding – have 2 possible sources. Next meeting is scheduled for July 14/26.

Delegate

Mayor Kelly invited John Vivian to speak (5 minute time limit). Vivian is waiting on information from the Heritage Society regarding the cart paths (old roads). Councillor Bannister is assisting. Vivian presented a map showing some of the old cart paths from years ago and wanted council's approval to continue on. Council were in agreement that this will be useful information to have. Vivian is still discussing with ACOA funding to build a replica Old Train Station in its original place. Sarah Agnew is helping to draft up a proposal.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Email received from MNL regarding the Fall Conference/AGM. Filed.

FINANCES

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

Expenses

June Invoices Paid:	\$15,379.08
Pre-Authorized Payments/Payroll:	<u>\$18,982.75</u>
	\$34,361.83

Revenue

June 1 - 30, 2026 Income:	Total	\$11,173.69
Property/Business Tax, Permits, MTF		

General Account Bank Balance June 30, 2026: \$104,785.20

The **June 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 #44 – 2026 – Hayward/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.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- Emergency Management Plan is in the final stages of approval. Approved in Principle needs to be signed/dated by the Mayor and resubmitted to Emergency Services Division for their Director to sign.
- JCP application deadline extended to July 10/2026.
- CSP will not take place this summer. 2 applicants that applied had already taken positions elsewhere when contacted for the interview process. Notified the government agency that we will not be using the grant funding.

GENERAL/NEW BUSINESS

- Serious incident on Skerwink Trail on June 23/2026 with known roaming dogs. Suggested they file a police report. Their email has been forwarded to Hike Discovery and the RCMP.
- Councillor Churchill-White asked about getting the brush cut back through town as it has become a safety hazard.
- 55 World Pond Road new owners want to setup a home based business + Airbnb/Glamping units. Council discussed and want more information on their intentions. Contacted owners to setup a meeting with Council after they arrive in mid August.

- Email received from MADD looking for a donation. Council discussed and have decided they will only be donating in our local area.
- Letters received from Caleb Bailey and Jacob Piercey looking for support to help offset travel cost to represent the Eastern Region (Beach Volleyball) at the NL Summer Games in Corner Brook this August. Council had a brief discussion.

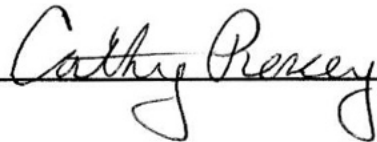
MOTION #45 – 2026 – Hiscock/Bannister resolved that Council will give Caleb Bailey and Jacob Piercey of Bishop White School \$100.00 each to help offset travel costs to Corner Brook this summer to represent the Eastern Region (Beach Volleyball) at the NL Summer Games. All six members present in favour, resolution carried.

- Willem (SAM) reached out about possibly doing an event in our area at month end. Councillor White to follow up.
- Councillors Hayward and White are doing Summer Sessions with MNL.
- Olivia White is looking into getting a grant with Take Charge NL to change our heating source from electric to mini splits for our recreation room and council office. Update to follow.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm on a motion, **2026 - #46 (Bannister/Churchill-White)**. Next regular council meeting August 12, 2026.



Mayor
Chris Kelly



Town Clerk/Manager
Cathy Piercey