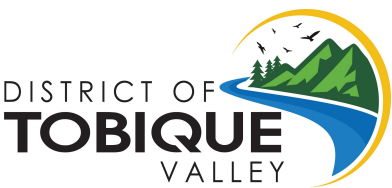


Minutes

Regular Meeting



June 16th, 2025

DATE OF MEETING

TIME

7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY

Mayor Eagles

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Tom Eagles, Deputy Mayor Gary Harding, Councillor Laurie Barry-Kinney, Councillor Joanne Michaud, Councillor William Eagles, Councillor Sharon DeWitt, Councillor Tony Wright, Patty St. Peter, CAO/Clerk, Amanda Jenkins McAskil, ASO

Mayor Eagles stated, “We begin today by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoquey. These territories are covered by treaties of peace and friendship of the Wolastoquey people first signed with the British Crown in 1725.” Mayor Eagles welcomed everyone to the District of Tobique Valley Monthly Council Meeting.

OPENING PRAYER

Mayor Eagles lead the meeting in the Lord’s Prayer.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Barry-Kinney declared conflict of interest on agenda item 10(a) – Plaster Rock Golf Club 1 of 9 holes request in sponsorship.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION: Approval of agenda - Councillor Eagles, Councillor Wright

Carried 2025 - 73

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION: Approval of Regular Meeting May 19th, 2025 – Deputy Mayor Harding, Councillor DeWitt

Carried 2025 – 74

RESOLUTION: Approval of Special Meeting June 10th, 2025 – Councillor Michaud, Councillor Barry-Kinney

Carried 2025 - 98

Committee Reports

Mayor Eagles

Regional Service Commission

Board meeting was held May 23, 2025, in Centreville. Had a Voyant Messaging Software update, the system that is in place in our District is more manageable for us. Had an update from Solid Waste, the District will have a Hazardous Waste drop off for a half day, either September 27th or 28th. This will be at the Plaster Rock Public Works Garage. Website is in the final stages and will be going live very soon. The two biggest concerns up and down the valley is Health Care and Housing as it is province wide. Next Board Meeting is Friday, June 13th @ the Board Office in Centreville.

RSC - Public Safety

With all the recent activity that is taken place in our District lately, I have reached out to the Sergeant from the Perth-Andover Detachment on many occasions. There has been an increase in patrols, but criminality is still happening. After speaking with many public members, I have requested a public meeting with the senior management from the RCMP J Division. I was contacted last week from Sergeant Dickinson, and he is still waiting for an answer from them.

UMNB

UMNB attended the FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) Annual Congress in Ottawa. Mayors from around the province attended informative sessions, with notable topics including Misinformation/Disinformation, Infrastructure, Housing and more.

Registration is now open for the UMNB 2025 Annual Conference and AGM, taking place October 3-5 in Saint John and this will be done by the office for everyone. You should all receive the program and dress code for this three-day event.

Deputy Mayor Gary Harding

Public Works

- Ditching on pine St.
- Two employees attended ground disturbance training in Perth
- Ditched Centennial St.
- Put topsoil in places damaged from snow removal
- Fixed turn around and old road on Riverside drive
- Did ditching on Main Street in front of Manor
- Replaced parking barriers at landing and spread one load of screen gravel built small walkway
- Swept Centennial & Fraser St.
- Repaired air cylinder on tarp on plow truck
- Ditched from Mac Wright St. down towards Laurette Reynolds St
- Met with Irving tech concerning propane installation at well house
- Install new culvert at mouth of Mac Wright & Fraser St.
- New ditch from Centennial St. over to the new road across from Mac Wright
- Nine loads of asphalt on Fraser, Centennial, Orange, Post Hemingway, Sunset, Harrison & Brook St
- Did 6 water samples and both lagoons all acceptable results
- Mowed Lagoons, Booster, Wellhouse, Landing, Garage, Firehall, behind fence at ball diamond, 2 vacant lots on Centennial Court & the area between Craig St and Tobique St

Tobique Forestry Advisory Committee

- Met May 27th
- Report given for 2024 moose and deer hunt harvested
- Best time to relocate a tree is the fall of the year.

Cemetery Committee

No Report

Councillor Laurie Barry-Kinney

Policy & By-Laws

No report

Pond Hockey

No report

COWS – Tourism & Economic Development Advisory Boards

COW-ED meeting - May 22, 2025

- the committee held a productive meeting with full attendance.
- each member brought a list of ideas and suggestions for potential initiatives.
- there was a strong interest in exploring opportunities related to vacant properties in the area.
- we are finding that some overlap may occur between ED and Tourism initiatives. We will share these with the Tourism committee. If necessary, the two COW committees will coordinate and collaborate as needed.
- next meeting is June 26th where we will begin narrowing down ideas and develop a short list for projects to resend to Council for consideration.

June 5th, met with Emily Clark, the new Economic Development Director for the Regional Service Commissions. Emily indicated the RSC is placing significant emphasis on health care-related development. I referred her to Councillor Michaud for any health care-related questions or collaboration.

Both Emily and Ashlie have expressed interest in meeting with our COW committees.

Meeting set up for July 7th with Member of Parliament, Richard Bragdon, and Margaret Johnson, MLA, to talk about federal funding at 1pm.

Tourism

- Met with Ashlie Brown, the new Tourism Director from the RSC.
- Ms. Brown brings strong energy to the role and has a background in Technology
- The RSC is placing significant emphasis on building the electronic footprint for West NB Tourism. Website development. Social Media outreach and engagement.
- New COW-Tourism meeting is June 25th.

RESOLUTION: To add Josh Berry to the Economic Development Advisory Board. – Councillor Barry-Kinney, Councillor DeWitt

Carried 2025 - 75

Councillor Tony Wright

Parks, Recreation & Facility Maintenance/Recreation Committee

Recreation:

- Met with Ability NB for the arena, pool and park
- CPR course hosted by WPHC - 3 lifeguards attended
- Car show June 14 – Courtney still actively looking for attendants
- Postponed Cathy Hutch to July 12th due to forecasted weather

- First Rec & Leisure COW meeting – ideas were shared. Next meeting on July 16th at 6pm
- Parish Consultants will give the lifeguards & park attendants a course on AEDs
- Swimming lesson registration opens June 13th
- Baseball registrations are open
- TVMS & DFMS have booked the pool for their year end parties

COWS – Recreation & Leisure Advisory Committee

- Meeting held June 9th
- Meet & greet of members
- Next meeting July 16th
- Lots of great ideas around the table and very enthusiastic members

Facility

No report

Pond Hockey

No report

Councillor HW Eagles

Fire Department

1 Assistance to RCMP
 1 Fire at the Sawmill
 1 Forest Fire on Bridge St
 1 Firefighter has completed his last block for Firefighter Level 1
 2 Firefighters attended the NBAFC Conference in Moncton
 2 Firefighters attended a Hazardous Goods course put on by CN Rail in Juniper.

RESOLUTION: To approve the Protective Services & Fire Rescue Committee of the Whole – Councillor Eagles, Councillor Wright

Carried 2025 - 76

Cemetery

New sign is designed and completed and will be installed soon.

Transportation

No Report

Long Term/Palliative Care

No Report

Councillor Sharon DeWitt

For the month of May 2025

MONTHLY	INCOME	EXPENSE
GENERAL	\$249,345.95	\$117,655.82
WATER & SEWER	\$ 18,470.26	\$ 39,560.18
TOTAL	\$267,816.21	\$157,216.00

EMO

- Attended a Teams meeting for EMO about automobile attacks in events

RESOLUTION: To approve the Emergency Measures Organization Committee of the Whole – Councillor DeWitt, Councillor Eagles

Carried 2025 - 77

Library

- The library is closed temporarily for bat remediation. Staff are working in other libraries until the library reopens.
- Bat removal is going well, and we hope to be back in the library and open to the public during the later part of June.
- The library Book Club will be meeting with Cindy Grant from CBC Information Morning on June 13th to discuss the book One Indian Summer by Wayne Curtis. This event will be part of their Books & Backroads summer series. Due to the library closure, we will be meeting at the Welcome Centre. Stay tuned to the library Facebook page for the radio air date.
- Our Summer Reading Club (SRC) Leader is once again Shaina Tomlinson. She is planning the Kick-Off/Opening Party for SRC on Thursday, June 26 from 1:30 – 3:30. The tentative location will be the Donald Fraser Memorial School gymnasium (to be confirmed).
- Sandy (Library Assistant) is also planning to offer an 8-week Teen Summer Reading Club. The theme will also be “Space”. Much like the kids SRC, teens will meet once per week for discussions, crafts & activities. Tentative start date will be Friday, June 27th.
- We are waiting for confirmation from our Regional Office before we can post our ad for the 8-week Canada Summer Jobs Student Library Clerk position.

The library will reopen on Monday, June 16, and will be ready to go ahead with all summer programs.

Education

DFMS

The school will have 12 teachers next year and a full time Academic Support Teacher again. This teacher will work with small groups of students to do targeted interventions for math and literacy. There will also be 12 educational support staff next year.

This past year, the school improvement plan focused on improving student attendance and succeeded in doing so with a 20% increase, thanks to various incentives including cake parties with the principal, monthly collectable attendance tags that could be turned in for rewards, and parent contact via phone and meetings. The school is currently fundraising for new math and literacy resources. They hope to have the new greenspace on the playground ready for September.

TVMHS

The bat situation has been resolved. The school has been disinfected and is ready to reopen. In 31/2 weeks, no bats were found, dead or alive. There are now no bats or birds in the school. June 9--12 is assessment week for students in grades 9--12. They will finish on June 12 at noon, and the process of moving back to TVHS will begin that afternoon. Graduation will be held at TVHS on June 17 at 6pm.

Middle school students will complete the school year at DFMS and will be finished on June 20th. On June 19th, the Grade 5's will pay a transition visit to TVHS to prepare for the next school year. On June 23, the move back to the high school will begin.

Councillor Joanne Michaud

Health

- Meeting with Jennifer Eagan the new facility manager at our community health center on June the 18th.
- Social worker, Christine Laforge, started on May 26th and working 4 days a week
- A posting for a fulltime nurse practitioner will be coming soon
- Dietitian job has been posted again.

Policy & By Laws

- Working on the excessive noise by-law

Christmas

No Report

RESOLUTION: Reports be accepted as submitted – Councillor Barry-Kinney, Councillor Michaud

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Chief Administrative Officer

Administration

- General duties are ongoing.
- Spoke with Eric Dube of RDC, who confirmed he has submitted support for both the Warming Centre and Weaver Well House generator applications.
- The CIF application for the cemetery was declined, as the funding has been exhausted under this program.
- Attended training at the University of Moncton.
- Organized AED orientation session for students.
- Sent requests to the Grand Falls Regional Municipality and the Community of Southern Victoria for mutual assistance through a Memorandum of Understanding for emergency support.
- In collaboration with staff, we will take June 30th off and work on July 1st.
- Contacted the Department regarding the process for changing a municipal street name; no response has been received to date.
- Public Safety has advised that the bouncy castle inflatable does not meet provincial standards for commercial use and appears to be a residential model. As a result, it is currently not in use. Maintenance is reviewing the equipment for a manufacturer's stamp or other details to potentially submit to Public Safety for further clarification.
- Notified by the MLA office that \$1,400 has been approved under the CIF program for the Fall Festival.
- We issued a call to all businesses in our District through our Facebook page, inviting them to complete a form with general information about their business, including how we

may assist them. Businesses that participate will be entered into a draw to win a coffee break on us. The draw will be monthly.

By-Law Enforcement Officer

- Dog complaints have been forwarded for follow-up.

Report received for May 12 – June 11, 2025

- May 20 – Complaint of stray dog on Lebel Rd, gave info to NBSPCA
- May 26 – Mailed letter for 60 Post St
- June 1 – Paperwork for 84 Main St, sent for review
- June 2 – Patrol, went and spoke to DPowers about dogs running at large
- June 3 – Inspection at DPowers house with Brent Hatchard
- June 11 – Patrol, no dogs noted

Meetings

- May 21 – Strategic Plan
- May 22 – Economic Development
- May 26 – Horizon Health
- May 28 – Virtual Strategic Plan
- June 11 – RBC Annual Strategy
- June 12 – Strategic Meeting with Ben and District Supervisors
- June 12 – Orientation Meeting with Amanda and students

Lagoon

Dominick had emailed stating he has sent the Environmental Impact Assessment to the specialist of the ELG that there are no objections to the change for the plan of the lagoon.

RESOLUTION: The Chief Administrative Officer report be accepted – Councillor Wright, Councillor Eagles

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Business Arising from the Minutes

None

New Business

- a) Plaster Rock Golf Club is excited to offer local businesses the opportunity to become a Hole Sponsor for the upcoming golf season. For \$200, your business will receive: a prominently placed sign at one of our nine holes, displaying your company name and logo. A beautiful hanging basket displayed at the hole to enhance the course's appearance and draw attention to your sponsorship. Sponsors will be featured weekly on our website and Facebook page. Each spotlight will showcase your business, thank you for your support, and help connect our community with the local businesses that make our course possible.

RESOLUTION: To sponsor a hole at the golf course for \$200 – Councillor Wright, Councillor DeWitt

Carried 2025 - 80

- b) Thomas Argue requesting that PRIDE Flag be raised in honor of the LGBTQ2S Community in June.

RESOLUTION: For the Canadian and New Brunswick flags represent everyone – Councillor Eagles, Deputy Mayor Harding

Nay – Councillor Michaud

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- c) Community Investment Application – St. Theresas Community Hall Inc. Funding application for Anderson Road Family Day 2025 -beautification project to paint booths, repair steps to office, and level grounds. Project Cost \$1000.00 – Amount requested \$1000.00.

RESOLUTION: To grant St. Theresas Community Hall Inc funding from the Community Investment Application of \$1000 – Councillor Barry-Kinney, Councillor Eagles

Carried 2025 - 86

- d) Upper Valley Autism Resource Center asking for support with our 3rd Annual Family Fund Day Fundraiser that will be held on Saturday, August 2nd. Asking for sponsorship from businesses and organizations in the area to help us with the community event and fundraiser. Your sponsorship will have advertisements on social media during the event and any items that you can bring to help increase your sponsorship presence will be beneficial.

The level of the sponsorship as follows:

- . Platinum Sponsor \$1000 - Top sponsors will have recognition as the Hosts of the Event.
- . Gold Sponsor \$500 – Top Sponsor with advertisement.
- . Silver Sponsor \$250 – Sponsorship advertised
- . Bronze Sponsor \$100 – Sponsorship advertised

RESOLUTION: To sponsor the annual family fund day fundraiser for \$100 - Councillor Barry-Kinney, Councillor Eagles

Carried 2025 - 83

Correspondence:

- a) Thank you from the Blanketeers of Project Linus Plaster Rock Chapter for the grant application of \$1000.00.
- b) Transportation and Infrastructure advising that under their 2027 Provincial-Municipal Highway Partnership Program, my department is prepared to partner with your municipality on the following project estimated at \$109,000 plus non-recoverable HST.
- c) Holly Smith, the owner of 4790913 Ltd, is going to open and operate a business at 97 Fraser Street. Her plans are to open a 2 bay self-car wash, and a service station, specializing in interlock systems.

Next Meeting Date

RESOLUTION: The next Regular Meeting is Monday, July 21st, 2025 @7:00 p.m. at the Phil Sharkey Memorial Centre – Deputy Mayor Harding, Councillor Michaud

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Closed Session – N/A

Adjournment

RESOLUTION: The meeting adjourned @ 7:44 p.m. –Councillor Barry-Kinney, Deputy Mayor Harding

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Tom Eagles, Mayor

Patty St. Peter, CAO/Clerk