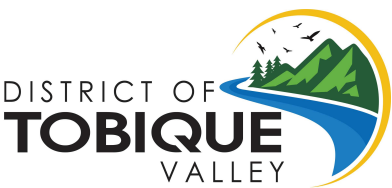


Minutes

Regular Meeting



August 18, 2025

DATE OF MEETING

7:00 PM

TIME

Mayor Eagles

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Councillor Laurie Barry-Kinney

Gallery: Members of the public

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

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION: Approval of agenda - Councillor DeWitt, Councillor Eagles

Carried 2025 - 99

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION: Approval of Regular Meeting July 21st, 2025 with the corrections noted – Councillor Eagles, Deputy Mayor Harding

Councillor Michaud requested the following corrections:

- Health report: addition of the next meeting date of September 19th
- Business arising from the Minutes:
 - Original sentence: “CAO St. Peter provided information collected and provided an opinion to council.”
 - Replaced with “CAO St. Peter provided information collected and reported on feedback received.”
 - Original sentence: “Councillor Michaud provided some examples from another community.”
 - Replaced with “Councillor Michaud provided CAO St. Peter with some examples from Miramichi and Florenceville-Bristol.

Committee Reports

Mayor Eagles

Regional Service Commission

Board meeting was held July 24/25 in Centreville. Preliminary Budget discussions have started and looking at every financial aspect of the commission. ELG is beginning the review of the RCS delivery model very soon.

Solid Waste was discussed; the province will be mandated by legislation to go to Organic pickup starting sometime in 2027.

I have added a West NB Regional Tourism Events Program Application for any Organization that qualifies, up to a maximum \$3000 available.

Had a very good discussion on Health and Ambulance NB, we have a new Recruitment Officer from Miramichi. Ambulance NB will be at the UMNb Annual Conference to do a presentation and Q&A, with a kiosk for the weekend.

Executive Director is planning on meeting with the CAO's in September. The main discussion will be By-Laws and Unsightly Premises, which is a major problem across the province.

Our next meeting will be August 21/25 @ 9:00am.

RSC - Public Safety

Had conversations with RCMP Sergeant Bobby Dickinson in regard to issues concerning public safety.

In the interest of Public Safety and Wildfire Prevention, Sadlers Nature Trail was closed because of the ongoing fire and the closure of the Provincial Trail System. The Trail will reopen once it is deemed safe.

UMNB

Attended a Zone 6 Zoom Meeting July 29th. Briana Cowie External Relations Manager from UMNb gave an update on the Annual Conference this fall in Saint John. Early Bird Registration ended July 31st. She also spoke on Property Tax Assessment freeze and the effect it will have on municipalities, especially at budget time.

Membership dues were discussed and the formula that is used, Our 2025 dues was \$3722.80 and if the new formula is passed our dues would be \$3803.21.

Zone Director nominations and election was held, because of the restructuring of the zones that lines with Municipal Reform, Zone 6 will have only one director instead of two. Mayor Trina Jones of Woodstock was elected Director of Zone 6 and will do a great job. There is no date on the next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Gary Harding

Public Works

- Ditching on Fraser Street
- Ditched from Centennial towards Park St by ball diamond

- Rebuilt Fraser St from intersection by water tower to bypass
- Repainted 35 hydrants
- One load of asphalt on Roulston Ave
- Began sidewalk removal (removed approx. 3000 feet)
- New hose on backhoe outrigger
- New A/C drier on Backhoe
- Vacuumed and Flushed blocked mainline on Riverside Drive
- Water audit on Monday July 28th
- Met with Jason from Dillons about Lagoon Project
- Installed new catch basin on corner of Main/Orange St.
- Applied calcium twice on dirt section of Fraser St for dust control
- Mowed areas responsible for 4 times and hill by Catholic Church 1 time.
- Ditched Fraser St over to entrance to water tower
- 7 water samples all acceptable results

Tobique Forestry Advisory Committee

- *No report*

Deputy Mayor Harding gave a run down of the events coming up with Summerfest September 16-19/25

Cemetery Committee

No Report

Councillor Laurie Barry-Kinney

Policy & By-Laws

No report

Pond Hockey

No report

Economical Development – Tourism

Things I am working on:

DTV Passport. - ordered August 1 will be able to give them out as soon as they arrive. Hopefully it will be a fun thing to get people to explore more in our district.

Tourism feasibility study and Charette

- met with Daniel Glenn and his associates on July 25th. Went over next steps. He asked for a few names and contacts before coming up for the tour and workshop. Historian - Mark Glass. Scientist/Geologist - TBD

Advised the tour followed by the workshop will be either the last week in August or the 2nd week in September. Will need to invite 12 to 18 community representatives that would like to attend and put forth ideas.

Councillor Tony Wright

Parks, Recreation & Facility Maintenance/Recreation Committee

Recreation:

July 12th - Cathy Hutch returned and it was a smaller crowd than we hoped.
July 12th - Karaoke night in conjunction with the Legion.
July 16th - Kintore Country played at the pavilion
July 23rd - Courtney made Pet Cactus's.
July 26th - 2025 WVRA Swim Meet. - VCSPCA was on-site was the best BBQ to date.
July 30th - Puppets out of paper bags.

Up coming events for August, September and October

August 1st - ordered our DTV Tourism Passports
August 6th - Diamond Dot Stickers with Garnet at the Welcome Center 3pm-4pm
August 8th - Blue Mtn Duo at the Welcome Center 7pm - 9pm
August 9th - DTV Sports Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the PSMC
August 12th - The Smurfs Movie on the arena floor starts at 630pm
August 13th - Minecraft Movie on the arena floor 2pm - 4pm
August 19th - The Maltese Falcon Movie - on the arena floor starts at 630pm
August 26th - The Superman Movie - at the arena floor - starts at 630pm
August 27th - Rock painting at the Welcome Center 3pm - 4pm

Will be getting Kintore Country - date TBD

Will be reaching out to the Breakfast Program and Backpack Program for another supply run like last year.

Still diligently working on activities after the kids go back to school.

October 4th - Fall Foliage Festival - We have 15 vendors as of August 1, 2025 and still many thinking about it. Goal is to have 30 tables in all. The market will be in the arena along with other fun stations set up like face painting, pumpkin decorating etc. Safe place in case of weather.

Cathy Hutch will return and be in the Welcome Center from 3pm - 5pm

Dragon Mire Farms will be at the pavilion with their petting zoo.

Getting Gary to make a stand-up photo stand and I will design and paint pumpkins and a fall scene for people to take pictures. Still desperately looking for food trucks. Most haven't gotten their schedule that far ahead so I will be following up with them mid-August. The last of the day, even though it is not being held BY us is the Annual Music Fest at the United Baptist Church.

Will be having Halloween parties TBD

Applications:

I have not done any applications for the month of July; most applications do not become active until later. New Horizons Seniors grant is the first that opens August 6th.

Meetings:

Met with COW Recreation

Met with Wall of Fame Committee

Facility

- Regular Park and ground maintenance
- Regular ball diamond maintenance
- Started repairs to outfield and got one load of topsoil from McDonalds
- New lock set up for shed that was broken into, from boys 3 brackets and one shaft.
- Regular pool maintenance
- Repairs to pool bricks that were knocked loose
- Met with eastern fence for assessment and quote for repairs to backstop.
- Cautioned off Sadlers Nature Trail for fire index.

- Made attempts to contact duct and air system cleaning services, still waiting for response
- Assisted Rozanna with mulch for 4 hours, 3 people, to get it done faster
- Assisted Edgar Fire with backflow and kitchen Hood Inspections

Pond Hockey

No Report

Councillor HW Eagles

Fire Department

- 1 Missing/Injured Hiker (Assisted RCMP)
- 1 Structure Fire (Large Barn, Tobique FD and Perth FD provided mutual aid)
- 1 Brush Fire
- 1 Cardiac Arrest (Assisted ANB)
- 2 MVAs

- 1 Training night at PR Fire Hall

Cemetery

- The sign is completed and ready to erect.
- The sign was donated by Mark & Sandra Glass

Transportation

No Report

Long Term/Palliative Care

No Report

Councillor Sharon DeWitt

For the month of July 2025

MONTHLY	INCOME	EXPENSE
GENERAL	\$275,559.41	\$189,053.78
WATER & SEWER	\$ 19,368.00	\$ 28,480.31
TOTAL	\$294,927.41	\$217,534.09

EMO

- Opened 3 cooling centres due to the heat
- Been paying very close attention to the fire situation

Library

- Spice Club is continuing through the summer months. August’s spice is Summer Savory. New members are welcome.
- The library Book Club has chosen to continue through the summer as well, so we will be meeting on August 21st to discuss “The Lost Apothecary” by Sarah Penner. New members are welcome.
- Our Summer Reading Club (SRC) has had wonderful attendance at our weekly activities this summer. Hard to believe but we are winding down and planning our closing party,

which will be a Luau (Hawaiian themed) party on Thursday, Aug. 14 at 2:00pm. There will be games, a craft, snacks and prize draws.

- Sandy is halfway through the Teen Summer Reading Club, which has also had wonderful attendance this summer. The wrap-up pizza party will be on Friday, Aug. 22 at 2:00.
- The August craft night for adults is August 28 at 6:30. We will be making sunflowers from paper doilies.
- We have coordinated another babysitting course with Dodalie Medical. It will be offered at the library on Monday, August 18 from 9:00 – 3:00. Participants must be 12 yrs old and register and pay before the course.
- Back by popular demand, our escape room! Aug. 14 & 15, groups can book a time slot to try to escape our Alien Abduction themed room.
- Talk with Me is back at the library this month. Tara is planning a camping themed song & rhymes on Tuesday, Aug. 19th at 10:00.

Education

DFMS

No Report

TVMHS

No Report

Councillor Joanne Michaud

Health

No Report

Policy & By Laws

No Report

Christmas

No Report

RESOLUTION: Reports be accepted as submitted – Councillor Wright, Councillor Eagles

Carried 2025 -101

Chief Administrative Officer

Administration

- General duties are ongoing.
- Ab Beaulieu Lane will be posted on August 18th.
- Second Winner of the districts Coffee Draw for Businesses was Tina's Foot Care

By-Law Enforcement Officer

- June 16, 2025
-Patrol, mailed letter for 84 Main St, Linton Corner
- June 27, 2025

- Patrol, no dogs noted
- July 21, 2025
 - Patrol, Served letter addressing a dog running at large
- August 5, 2025
 - Patrol, no dogs noted. House on Main Street is getting cleaned up. A house on our unsightly list is up for tax sale.

Lagoon Project

- Branch of the provincial government forwarded questions to Dominic concerning the project. The questions were answered in adequate time. The scope change of project has not been approved by the federal minister as of August 8th date. Domini is still hopeful that approval will happen and once it has the tendering can happen within 2-3 weeks and close tender 2-3 weeks after. He advised the goal would be to have the majority completed this year with some remaining restoration early next year if feasible.

Additional note: Receive approval on Friday 15th

Meetings

- July 28 – Water Audit meeting for the approval to operate
- Aug 5 – In house Joint Health & Safety Meeting
- Aug 6 – Meet with Mayor and RCMP member
- Aug 7 – Meet with Mark Richard of Riverbend Solutions NB
- Virtual Critical Infrastructure Wildfires with the office of the Provincial Security Advisor daily since August 11th.

Request from CAO St. Peter to add HR to the closed session.

RESOLUTION: To add Human Resources to the closed session – Councillor DeWitt, Councillor Eagles

Carried 2025 - 102

RESOLUTION: The Chief Administrative Officer report be accepted – Councillor Eagles, Deputy Mayor Harding

Carried 2025 - 103

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

New Business

- a) Debra Hillock advises a resident is parking their RV at the old arena site for the fourth year. Requesting that something be done about this.
- b) Mark Glass submitted his resignation as the district Municipal EMO Coordinator effective September 30, 2025.
- c) Summerfest Committee advising their parade is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2025. Starting at the TVHS parking lot at 10:30 am then proceeding to Roulston Lake. This year's theme is "Elbows up"/ Canadians
- d) Sandra & Mark Glass would like to open a discussion with the district regarding the Sandra Green and Mark Glass Family Foundation funding of renovations to the changing rooms/bathroom of the Community Pool facilities. We envision that this process would span over a period of time depending on the costs involved.
- e) Vincent Shields Ballfield - The district has received three letters of concern regarding the infield, soil and grass quality and dug outs/fencing of the field.

Council agrees some items need their attention, and more work will be done

f) National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Holiday for staff.

RESOLUTION: To recognize the Truth and Reconciliation Holiday – Councillor Eagles, Councillor DeWitt

Carried 2025-104

g) Noise complaint from Thomas Argue who lives at 670 Enterprise Rd. My neighbor at 690 Enterprise Rd. plays loud music late at night (around 1:00 A.M.), which is very disruptive and affects my sleep. Despite being asked to lower the volume, he refuses. The RCMP advised that without an applicable noise bylaw, they cannot take action. As the Enterprise Rd. is now part of the District of Tobique Valley, I believe updated bylaws and stronger protections are needed. Please advise me on the steps required to address this issue.

RESOLUTION: The District applies the existing Village of Plaster Rock by-law #23 – a by-law relating to the Prevention of Excessive Noises in the Village of Plaster Rock, to the entire District of Tobique Valley – Deputy Mayor Harding, Councillor Michaud

Carried 2025 - 105

Correspondence:

a) UMNb advises the district that dues will increase by 2.11% from \$3722.80 to \$3803.31 for 2026.

Next Meeting Date

RESOLUTION: The next Regular Meeting is Monday, September 15th, 2025 @7:00 p.m. at the Phil Sharkey Memorial Centre – Councillor Michaud, Deputy Mayor Harding

Carried 2025 - 106

Closed Session – Human Resources

RESOLUTION: To move meeting into closed session at 8:01 p.m. – Councillor Eagles, Councillor DeWitt

Carried 2025 – 107

RESOLUTION: To resume regular meeting at 8:34 p.m. – Councillor Eagles, Councillor Wright

Carried 2025 - 108

Adjournment

RESOLUTION: The meeting adjourned @ 8:35 p.m. –Councillor Eagles, Councillor Michaud

Carried 2025 - 109

Tom Eagles, Mayor

Patty St. Peter, CAO/Clerk