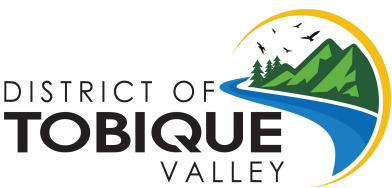


# Minutes

## Regular Meeting



May 20th, 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 Laurie Barry-Kinney, Councillor Joanne Michaud, Councillor William Eagles, Councillor Sharon DeWitt, Councillor Tony Wright, Amanda Jenkins McAskill, ASO

Absent: Patty St. Peter, CAO/Clerk

Gallery: Jeff McAloon, Co-CEO

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 Michaud declared conflict of interest on agenda item 11(d) – Community Investment for Project Linus

Councillor Barry-Kinney declared conflict of interest on agenda item 11(f) – Community Investment for Plaster Rock Golf Club.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**RESOLUTION:** Approval of agenda with addition to new business of f) Community Investment Application from Plaster Rock Golf Club - Councillor Barry-Kinney, Deputy Mayor Harding

Carried 2025 - 51

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**RESOLUTION:** Approval of Regular Meeting April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 – Councillor Eagles, Deputy Mayor Harding

Carried 2025 – 52

Solar Panel Smart Energy Company Presentation by Jeff McAloon, Co-CEO

#### Committee Reports

## ***Mayor Eagles***

### **Regional Service Commission**

Board meeting was held May 9/25. A presentation was given by Dave McCain, RSC auditor from Lenehan and McCain, Chartered Accountants. All financial aspects of the Commission are in good standing. A Recreation Coordinator will soon be hired for a three-year period to be funded by the Provincial Government. This person will work very closely with WVRC in this area. Carter Edgar has been appointed as a new member on PRAC (Planning Review and Adjustment Committee), he will do a great job. Joe Trevors, Manager of Ambulance New Brunswick for this area spoke on the challenges that they are facing and having dialogue with the Provincial Government. Our next meeting is a working session on May 23, 2025.

### **RSC - Public Safety**

I have been updated by Sargeant Bobbie Dickinson of the RCMP, usual occurrences happening. Patrols are taking place as usual.

### **UMNB**

The Government of New Brunswick introduced legislation to implement an assessment freeze across all property classes (residential, non-residential, and heavy industrial) for the 2026 taxation year. This decision involved little consultation with UMNB, and no engagement with municipalities at large.

UMNB had a special zoom meeting May 10th, for the purpose of voting on proposed UMNB By-laws. For a reminder, UMNB AGM will be held in Saint John in October 2025.

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## ***Deputy Mayor Gary Harding***

### **Public Works**

- Swept Everette, Harrison, Jarvis, Centennial, Roulston, Goodfellow Crescent, Mac Wright, Centennial Court, Pond St, Sutherly, Wellington
- New Serpentine belt on trackless
- Replaced brushes on sweeper for trackless
- Crusher dust in potholes on Mac Wright St. & Laurette Reynolds St
- Repaired cab corner on cube truck, fixed rust spots on cab & painted and clear coated cab
- Removed axles and body panels on 385 Case tractor, replaced all internal O-rings for braking system, painted all body panels and replaced master cylinders
- Replace parking stoppers in arena parking lot that were moved due to snow removal
- Placed cement barrier blocks & benches at Arbuckle landing
- Engine oil change on vac truck
- Began cleaning up around town (from snow removal)
- Cut brush around fence at lagoon
- New hydraulic motor on vac truck
- Met with Xplore a couple of times over new tower project, work on new tower commenced April 30th
- Replaced wing cable and an injector line on plow truck
- Removed wing, plow, cross conveyor and spinner to get plow truck ready to haul asphalt (plant opens May 20)
- Cold patch Main Street, Fraser St., Centennial St, Orange Street
- AVL did vegetation management on Tobique St. for us (also did quite a bit for NB Power)
- 1 load of salt this month
- Plowed/Salted twice this month
- Re-stained benches and garbage receptacle for cenotaph area
- Did 12 water samples this month (all with acceptable results)

## **Tobique Forestry Advisory Committee**

Tobique Forestry Advisory Committee did a road side clean up from Goodine Cross Roads to Crombie on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Cemetery Committee**

Cemetery will have a scheduled clean up when the ground dries.

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## ***Councillor Laurie Barry-Kinney***

### **Economic Development - Tourism**

- Orientation meeting with the committee and a Q&A

### **Policy & By-Laws**

*No report*

## **Pond Hockey**

*No report*

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## **COWS – Tourism & Economic Development Advisory Boards**

### **Memorandum of Meeting**

- Councillor Laurie Barry-Kinney welcomed the committee members and thanked them for their time and commitment they are giving to our community.
- Reviewed the committee responsibilities and boundaries
- Reviewed the policies and procedures
- Agendas will be available to committee members 2 days prior to meeting. Should anyone want to add to the agenda, please contact Laurie
- Agendas and memorandums are public information and may be posted publicly.
- Amanda to email the committee members the contact list
- Laurie noted that communication between meetings is allowed, however, please communicate to the committee as a whole.
- Next meeting date is June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – first official meeting to bring ideas forth.

**RESOLUTION: To add Melanie Corbin to the Tourism Advisory Board. – Councillor Barry-Kinney, Councillor Wright**

**Carried 2025 - 53**

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## ***Councillor Tony Wright***

### **Parks, Recreation & Facility Maintenance/Recreation Committee**

#### **Recreation:**

- Meetings are set with AbilityNB to help our area become more accessible
- Received funding from Tourism, Heritage and Culture under the Inclusive Community Recreation Infrastructure Fund to install a wheelchair ramp at the pool
- Received a grant from Canadian Heritage for Canada Day festivities

- Pool and park interviews were conducted
- COW members to be approved:
  - Arissa Zaykowski
  - Jessica Edgar
  - Sharon Major
  - Tamara McDougall

**RESOLUTION: Recreation & Leisure Advisory Committee to be Arissa Zaykowski, Jessica Edgar, Sharon Major, and Tamara McDougall – Councillor Wright, Councillor DeWitt**

**Carried 2025 - 54**

Upcoming events:

- June 7<sup>th</sup> – Cathy Hutch 7pm at the pavilion
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Father’s Day Car Show
- June 21<sup>st</sup> – PRFD are hosting the bike rodeo
- July 1<sup>st</sup> – Canada Day festivities
- July 12<sup>th</sup> – DTV with Plaster Rock Legion – Karaoke night
- August 8<sup>th</sup> – Blue Mountain Duo

#### Facility

- All picnic tables set out
- Fire pits placed
- Repaired fence in healing garden
- Moved healing garden sign out where it is viewed more clearly
- Cleaned out walking trail around lake
- Lawn repairs throughout the village from winter damage
- Ball diamond prepped and ready for use
- Assisted SPCA in moving into arena
- Oil and grease service on tractor
- Regular operations maintenance

#### **Pond Hockey**

*No report*

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#### ***Councillor HW Eagles***

##### **Fire Department**

1 Structure fire at sawmill  
 1 Tree on power lines  
 1 Grass fire  
 1 Structure fire at a camp  
 1 Residential fire alarm

3 Medical assistance calls. (These calls were all for breathing problems, and medics on the department were able to attend them all)

Call 1. (9-month-old boy and ambulance was delayed by 35 min.)

Call 2. (29-year-old female and ambulance was delayed 27 min)

Call 3. (Elderly gentleman and ambulance was delayed 67 min)

#### **Cemetery**

- Another plot has been sold.
- All committals have been done
- Delivery of stones
- Cemetery mowing has been contracted for 2025

**Transportation**

*No Report*

**Long Term/Palliative Care**

*No Report*

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**Councillor Sharon DeWitt**

**For the month of April 2025**

MONTHLY	INCOME	EXPENSE
GENERAL	\$278,294.69	\$162,274.06
WATER & SEWER	\$162,110.97	\$29,649.08
TOTAL	\$440,405.66	\$191,923.14

**EMO**

*No Report*

**Library**

- The library is closed temporarily for bat remediation. Staff are working in other libraries until the library reopens. All programs have been postponed and/or cancelled.
- We hope to reopen in time to offer our Summer Reading Club program. The theme this year is “Space”.

**Education**

**DFMS**

*No Report*

**TVMHS**

*No Report*

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**Councillor Joanne Michaud**

**Health**

*No Report*

**Policy & By Laws**

*No Report*

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## **Christmas**

*No Report*

**RESOLUTION: Reports be accepted as submitted – Councillor Eagles, Councillor Michaud**

**Carried 2025 - 55**

## **Chief Administrative Officer**

### **Administration**

- General Duties
- Voice mail left for Eric Dube of RDC
- Letter to forwarded to new business in Ward 2 on behalf of the district
- Second tender for Asphaltting completed and posted to website
- Secured venues for coffee with council in all wards
- Applied for funding for Cemetery maintenance
- Riley Brook is advertising Coffee with Council on their Facebook Page

### **Lagoon**

- In accordance with the new EIA requirements, letters have been sent

### **By Law Enforcement Officer**

- 287 Main Street Update - On May 3, 2025, at 215 pm, I was able to speak with the owner of this property. He was at the property, cleaning it up some, and had his son with him to help. He stated that he received the letter and will comply with our request. He said that they are fixing up the house, and he plans on moving into the community with his family. They started tearing down and cleaning up the garage that collapsed in the backyard. He also is boarding up the house and putting up a fence and putting up no trespassing signs. He said that he is going back to Ontario and will be back on May 9th to finish cleaning up the property. He stated that NB Power is going to hook up power to the house this week. Plans to move here permanently in August. He stated several times that he would comply and seemed pleasant and wanting to cooperate. I told him that I would come visit him between the 9<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> to see his progress.
- Have asked properties at 317 Main Street and 221 Main Street be looked at.

### **Meetings**

- April 25 Media Training
- April 30 – EMO Meeting
- May 1 COW Economic Development Meeting
- May 7 Strategic Plan

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

**Carried 2025 - 56**

## **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- a) Fraser Street Tender – local pit run awarded to I.R. MacDonald at a cost of \$80.00 per load. Under the advice of the public works supervisor that the pit run be Anfield instead of local.

**RESOLUTION: To award I.R. MacDonald pit run supplying from the Anfield pit at a cost of \$110 per load, plus HST. – Councillor Barry-Kinney, Councillor Michaud**

**Carried 2025 - 57**

**New Business**

a) Tenders

- Sidewalk Paving – received 2 tenders – Northern Construction \$160,000 plus HST and Ray’s Paving \$155,000 plus HST

**RESOLUTION: To award the sidewalk paving to Ray’s Paving at \$155,000 plus HST – Councillor Eagles, Councillor Wright**

**Carried 2025 – 58**

- Fraser Street Paving – received two tenders – Northern Construction \$84,000 plus HST and Ray’s Paving \$67,980 plus HST

**RESOLUTION: To award the Fraser Street paving to Ray’s Paving at \$67,980 plus HST – Councillor Eagles, Councillor Wright**

**Carried 2025 – 59**

- Pool Ramp – No tenders received

- b) Sandra & Mark Glass would like to explore the costs involved in the replacement of the sign identifying the Plaster Rock Community Cemetery. This process would involve design, council approval, production and installation of a replacement sign. We would appreciate our involvement in the design process and funding of the replacement sign. Our monetary commitment will be offered once costs are estimated.

Deputy Mayor Harding and Councillor Eagles will meet with Sandra & Mark Glass to discuss this further.

- c) Community Investment Application received from the Royal Canadian Legion Arthurette for assistance for entertainment for NB Day Celebration. Estimated cost \$2,500.00 amount requested \$1,000.00.

**RESOLUTION: To grant the Royal Canadian Legion Arthurette a \$1,000 grant from the Community Investment Funding – Councillor Eagles, Councillor DeWitt**

**Carried 2025 – 60**

- d) Community Investment Application received from Project Linus Canada for assistance to better provide materials for blankets by buying bulk. Estimated cost \$1,337.00 amount requested \$1,000.00.

**RESOLUTION: To grant the Project Linus Canada a \$1,000 grant from the Community Investment Funding – Councillor Barry-Kinney, Councillor Wright**

**Carried 2025 – 61**

- e) Community Investment Application received from Riley Brook Recreation Council Inc for assistance with Basement Renovation. Estimated cost \$3,500.00 amount requested \$1,000.00.

**RESOLUTION: To donate \$1,000 from the Community Investment Fund to the Riley Brook Recreation Council Inc. – Councillor Michaud, Deputy Mayor Harding**

**Carried 2025 – 62**

- f) Community Investment Application received from Plaster Rock Golf Club Inc for upgrade of technology. Estimated cost \$1,000.00 amount requested \$1,000.00.

**RESOLUTION: To donate \$1,000 from the Community Investment Fund to the Plaster Rock Golf Club. – Councillor Wright, Councillor Eagles**

**Carried 2025 – 63**

**Correspondence:**

None

**Next Meeting Date**

**RESOLUTION: The next Regular Meeting is Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @7:00 p.m. at the Phil Sharkey Memorial Centre – Councillor Michaud, Councillor DeWitt**

**Carried 2025 - 64**

**Closed Session – Land, Human Resources, Legal**

**RESOLUTION: To move into closed session @ 8:39 p.m. – Councillor Barry-Kinney, Councillor Eagles**

**Carried 2025 – 65**

**RESOLUTION: To open to the public session @ 8:46 p.m. – Councillor DeWitt, Deputy Mayor Harding**

**Carried 2025 – 66**

**RESOLUTION: To change Pond Street to Ab Beaulieu Lane in memory of Albert Beaulieu – Councillor Wright, Deputy Mayor Harding**

**Carried 2025 – 67**

**Adjournment**

**RESOLUTION: The meeting adjourned @ 8:48 p.m. –Councillor Barry-Kinney, Deputy Mayor Harding**

**Carried 2025 - 68**

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**Tom Eagles, Mayor**

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**Amanda Jenkins McAskill,  
Asst CAO/Clerk**