

**REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2024**

AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

COUNCIL ORIENTATION: MNR (Municipal and Northern Relations)

GUESTS: Jaime Bertrand/WPSH Consultant (Workplace Safety and Health) 10 – 11AM
Alvin Murdock/MDC (Municipal Development Consultant) 11 – NOON

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- REGULAR – OCTOBER 17, 2024
- SPECIAL – OCTOBER 21, 30, 31 and NOVEMBER 4, 2024

3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

- WATER/SEWER PROJECT
- FIRE GUARD
- RICE LAKE DAM
- ICE PLANT

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS and ACCTS RECEIVABLE

- OCTOBER 2024

5. UNPAID BILLS

- NOVEMBER 25, 2024

NOTE: Up to date listing provided at meeting

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. LAND USE

8. BISSETT EMERGENCY SERVICES

9. RECREATION PROGRAM

- HIRING

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A) CSO ENGAGEMENT BRIEF
- B) MTI BRIEF
- C) CAO WORKSHOP BRIEF
- D) REGIONAL WASTE DISPOSAL SITE REP APPOINTMENT
- E) SPARE TIRE – ONE TON
- F) MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR
- G) NEXT REGULAR MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 25, 2024

10:00AM

MEMBERS: Carla Nicholson-Spence
Doug McPherson
James Baldwin

WELCOME: Larry Johnson
Gordon Arndt

COUNCIL ORIENTATION: MNR (Municipal and Northern Relations)

GUESTS: Jaime Bertrand/WPSH Consultant (Workplace Safety and Health)
Alvin Murdock/MDC (Municipal Development Consultant)

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #126 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Agenda – November 25, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda be adopted as presented.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Gordon Arndt

All in favour

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

RESOLUTION #127 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Adoption of the Regular Meeting Minutes October 17, 2024 and Special
October 20, 30, 31 and November 4, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Regular and Special Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson

3 in favour/GA and L J Abstain

3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

A) WATERWORKS PROJECT: Background on the project was provided to the new council members.

The Boil Water Advisory has been lifted; Further work is required to be carried out to satisfy the deficiencies list which will most likely be done in 2025; The meter on Currie Drive has been installed; All meter locations require Hydro hookup. Council continues to work with MNR to extend the warranty period by one additional year. As a note the warranty is not yet in place until the deficiencies are satisfied.

B) FIRE BREAK: Background information was provided to the new council members.

Council had an opportunity to meet virtually with personnel from: Wildfire Mitigation, Fire & Life Safety, Fire Prevention and Communications, Regional Forester, Forest Services, Fire operations Manager, Eastern Superintendent Manitoba Wildfire Services and MNR Protective Services. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various topics of wildfire preparedness and prevention including the potential revitalization of the previous fire break. The first step in properly assessing the feasibility of the fire break is to have the Forester come out to assess the forest as well as for council to implement a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) with the assistance of some of the above noted personnel. MNR as per Kevin Popowich/Protective Services Consultant supports these efforts and would like to use Bissett as a pilot project to implement this CWPP in other Northern Affairs communities.

RESOLUTION #128 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan (CWPP).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council would like to implement a CWPP with the assistance and support of MNR, Wildfire Services and supporting departments.

M/S by Gordon Arndt and James Baldwin

All in favour

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GUESTS – 10:10am: Council took the opportunity to Welcome our guests from MNR who were providing presentations on: Respectful Workplace and Workplace Safety and Health as well as Council Orientation. At approx. 12:40pm it was decided by council that due to the length of the Council Orientation manual, further sessions would be required and council will reach out to Alvin Murdock to facilitate at future meetings.

Lunch was provided and Jaime and Alvin were thanked for their presence and presentations.

C) RICE LAKE DAM: Background information was provided to the new council members. No follow up has been received from the Department and will be followed up on. CARRY

F) ICE PLANT: Background information was provided to the new council members. Council has sent a letter to the Bissett Curling Club Executive requesting input on the matter. No reply has been received to date. CARRY

BACKGROUND INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED TO THE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Cemetery Carving CARRY
- Public Works Assistant who is now finished for the season

4. FINANCIAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

RESOLUTION #129 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: October Financial Report.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The October Financial Report and Accounts Receivable be accepted as presented.

M/S by Gordon Arndt and Larry Johnson All in favour

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2024

<u>Name</u>	<u>Total</u>	Description
MNR	11,724.33	WATER PROJECT REIMB
NACC	1,557.41	SINCE PAID
QUESNEL LAKE CARIBOU LODGE	45.00	SEWAGE LAGOON U/F
		RENTAL
SHARED HEALTH - ERS EAST	1,050.00	CLINIC/BAY
SIGFUSSON NORTHERN	7,720.00	WATER/GARB/SEWER
Springfield Septic Services	<u>1,500.00</u>	SEWAGE LAGOON U/F
Total outstanding:	<u><u>23,596.74</u></u>	

5. UNPAID BILLS AS AT NOVEMBER 25, 2024

RESOLUTION #130– 2024/25

WHEREAS: Unpaid bills as at November 25, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Unpaid bills as at November 25, 2024 for a total amount payable of \$15257.25 be approved for payment.

M/S by James Baldwin and Doug McPherson All in favour

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UNPAID BILLS AS AT NOVEMBER 25, 2024

<u>Name</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Description</u>
304 NORTH INC	141.75	Accommodation 1st Aid Instructor
ADVENTURE AIR	1,737.28	Fuel
ALS ENVIRONMENTAL	955.49	Water/Sewage Lagoon Testing
BRENNTAG CANADA INC.	382.30	Chemicals
CIMCO	2,451.40	Ice Plant Inspection
D & D Excavating & Hauling	2,609.05	Garbage Bin Hauling
DUFOUR Enterprise Ltd	4,593.75	Water curb repair
DURACAN	132.30	Water Testing
GARDWINE NORTH	241.61	Freight
LINDE CANADA INC	31.99	Acetylene
POWerview AUTO SUPPLIES LTD.	312.62	Misc Supplies PW
WBM TECHNOLOGIES INC	157.49	Copier U/F
		Registration WT1 and Exam – Alan Leamy /Misc Office Supplies (\$983 REIMB BY MNR for WT1 and Exam
WYNNE, Gail	1,345.72	Water sample transport/Misc Supplies
WYNNE'S PLACE	<u>164.50</u>	
Total outstanding:	<u><u>15,257.25</u></u>	

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Council was advised of the new appointed Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations, Glen Simard.

B. Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters grant opportunity.

RESOLUTION #131 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council apply for funding under the above noted
for repairs to decking at the beach areas in the amount of the maximum grant \$2500.00.

M/S by James Baldwin and Larry Johnson

All in favour

C. Information was received from the Office of the Drinking Water on the implementation of the residential lead monitoring program 2025. Further information will be obtained from the DWO and MNR on implementing this mandatory testing requirement. CARRY

D. As information; the Pointe du Bois to Whiteshell transmission line proposed route changes were received.

E. 1911 Gold Corp has provided council with information on the Updated Resources for the True North Gold Project in Bissett. This News Release and others can be found by going to the company website.

1911 Gold Corporation

6. CORRESPONDENCE...con't

F. From the Ground-Up grant applications for: Council Office Accessibility, Hall Accessibility, Decking Repairs and Boat Launch proposals were all unsuccessful. Council will reach out to funding agency to request information on what perhaps made the proposals unsuccessful ie: overall funding and/or proposals themselves in an effort to gain knowledge for future submissions.

As Office Accessibility is a priority outside of grant funding Council will be reaching out to contractors to request quotes on that project as well as look at the other projects for overall costs for budgetary considerations. CARRY

G. A copy of the letter sent to the Minister of Business, Mining, Trade and Job Creation from the Executive Assistant to Mayor & Council of the City of Thompson requesting municipal representation and inclusion on the new Mining Advisory Council was received as information only.

H. Invitation from Community Futures to name a council representative to the Board for the 2025 year. Under consideration. CARRY

I. The October water report was received from 1911 Gold.

J. Eastman Tourism advertising opportunity – 2025 Publication.

RESOLUTION #132 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Eastman Tourism advertising opportunity – 2025 Publication.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Bissett Community Council place an ad in the above noted at a cost of \$250 plus applicable taxes.

M/S by Gordon Arndt and Doug McPherson CARRY

7. LAND USE:

NIL

8. BISSETT EMERGENCY SERVICES:

A. The October Monthly report was received.

B. Suggested to council that an overhang be built to help reduce condensation at the side entrance door at the Fire Hall. CARRY

C. Brandon Public-Safety Communication Centre has advised of the annual fee schedule for 2025. There is an amount payable by the community (approximately \$770.00) for this service on an annual basis.

9. RECREATION PROGRAM:

A. HIRING: No applications were received. The posting will be extended. In the interim the council will provide community members the opportunity to submit proposals to carry out recreational activities or events for consideration of funding. See local notices and Facebook Posts.

9. RECREATION PROGRAM...con't

RESOLUTION #133 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Recreation Director extended employment opportunity posting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Employment opportunity for the Recreation Director position be extended to December 11, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: In the interim the council will provide community members the opportunity to submit proposals to carry out recreational activities or events for consideration of funding.

M/S by Doug McPherson and Gordon Arndt

All in favour

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER (CSO) ENGAGEMENT BRIEF: Council was provided information on the recent CSO Engagement that was held in Manigotagan – Doug McPherson and Gail Wynne attended. The communities of Aghaming, Bissett, Manigotagan and Seymourville shared a Community Constable pre 2015 as individual community population requirements did not meet criteria. The program was then changed to a Community Safety Officer until approx. 2019 and COVID held up any progress of reinstating the CSO program. The department (MNR) then began a review of the program based on the changes made under current MB Justice. The program is now delivered through MB Justice and not MNR (NAB). Applications are made to MB Justice. MNR is carrying out an engagement on the new program and the feasibility of it in communities that either; currently have an active CSO or ones who did have a program. Funding requirements will be required by both the department (MNR) and the communities. The engagement sessions are expected to wrap up in early 2025 at which time a presentation will be made to the department (MNR) to try and secure funding. The second phase of the engagement is being suggested for early December. Council will inform the department (MNR) of available dates.

B. MANITOBA TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE (MTI) BRIEF: As posted, an informal discussion was held with Kelvin Harder/Superintendent and Richard Boulette from the Manigotagan yard which included topics as follows:

- * Extensive grading on PR#304 to be carried out prior to freeze up
 - > To follow up as no indication of this has been seen
- * Culvert on PR#304 near the Bissett Transfer Station is to be repaired.
 - > Was completed
- * Asphalt will continue to be placed in potholes on the pavement portion of PR#304
 - > Will follow up as there is no real evidence of that happening
- * Brushing, culverts and ditching requirements on PR#304 through the community will be reviewed by MTI personnel as well as council who will present their findings
- * Trees on Hydro Lines – PR#304 – posing risks
 - > Council to contact MB Hydro
- * Council will continue to lobby the Minister of MTI and have requested support from neighboring communities: Aghaming, Manigotagan and Seymourville
 - > Aghaming and Manigotagan have indicated their support

10. NEW BUSINESS...con't

C. CAO WORKSHOP BRIEF: A brief was prepared but in light of the time and length of the meeting it was suggested by the CAO it be tabled to the next Regular Meeting. CARRY

D. REGIONAL WASTE DISPOSAL SITE REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT: Council has been asked to appoint their RWDS Rep.

RESOLUTION #134 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Regional Waste Disposal Site Representative Appointment.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Doug McPherson be appointed as interim RWDS Rep.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Larry Johnson to shadow Doug at which time he (LJ) will decide if he would like to be appointed as Bissett's RWDS Rep.

M/S by Gordon Arndt and James Baldwin

3 in fav/DM – L J abst.

E. SPARE TIRE – ONE TON:

RESOLUTION #135 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Spare tire – one ton.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: A tire be purchased for the one-ton to be utilized as a spare at a cost of \$330.00 plus applicable fees and taxes.

M/S by Gordon Arndt and Larry Johnson

All in favour

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ITEMS WERE ADDED WITH THE APPROVAL OF COUNCIL:

F. EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUS:

RESOLUTION #136 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Employee Christmas Bonus 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The council approve the employee Christmas Bonus as presented.

M/S by Larry Johnson and Gordon Arndt

4 in favour/DM abst.

G. REMOVAL OF MARK WYNNE FROM SIGNING AUTHORITY:

RESOLUTION #137 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Removal of Mark Wynne from signing authority.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Mark Wynne be removed from signing authority.

M/S by Doug McPherson and James Baldwin

All in favour

H. MAYOR/DEPUTY-MAYOR:

The council appoints among themselves the position of Mayor and Deputy-Mayor each November for a one (1) year term. The floor was open to nomination for Mayor: Carla Nicholson-Spence was nominated by Gordon Arndt. After a second and third call for nominations, nominations closed:

Supported by all council members, Carla Nicholson-Spence accepted the appointment.

RESOLUTION #138 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Bissett Community Council – Mayor appointment – November 2024 – November 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Carla Nicholson-Spence be appointed Mayor for the Bissett Community Council for the term indicated.

M/S by Larry Johnson and Doug McPherson

4 in favour/CNS abst.

10. NEW BUSINESS...con't

H. MAYOR/DEPUTY-MAYOR:

The floor was open to nomination of Deputy-Mayor: Gordon Arndt was nominated by Larry Johnson and Doug McPherson was nominated by James Baldwin. After a second and third call for nominations, nominations closed:

Gordon Arndt declined the nomination

Doug McPherson accepted the nomination

RESOLUTION #139 – 2024/25

WHEREAS: Bissett Community Council – Deputy-Mayor appointment – November 2024 – November 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Doug McPherson be appointed Deputy-Mayor for the Bissett Community Council for the term indicated.

M/S by Larry Johnson and James Baldwin

4 in favour/DM abst.

I. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024 @ 10:00AM

***SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 2:51 PM

CARLA NICHOLSON-SPENCE/MAYOR

GAIL WYNNE/CAO