

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BELFAST
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOV. 5, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Derrill Shaw. He welcomed our new Mayor Jill Walsh and new Councilors Virginia Cooke, Garth Gillis, Andy Henry, Audrey Shillabeer, Joanne Vessey and absent with regrets Billy Gamble. They will take office on Friday, December 7th. They will be sworn in on Monday, December 3rd at 7 p.m. at Belfast Fire Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Derrill Shaw Garth Gillis Gary MacLeod
 Kip Smith Frieda Billard

ABSENT WITH REGRETS – Paul MacDonald

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – It was moved by Frieda Billard, seconded by Garth Gillis, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – It was moved by Kip Smith, seconded by Garth Gillis, that the minutes of the meeting held October 1, 2018 be adopted. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – Kip advised Council that he and Rikki attended an information meeting in Montague a while ago about the new Municipal Government Act (MGA). They shared their concerns about the financial costs of having an accessible designated public office and a staff member for 20 hours per week. It is now article 85 section 2 of the MGA. The Minister is now aware of complaints because taxes may have to be increased to cover these costs in the various municipalities. Kip thanked the Council and residents for supporting him as a Councilor.

FINANCIAL REPORT – It was moved by Frieda, seconded by Kip, that the cheque of \$10,000 be issued for the Belfast Rural Fire Dept. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – An update was given on the Flat River Cemetery right-of-way situation. Discussion was held on heritage cemeteries in our community – Wood Islands, Belle River, and Flat River. There is still no response from the Beaton's however the neighbors are writing letters in reply to the letter sent by the Gurniack's.

NEW BUSINESS – Janice invited Bob Brooks, resident and possible candidate as the new administrator, to meet the outgoing Councilors and our incoming new Mayor and Councilors.

There being no further business, the next meeting with the new Council will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 7 p.m. at Belfast Fire Hall.

Approved December 3, 2018

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Deputy Mayor - Derrill Shaw

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Administrator - Janice MacDonald