



Rural Municipality of Belfast (RMB)

Mayor: Garth Gillis; Chief Administrative Officer: Bob Brooks; *Incorporated 1972*

COUNCIL MEETING - AGENDA

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Upstairs Hall, Wood Islands Market

Council:	Mayor Garth Gillis (Chair)	Deputy Mayor Lynn Docherty
	Councillor Katherine Bryson	Councillor Trisha Carter
	Councillor Billy Gamble	Councillor James Kinnee
	Councillor Charley McGivern	
Administration:	CAO Bob Brooks	Ashley Feschuk

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Item Order of Business

1. **Call to Order** – Council Meeting to be called to by Mayor Gillis at 7:00 PM.
2. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest** – Do any members of Council have a conflict of interest with any items on today's Agenda?
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Any other suggested Agenda Items for today's meeting? (*Two other items already suggested - placed under Item 12*)

Moved by _____ and **seconded** by _____
to adopt the agenda as amended.

Votes for: _____ Votes against: _____ Result: _____

4. **Wood Islands Rejuvenation Project** (*presented by CAO Bob Brooks*) – Following the April 19th presentation from the Wood Island and Area Development Corporation (WIADC), some Council members asked if WIADC could be invited back to hopefully answer some follow-up questions.

While some members of Council have seen the full presentation, others have not. RMB's previous Council were consulted on the entire DRAFT vision for the area, and was also asked to support one of the components. Specifically, the immediate repairs to the Wood Islands Lighthouse; a project required regardless of whether the overall vision came to pass or not. RMB supported the Lighthouse repairs through a grant through the Canada/PEI Infrastructure Secretariat – a project due to be complete by March 31, 2024.

Unfortunately, WIADC was not available for this particular meeting, and the Chair sends his regrets from Montreal; however, did provide answers to the questions that the CAO knew about. WIADC also committed, that the overall DRAFT vision for the Wood Islands Area Rejuvenation, was only at the very beginning stages of consultation and that they are not at the approvals process yet. RMB is committed to posting any public consultation opportunities on this vision on our website, so that residents and Council can follow the process and progress as it transpires.

The questions WIADC was asked to provide further information on are as follows (*response letter attached*):

- What was the time period for the consultation process for the **Wood Islands Strategic Development Plan**?
- How were the area residents involved and/or invited to attend the consultations?
- Which government organizations were involved in the consultation process for that Plan?
- Is there more public consultation planned for this Project? Or has it already been approved?
- The report that the Federal Government commissioned entitled: **The Transportation Assets Risk Assessments (TARA) - Wood Islands Ferry Terminal PEI** - Did the government accept the findings of that report? And/or use the results of that report in their consultation/approval process? and
- Who is on the current Board of Directors of WIADC?

5. **Public Presentations (if any)** – (*Members of the public are offered five minutes to make a presentation to Council. After the five minutes are up, the Presenter may ask for an extension – only granted if UNANIMOUS consent of Council is given. Following the presentation, Council may or may not ask questions*)
- a) _____
 - b) _____

6. **Adoption of the April 19, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes** (*previously distributed; all changes incorporated*).

Moved by _____ and **seconded** by _____ to approve the Minutes of the April 19, 2023 Council Meeting as presented.
 Votes for: ____ Votes against: ____ Result: _____

7. **Business arising from the April 19, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes** (*only one business item, not already addressed in today’s agenda*).
- a. **Pinette Park Boat Launch** – the Province has received the concern raised by RMB about the effectiveness of the new boat launch and will continue to monitor the situation.

8. **CAO Report** (*presented by CAO Bob Brooks*)

a) **Financial/Variance/Planning Report**

i. **Provincial Credit Union Account Balances at May 5, 2023:**

a. Share Acct 001	\$5.35
b. Chequing Acct 010	\$94,085.80
c. Gas Tax (CCBF) Acct 011 (<i>for approved projects</i>)	\$44,546.74
d. Reserve Savings Acct 020	\$36.88
e. Gas Tax (CCBF) GIC Acct 040 (<i>for approved projects</i>)	\$50,501.20
f. Reserve Savings GICs; Acct 041 & 042	\$65,438.49

(for RMB project(s) – to be determined during Strategic Planning Session)

23/24 Community Grant payouts started in April and will continue throughout the year; and the Year-end financial documents will be supplied to MRSB in May toward our Annual Audit.

9. **Saltwire Flyer Distribution** – Saltwire continues to receive input from RMB residents on a regular basis – no further updates at this time.

10. **Facebook Livestreaming** – With approval of RMB to continue to livestream the Council Meetings on Facebook; the CAO will see how RMB can incorporate better sound for the meetings, within the PA system purchase that they have already researched for events. Suggestions for better video will be presented as they evolve.
11. **Website Updates/Improvements** – the new website improvements have been a big hit with RMB residents. Many folks have supplied many photos and many events to be posted on our website – something that we’ll carry-on from now on.
12. **New Business for the Agenda** (*as discussed in Approval of Agenda, Item 3 above*)
 - a. **Federation of PEI Municipalities AGM Attendance Report** – Councillor Bryson will report on her attendance at the recent Annual General Meeting of the FPEIM.
 - i. **Resolution for FPEIM Board of Directors**

 Moved by _____ and **seconded** by _____ to let Councillor Katherine Bryson’s name stand, to represent the Rural Municipalities for Queen’s County on the Board of Directors of the Federation of PEI Municipalities.
 Votes for: _____ Votes against: _____ Result: _____
 - b. **Medical Treatment for Belfast Residents** – Councillor Bryson...

13. **Next Meetings:**
 - a. **Regular Meeting of Council** - scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Hall at Wood Islands Market.
 - b. **RMB Strategic Planning Session** - scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Upstairs Hall at Wood Islands Market - this meeting is also open to the public. Within the notices and a preliminary draft that are posted for the meeting; residents will be asked to provide any suggestions that they would like Council to consider.
14. **Adjournment** – As there is no further business...

 Moved by _____ to adjourn the meeting at: _____