

The Town of Gambo

A Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Gambo was held on May 19th, 2026, at the Gambo Town Hall, Gambo, NL.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Gambo held on May 19th, 2026, at the Gambo Town Hall, Gambo, NL.

Members in Attendance:

Mayor Peter Lush
Deputy Mayor Lori Moss
Councillor Charlene Kean
Councillor Morgan Cooze
Councillor Minnie Osmond
Councillor Tracy Penney
Councillor Darryl Taylor
Town Manager Stephen Stockley
Town Clerk Lorne Greene

Mayor Lush called the meeting to order at 6:53 pm.

Lorne, Town Clerk, requested to add the purchase of a garage door to the agenda.

Resolution: 2026-05-19-120 (M. Osmond & C. Kean) Be it resolved to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council of May 19th, 2026, as presented with the above-noted addition.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

Resolution Carried

Resolution: 2026-05-19-121 (L. Moss & C. Kean) Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of May 6th, 2026, as presented.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

Resolution Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

There is no business arising from the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of May 6th, 2026.

Resolution: 2026-05-19-122 (D. Taylor & T. Penney) Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of April 27th, 2026, as presented.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

Resolution Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Mayor Lush acknowledged the low turnout at the recent open house held for Municipal Awareness Week and discussed the different ideas that had been explored in the past. He indicated hosting such an event is a waste of taxpayer's money as the community is not engaged.

Deputy Mayor Moss inquired regarding the completion of the mandatory training statements. Lorne, Town Clerk, advised that all Council had the required statements completed.

Councillor Taylor asked regarding the ongoing accounts receivable discussions and Lorne, Town Clerk, advised that all accounts were in the process of being reviewed. He further inquired regarding the arrear's sales properties and Lorne, Town Clerk, advised that five properties have been sent to our legal for review and action.

Mayor Lush requested an update on the permit application for a drive through to be located at 443 J.R. Smallwood Blvd. Lorne, Town Clerk, advised that a telephone conversation regarding the stipulations on the application approval was held with the owner and Stephen, Town Manager, was in attendance. It was noted that there is sufficient space for the drive through and that the business owner had spoken with the property owner of 439 J.R. Smallwood Blvd. requesting permission and that she would be receiving a signed document indicating the approval to use the property.

Mayor Lush inquired as to whether any monies were provided to the Smallwood Era Development Corporation from their 2026 Budget and it was noted that no funds have been provided yet.

Item: 2026 Smallwood Era Development Corporation Budget

Resolution: 2026-05-19-123 (C. Kean & T. Penney) Be it resolved to provide a cheque to the Smallwood Era Development Corporation in the amount of \$2,500.00 as operating funds from the approved 2026 Budget.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

Resolution Carried

Councillor Taylor requested an update from Stephen, Town Manager, on the purchase of the power rods, grader, Class "A" material. Stephen, Town Manager, gave an update on the grader and further noted that we have received nearly all the Class "A" material.

Councillor Taylor requested an update on the road grading and noted that Dark Cove Pond is an issue.

Mayor Lush advised that when the contract is awarded for the paving of Smith's Road, we should obtain a quote to complete asphalt patching on Bonaventure Avenue, Forest Road and George Street.

Councillor Kean advised that she had received a complaint regarding the grading of Lakeside Drive. It was noted that this street has now been graded.

Councillor Penney inquired regarding lime for the softball field.

Councillor Taylor inquired regarding the Code of Conduct Training and Lorne, Town Clerk, advised that all training has been completed.

Mayor Lush offered his regrets on Visiting Delegate Ray Penney as he was not in attendance at the meeting as requested and offers his well wishes to him.

Council Meeting Correspondence (Information)

Received From	Received on	Details
Gov't NL	Apr-23-26	Spring 2026 Operator Education Seminars
Department of Municipal and Community Affairs	April-23-26	Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) name change
Municipal Assessment Agency	Apr-29-26	Update on the Municipal Assessment Agency
Department of Municipal and Community Affairs	Apr-30-26	Mandatory Orientation Training - Extension
Municipal Assessment Agency	May-04-26	Clar Simmons Scholarship Now Open for Applications
Municipalities NL	May-06-26	Municipal Sector Raises Serious Concerns with Changes to Multi-Year Capital Works Program
Municipalities NL	May-07-26	MNL welcomes members to the 2026 Municipal symposium Gander
Municipalities NL	May-11-26	Municipal Awareness Week - Collaboration is the Key to Municipal Success
Municipal Assessment Agency	May-12-26	Clar Simmons Scholarship
Department of Forestry, Agriculture and lands	May-12-26	Emergency Preparedness Week Follow-up
Forestry, Agriculture and Lands	May-14-26	Application for Crown Land Approved
Municipalities NL	May-15-26	infoNote: See what MNL has been up to!

Council Meeting Correspondence (Action)

Received From	Received on	Details
Department of Municipal and Community Affairs	Apr-15-26	Extension for Mandatory Code of conduct Training
WorkplaceNL	Apr-27-26	WorkplaceNL May 2026 Webinars and Workshops
Department of Forestry, Agriculture, and Lands	May-06-26	Official reminder of your council's and/or committee's obligations to maintain an emergency plan
Emergency Solutions International	May-08-26	Community Wildfire Resiliency Program and Implementation Support
ParticipACTION	May-08-26	Join the ParticipACTION Community Challenge - Make room to Move this June!

New Horizons for Seniors Program	May-11-26	Call for Proposals 2026-2027 of the new Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP)
WorkplaceNL	May-11-26	PRIME OHS Certification Program (PRIME Path 2) sessions
Employment and Social Development Canada	May-12-26	Reminder - Canada's Volunteer Awards Call for Nominations
Department of Municipal and Community Affairs	May-12-26	Capital Investment Plan Approval
Department of Forestry, Agriculture, and Lands	May-13-26	B.E.M. & E.O.C.M. course Offering
Department of Municipal and Community Affairs	May 13-26	Municipal Access Information and Protection of Privacy (ATIPP) Support and 2026 Training Opportunities
WorkplaceNL	May 13-26	Save the Date for the 2026 Health and Safety Learning Symposium!
Town of Gambo	May-20-26	Property Standards and Nuisance Bylaw

Item: Extension for Mandatory Code of Conduct Training

Under Section 8 of the Municipal Conduct Regulations, under the Municipal Conduct Act, Councillors who have not yet completed the required Code of Conduct Training have been granted an extension until May 31st, 2026. Additional training dates will be shared with municipalities in the coming days.

Item: WorkplaceNL May 2026 Webinars and Workshops

A list of Free Webinars and Workshops is available for the month of May.

Item: Emergency Management Plan

This correspondence is an official reminder of Council’s and/or Committee’s obligation to maintain an Emergency Management Plan. Section 5 of the Emergency Services Act requires each Town and Local Service District to adopt an emergency management plan and to exercise the plan to strengthen community preparedness.

Item: Community Wildfire Resiliency Program and Implementation Support

Across Newfoundland and Labrador, Municipalities are being asked to make real, defensible decisions about wildfire risk, often with limited internal capacity, evolving guidance and increasing public and Council expectations. This correspondence introduces Emergency Solutions International (ESI) as a national leader in the development of Community Wildfire Resiliency Plans (CWRPs).

Item: Join the ParticipACTION Community Challenge - make room to move this June!

This correspondence is inviting Gambo to take part in the upcoming program - The ParticipACTION Community Challenge that is presented by Novo Nordisk. This challenge is a national physical activity and sport participation initiative encouraging all people living in Canada to make room to move through June. The challenge recognizes Canada's most Active Community with a \$100,000 prize, and one community in each of the remaining twelve provinces and territories to receive \$5,000 to \$10,000 to support local physical activity and sport initiatives.

Item: Call for Proposals 2026 - 2027 of the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP)

On June 2, 2026, the Government of Canada will launch the 2026-2027 Call for Proposals (CFP) for community projects under the New Horizons for Seniors Program. (NHSP) throughout Canada. The deadline to apply will be July 14th, 2026, at 3 pm Eastern Time. Organizations will have six weeks to submit their applications. Information on the NHSP web pages outline more about this funding opportunity starting June 2nd, 2026.

Item: Prime OHS Certification Program (PRIME Path 2) Sessions - WorkplaceNL

This correspondence acknowledges receipt of the 2025 Annual Employer Statement (AES), and that it was indicated we would like to participate in WorkplaceNL's 2026 PRIME OHS Certification Program (PRIME Path 2). Prime Path 2 is their financial incentive program for larger employers and focuses on OHS Certification. To qualify for PRIME refunds, employers must implement a 15-element OHS program and complete the PRIME audit process.

Item: Capital Investment Plan Approval

The Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) Community Stream Committee has accepted the project listed on the Town's Capital Investment Plan as an Energy Efficiency Upgrade at Town Garage. The funding approval details are for Project Number 88-2026-8723 for Energy Efficiency Upgrades at the Town Garage in the amount of \$10,163.00.

Item: B.E.M. & E.O.C.M. Course Offering

The Emergency Services Division will be offering a Basic Emergency Management (B.E.M.) & an Emergency Operations Center Management (E.O.C.) Course in Gambo, June 9th-June 11th, 2026, 8:30 – 4:30. There is no cost to attend the course, however travel, meals, and accommodation are the responsibility of the participant.

Item: Municipal Access to Information and Protection of Privacy (ATIPP) Support and 2026 Training Opportunities

The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy (ATIPP) Office is responsible for overseeing the implementation and coordination of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 (ATIPPA). ATIPPA promotes openness and accountability in the public sector while protecting the personal information of individuals and the commercially sensitive information of business.

Item: Save the Date for the 2026 Health and Safety Learning Symposium

The WorkplaceNL’s Health and Safety Learning Symposium is October 15th, 2026. This event is about learning and connecting. Experts will speak on a range of topics and there will be chances to network with others who share your passion for health and safety. Registration opens in August.

Item: Property Standards and Nuisance By-Law

This Public Notice is for Property Standards and Nuisance By-Law - Enforcement of Bylaw. Council recognizes that maintaining properties in a clean and orderly condition is essential to the health, safety, and well-being of the community. These measures are supported by both Council and residents and are intended to ensure a safe, attractive, and pest-free community for everyone.

Finance Committee:

Item: Correspondence - Central Northeast Health Foundation

A request for a donation was received for a Wheelchair Accessible Patient Transport Van to serve patients across the Central Northeast Region including rural communities such as Fogo, Twillingate, New-Wes-Valley and surrounding areas. Due to budget funding restraints, the Finance Committee is suggesting that we do not provide a donation at this time.

Item: Annual Run the Rock Campaign

A request from Make-A-Wish Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador Chapter for a donation to the 31st Annual Run the Rock in partnership with the Royal Canadian Navy Ship was received. A donation of \$100.00 is made to this fundraiser every year.

Resolution: 2026-05-19-124 (D. Taylor & M. Cooze) Be it resolved that Council approve a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the 2026 Annual Run the Rock Campaign.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

Resolution Carried

Item: Cyber Liability Recommendation - Cal LeGrow

There was further correspondence received regarding an increase in cyber incidents. This is repeat communication that was tabled at the January 29th Finance Committee Meeting where it was suggested that due to budget restraints, this coverage will be considered in the 2027 Operating Budget.

Item: Quote - Water and Sewer Supplies

Town staff are seeking approval from Council to purchase water and sewage supplies for completing routine maintenance. Three quotes were received and the lowest bid is being considered.

Resolution: 2026-05-19-125 (D. Taylor & L. Moss) Be it resolved that the Town of Gambo purchase water and sewer supplies from the lowest bidder in the amount of \$23,004.81 (HST Included).

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0
Resolution Carried

Item: Processing Fee for Information Requests

Staff continuously receive requests from account holders seeking information for prior activities relating to their accounts. At times gathering this information is very time-consuming, staff not only have to search for files still currently held in their working areas but must search through files held in the stored archives. It has been recommended that a processing fee be applied to any future information requests.

Resolution: 2026-05-19-126 (D. Taylor & L. Moss) Be it resolved that a processing fee of \$100.00 be charged for information requests that can be retrieved from files currently in the employee's working area and a \$200.00 fee if the information must be retrieved from the archives.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0
Conflict of Interest: 0
Resolution Carried

Item: Account Adjustment

A local business requested that the 2026 Business Tax charged to their account be reversed as they are no longer operating the business.

Resolution: 2026-05-19-127 (D. Taylor & M. Osmond) Be it resolved to adjust the account of BOOM0001 in the amount of \$500.16 for the 2026 business tax as the business is not currently operating.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0
Conflict of Interest: 0
Resolution Carried

Item: Travel Claims

There are four travel claims submitted for approval. The Town Clerk and Town Manager attended the PMA Convention and Councillors Penney and Osmond attended the Municipal Symposium.

Town Clerk - \$198.15

Town Manager - \$98.05

Councilor Penney - \$228.00

Councilor Osmond - \$579.40

Total \$1,103.60

Resolution: 2026-05-19-128 (D. Taylor & C. Kean) Be it resolved that Council approve the four travel claims in the amount of \$1,103.60 for the Stephen Stockley, Town Manager and Lorne Greene, Town Clerk for attending the PMA Convention and Councillors Minnie Osmond and Tracy Penney for attending the Municipal Symposium.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0
Conflict of Interest: 0
Resolution Carried

Item: Training Request

A training request for Lorne Greene, Town Clerk and Stephen Stockley, Town Manager have been submitted to attend the PMA Central Regional Meeting being held in Gander on May 28th, 2026.

Resolution: 2026-05-19-129 (D. Taylor & L. Moss) Be it resolved that Council approves the request for training and associated costs for Stephen Stockley, Town Manager, in the amount of \$127.25 and Lorne Greene, Town Clerk, in the amount of \$171.25 to attend the PMA Central Regional Meeting.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

Resolution Carried

Item: Collaborative Initiative Fund - Municipal Assessment Agency

The Municipal Assessment Agency has provided an update on changes to the Collaborative Initiative Fund (CIF) specifically for oblique aerial imagery to enhance property assessment accuracy, fairness and municipal planning. For municipalities that have not previously participated they may now access up to \$4 per assessed parcel. For municipalities that have previously accessed the CIF they may reapply every 4 years at \$2 per assessed parcel. Deadline for applying is May 31, 2026. We will require a quote from a qualified provider, then prepare a formal application and have it submitted by May 31st, 2026. There is insufficient time to apply this year, however; we will reconsider next year.

Item: Starlink Invoice - Gambo Fire Department

A request was received from the Gambo Fire Department to approve an invoice to purchase a Starlink Mini Kit at a cost of \$365.70 (HST Included). A monthly subscription will need to be purchased as well at approximately \$37.50 per month.

Resolution: 2026-05-19-130 (D. Taylor & T. Penney) Be it resolved that Council approves the purchase of a Starlink Mini Kit for the Gambo Fire Department at a cost of \$365.70 (HST Included) and the monthly usage subscription fee.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

Resolution Carried

Item: March 2026 Bank Reconciliation

Resolution: 2026-05-19-131 (D. Taylor & M. Cooze) Be it resolved to approve the March 2026 Bank Reconciliation in the amount of \$584,922.55 as presented.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

Resolution Carried

Item: Vendor-Aged Trial Balance

The Finance Committee completed a review of the Vendor-Aged Trial Balance and found no issues or concerns.

Resolution: 2026-05-19-132 (D. Taylor & M. Osmond) Be it resolved that Council approves the Vendor-Aged Trial Balance dated May 14th, 2026, as presented in the amount of \$62,313.43.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

Resolution Carried

Item: Accounts Payable Cheque Register

The Finance Committee reviewed the cheque register and found no issues or concerns.

Resolution: 2026-05-19-133 (D. Taylor & C. Kean) Be it resolved to approve the Accounts Payable Cheque Register in the amount of \$128,779.85.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

Resolution Carried

Item: Community Clean Gifts

It was discussed to encourage community participation in the scheduled Community Clean-Up Event that gift cards would be given out to those who will participate. It is estimated the cost would be approximately \$300.00 to \$400.00.

Item: Quarterly Budget Report

Lorne, Town Clerk is expected to provide a sample draft of a summarized version of the First-Quarter Revenue and Expense Report, suitable for public viewing, at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

Item: Collection Stats

The Finance Committee completed a review of the collection stats dated May 21st, 2026, and found no issues or concerns. This is for informational purposes only and no action is required.

Item: Garage Door - Town Garage

The quotes received for the purchase of the garage door were discussed. Mayor Lush advised of the price difference in the quotes received from the lowest bidder to the local supplier. It was noted that Council is spending taxpayers' money and we would need to proceed with the lowest bidder.

Resolution: 2026-05-19-134 (D. Taylor & T. Penney) Be it resolved to accept the quote for the supply and installation of the garage door from Overhead Door Ltd. in the amount of \$11,206.75 (HST Included).

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush,

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: Deputy Mayor L. Moss - Employee of J.I. Pritchett & Sons Ltd. Deputy Mayor Moss vacated her seat at the Council table at 7:44 pm and moved to the gallery returning at 7:46 pm.

Resolution Carried

Public Works Committee:

Item: Fence Permit - 601 J.R. Smallwood Blvd.

An application was received to erect an eight-foot fence on either side of the property starting from the garage.

Resolution: 2026-05-19-135 (M. Cooze & D. Taylor) Be it resolved to approve the application for an eight-foot fence to be located at 601 J.R. Smallwood Blvd., Gambo.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

Resolution Carried

Item: Correspondence - 7 Paul's Hill

A request was received from the property owner to relocate the water line from the neighbor's driveway to the vicinity of the sewer line near the homeowner's property.

Resolution: 2026-05-19-136 (M. Cooze & M. Osmond) Be it resolved to deny the request of the property owner at 7 Paul's Hill to have the waterline relocated from the neighbor's property to the vicinity of the sewer line.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

Resolution Carried

Item: Jacob's Lane Storm Sewer

A discussion was held regarding the storm sewer on Jacob's Lane. It was noted that the surveyor would be on-site within a few days. Further, Council gave permission to Stephen, Town Manager to meet with the affected residents of the area.

Item: Work Schedule - Public Works

A list of projects that have been identified for Public Works was discussed with the establishment of the priorities.

Item: Home-Based Business Application - 487 J.R. Smallwood Blvd.

An application was received for a Home-Based Dog Daycare Business to be located at 487 J.R. Smallwood Blvd.

Resolution: 2026-05-19-137 (M. Cooze & M. Osmond) Be it resolved to approve the application for a Home-Based Dog Daycare Business to be located at 487 J.R. Smallwood Blvd. with the stipulation of four dogs or less and pending receipt of all other government department approvals.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: Councillor Penney - Dog Daycare Business Owner. Councillor Penney vacated her seat at the Council table at 7:55 pm and moved to the gallery returning at 7:57 pm.
Resolution Carried

Item: Home-Based Business Application - 10 Beothuck Crescent

An application was received for a Home-Based Airbnb to be located at 10 Beothuck Crescent.

Resolution: 2026-05-19-138 (M. Cooze & L. Moss) Be it resolved to approve the application for a Home-Based Airbnb Business to be located at 10 Beothuck Crescent pending receipt of all government department approvals.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

Resolution Carried

Item: Home-Based Business Application – 9 Paul’s Hill

An application was received for a Tattoo Studio to be located at 9 Paul’s Hill. The approval of this application was deferred pending the receipt of required information.

Item: Crown Lands Referral - Residential Grant

A Crown Land Referral was received for a residential grant on Crosses Street. The approval of this referral was deferred until the Town Manager and Town Foreman has an opportunity to assess the area. It was discussed that an extension to the deadline would be requested in this referral.

Human Resources Committee:

- No Report.

Labour-Management Committee:

- No Report.

Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

- No Report.

Emergency Planning Committee:

- FireSmart Day 2026 was held on May 14th.
- Volunteers for the event included two Councillors - Tracy Penney & Minnie Osmond, two Firefighters - Thomas Burry & Fraser Lush and the 2026 FireSmart Ambassador; Michael Parkes, Forestry NL (Volunteer Firefighter).
- 100 plus residents showed support including the SWA Class of 2026.
- Kathleen from Climate Ready NL visited and took a photo for MNL.
- On behalf of the Gambo Fire Department, Town of Gambo, and NL Forestry, it is suggested to make a resolution to donate \$100.00 to the Salvation Army Food Bank.
- A safety brochure is available upon request.
- A large banner is a great consideration because we could utilize it at any future community event.

- Overall, FireSmart Day was a success, and plans are to make it even better next year. FireSmart Branding is now available to us for any promotional graphic designing we may wish to do.
- Next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27th.
- The recruitment of two employees for brush clearing is currently ongoing.
- Wildfire Preparedness Grant Budget Plan.
- Emergency Management Course in June.
- Potential leftover funds for Firefighting equipment.
- A quote for three Fire Index Signs has been requested from The Sign Factory.

By-Law Committee:

Item: Property Standards and Nuisance By-Law

Resolution: 2026-05-19-139 (L. Moss & T. Penney) Be it resolved to approve the Property Standards and Nuisance By-Law as presented.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

Resolution Carried

Deputy Mayor Moss noted that the By-Laws for Public Procurement, Garbage and Domestic Sawmill has been reviewed and completed and would be presented at the next Regular Meeting for approval. She further noted that the Community Clean-Up is scheduled for this weekend if anyone is available to help.

Age-Friendly Committee:

- No Report.

David Smallwood Park Committee:

- A Lease Agreement has been secured with a proponent to operate the David Smallwood Park for the 2026 tourist season.
- The Town Employees are to be applauded for their efforts in addressing the deficiencies within the park and ensuring that all was in place for the long weekend. Great job by all!
- Financial Reporting on the David Smallwood Park will start at the next Regular Council Meeting.
- On April 29th, 2026, the Town Manager and the David Smallwood Park Committee met with Crown Lands Representatives to begin discussions on reducing the park boundaries in hopes of reducing the annual lease cost. Council has the option to continue leasing the land or purchasing it. An application is currently being prepared to action the reduction of the park boundary.

Liaison Reports:

Recreation:

- No Report.

Fire Department:

- No Report.

SEDCOR:

- Councillor Osmond noted that a meeting was held and the topics of concern that were discussed included the dust from the ATVs on the trail, the floating wharf at the Smallwood Interpretation Centre and the unsightly buildings in Gambo South.

Gambo Public Library:

- The Annual General Meeting recently took place with policies being discussed.
- The Outdoor Library is placed at the David Smallwood Park.
- A discussion was held on new ideas to have books checked out as circulation is low.
- All programs are well attended and there is a waitlist.

Sensory Inclusion Trail:

- No Report.

Smallwood Academy:

- Leah, Youth Representative, noted that the Wi-Fi service is poor at the school. It was noted that this is a school program and that Council could write a letter of support to the company responsible for providing the service.

Women and Gender Equity:

- Councillor Penney advised that the Central Director position is currently vacant with Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador. She asked for Council's opinion as she is considering the position but doesn't want to overextend her commitments. Mayor Lush advised that Council would support her if she decided to proceed with the position.

Item: 2026 Municipal Symposium

- 75th Anniversary Symposium - Gander May 7-9th, 2026 - Councillor Tracy Penney & Councillor Minnie Osmond were in attendance.
- Presentations Attended included:
 - Women & Gender Equity Committee Breakfast (Vice-Chair).
 - Inspirational opening remarks from Yvonne Rumbolt-Jones.
 - Climate Ready NL.
 - Wildfire Resilience Consortium of Canada.
 - Youth Committee Breakfast.
 - Build Communities Strong Fund (Old Gas Tax).
 - Municipal Conduct Act.
 - Social Media.
 - 2026 Provincial Budget.
 - 2026 Municipal Election.
- Takeaways:
 - Regional Community Collaborative efforts.
 - MNL Board of Directors - Central Region currently has a vacant seat. Directors' travel & accommodations are covered by MNL.
 - The 2026 Convention is scheduled for November in St. John's.

Item: 2026 Municipal Symposium Report

Resolution: 2026-05-19-140 (M. Cooze & C. Kean) Be it resolved to adopt the report on the 2026 Municipal Symposium and the FireSmart Day as presented.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

Resolution Carried

Town Clerk's Report:

- We have received approval on two Job Creation Partnership Programs for the Director of Events and the Walsh House Manager. The positions have been advertised and closed as of Friday, May 15th, 2026. Both have been approved for fifteen weeks.
- I have scheduled the 2025 Financial Audit for June 25th and 26th, 2026.
- We held an Open-House on Wednesday, May 13th, 2026, for the Climate Adaptation Project and an Open-House for Municipal Awareness Week.
- The FireSmart Day was held on May 14th, 2026.
- The David Smallwood Park Contract has been prepared and signed by all parties for the 2026 tourism season.
- There was a meeting held with Crown Lands on April 29th, 2026, regarding the land at the David Smallwood Park.
- The Basic Emergency Management Course and the Emergency Operations Centre Management Course has been scheduled for June 9th - 11th, 2026, at the Fire Hall.
- I have scheduled an appointment with our surveyor regarding the tax arrears sales that were postponed for next week.
- I have spoken with the Website Developer, and he has requested Brand and Logo to incorporate into our website. He has provided some mock-ups for our review.
- I have the Starlink added for the Fun-n-Sun Playground.
- The next meeting is Tuesday, June 9th, 2026.

Town Manager Report:

1. Finance:

- Intake Extension Project:

- A review of five change orders and associated costs is underway. A meeting with Municipal Infrastructure Division and the Prime Consultant has been requested.

- Capital Works Projects:

- We have requested a meeting for a comprehensive update on all outstanding issues across the projects currently being managed by Allnorth Consultants Ltd. for the Town of Gambo, along with a clear action list and associated timelines. This meeting is tomorrow, Wednesday afternoon.

2. Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S):

- Chainsaw Wood Cutter Safety Kits.

3. Community Safety & Security:

- A status report on pest control activities at J.R. Smallwood Blvd notes that some rodents have been feeding on the bait and the bait stations will be left in place around the garage.

4. Public Works (PW):

- Smiths Road Wastewater Treatment Plant maintenance is underway.
- Meeting with Xylem on Friday regarding annual Lift Station Maintenance.
- Expecting quotes this week for Middle Brook/Wards Lane area water pressure enhancement project.

- Garage door replacement quotes received.
- Smiths Road Improvements moving to IFT stage.
- Storm Surge Road Damage - An update has been requested from CECON Ltd.
- Flooding concerns near the old pizza building location/Jacobs Lane are being moved to next stages with Surveyor and discussions with affected residents expected within the next few days.
- The generators and transfer switches arrived in Gander. The contractor expects site prep work to start mid to end of June in Gambo for pads and underground electrical. Then in the middle to end of July installation of generators. Then install of generators expected at end August.
- Park brush work has been completed and two Firesmart/Trail Utility Workers expected to be hired in the first week of June.
- Pest Control company feels rodents are not plentiful at J.R. Smallwood Blvd and Town Staff notified the contractor they can do demolition as required and as per permits that are acquired.

5. The Big Picture 2026

- Work is underway on project identification, scoping, and tracking for the 2026 Capital and operational planning cycle.

Mayor's Report:

- He indicated that he is receiving numerous telephone calls regarding items such as the flags at Joey's Lookout.
- He discussed properties that require cleanup such as Forest Road.
- He mentioned the deplorable conditions of the apartment buildings in town and the accumulated garbage on the properties.
- He noted the public sessions relating to the Climate Adaptation Projects. It was discussed that another meeting will be held in the fall and the community must be engaged.
- He further noted that there are monies available for Wildfires.

Resolution: 2026-05-19-141 (D. Taylor & (C. Kean) Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm.

In Favor: Mayor P. Lush, Deputy Mayor L. Moss

Councillors M. Cooze, C. Kean, M. Osmond, T. Penney, D. Taylor

Opposed: 0

Conflict of Interest: 0

Resolution Carried



Mayor



Town Clerk