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The Town of Gambo

A Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Gambo was held on October 13th, 2026, at the Gambo Town Hall, Gambo, NL.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Gambo held on October 13th, 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 Clerk Lorne Greene

Members Absent
Town Manager Stephen Stockley

Visitors
Chris Brown

Mayor Lush called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

The following item was requested to be added to the agenda:

1. Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan.

Resolution: 2026-10-13-207 (L. Moss & T. Penney) Be it resolved to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council of October 13th, 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: 2026-10-13-208 (T. Penney & M. Osmond) Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of September 8th, 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 advised that the repairs required to Cabot Road would be completed through warranty based on a meeting with Allnorth Consultants Ltd.
It was noted that Smith's Road has been paved.
An update was requested on the ditching and brush cutting on J.R. Smallwood Blvd. It was noted that we are waiting for the quote from the contractor before the application for assistance can be submitted.

It was noted that all planned asphalt repairs have been completed. Councillor Kean asked about the plans for repairs to George Street.
Deputy Mayor Moss inquired as to the project commencement date for the storm-surge road repairs, and it was discussed that the anticipated start date for the repairs is October 19th, 2026.

New Business:
Item: Voting Delegates - MNL Convention
Resolution: 2026-10-13-209 (D. Taylor & M. Cooze) Be it resolved to appoint Mayor Peter Lush and Councillor Tracy Penney as voting delegates at the 2026 MNL Convention.
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.

Council Meeting Correspondence (Information)

Received From	Received on	Details
Active Living and Wellness Fund	Sept-08-26	2026-27 Active living and Wellness Fund Open for Applications - Deadline September 29, 2026
Municipalities NL	Sept-11-26	infoNote Sept. 10
Municipalities NL	Sept-14-26	MNL Board of Directors nominations deadline approaching
Workplace NL	Sept-16-26	Move Well Work Well Week 2026
Municipalities NL	Sept-17-26	infoNote Sept. 17
Green Municipal Fund	Sept-17-26	Summary of public engagement outcomes-Climate Change Adaption Project - Town of Gambo
Municipalities NL	Sept. 17-26	Central Regional Meeting registration deadline Sept.18
Forestry, Agriculture, and Lands	Sept.-17-26	Application NO. 164926 Type Easement Purpose: Sewer Line Location: Between 546-550 J.R. Smallwood Blvd.
Transportation and Infrastructure	Sept-21-26	Reminder - Open Call for Applications Closes October 16, 2026
Municipalities NL	Sept-22-26	Resolutions deadline is Friday, Sept. 25
Municipalities NL	Sept-22-26	MNL Conference: 5 things you won't want to miss
Municipalities NL	Sept-23-26	infoNote Sept. 23

Department of Municipal and Community Affairs	Sept-24-26	Developing a Population Growth Strategy spanning 2026-2031
Municipalities NL	Sept 28-26	MNL Conference agenda now available
Transportation and Infrastructure	Sept-28-26	JSS25-M0000003-2025 Storm Surge-Road Repairs
FireSmart	Sept-29-26	Your FireSmart Fall Newsletter 2026
Stewardship Association of Municipalities	Sept-30-26	SAM Newsletter #51: Fall 2026
Municipalities NL	Oct-03-26	infoNote October 1
Department of Jobs, Growth, and Rural Development	Oct-04-26	Rural Revitalization Strategy Engagement Sessions
Transportation and Infrastructure	Oct-05-26	Updates from Municipal Infrastructure
Municipalities NL	Oct-05-26	Reminder: Small Towns Virtual Roundtable is this Wednesday, Oct. 7
Municipalities NL	Oct-05-26	MNL board of Directors Human Resources position - call for nominations
Municipalities NL	Oct-07-26	infoNote October 7

Council Meeting Correspondence (Action)

Received From	Received on	Details
Trio Life Health Pension	Sept-08-26	2026 Employer representative Election- TRIO Board of Directors
Councillor Kelloway-Town of New-Wes-Valley	Sept-09-26	Request for Community Support - New Hospital/Health Care Facility
Department of Municipal and Community Affairs	Sept-11-26	REMINDER Mandatory Orientation Training and NEW DATES for FALL 2026
Department of Environment, Conservation & Climate Change	Sept-11-26	Fall 2026 Operator Education Seminars
MMSB	Sept-11-26	Community Waste Diversion Fund - Now Accepting Applications for 2026-27
Municipalities NL	Sept-23-26	MNL's Municipal Leadership Awards nominations now open
Department of Municipal and Community Affairs	Sept-24-26	Developing a Population Growth Strategy spanning 2026-2031
Newfound Trails	Sept-25-26	Municipal Access Invitation

Stewardship Association of Municipalities	Sept-25-26	Joining the Stewardship Association of Municipalities (SAM) Boad of Directors
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador	Sept-25-26	CPSNL seeking Public Advisory Participants
Department of Municipal and Community Affairs	Sept-28-26	Budget 2027
Workplace NL	Oct-01-26	Workplace NL October 2026 Webinars and Workshops
Municipalities NL	Oct-02-26	Help inspire youth interested in local government
Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands	Oct-08-26	2026/27 P25 Radios for Volunteer Fire Departments

Item: TRIO Life-Health-Pension Employer Representative Election
At the MNL Annual Convention, an election will be held to choose an Employer Director to serve on the Trio Board of Directors for a three-year term. Fully completed nomination forms must be returned on or before Friday, October 16th, 2026.

Item: Request for Community Support - New Hospital/Health Care Facility
The Town of New-Wes-Valley is reaching out to ask Council to consider providing a letter of community support for a petition in advocating for a new hospital/health care facility to serve New-Wes-Valley and the surrounding regions.

Item: Department of Municipal and Community Affairs Mandatory Training
The Municipal Conduct Regulations under the Municipal Conduct Act require all councillors to complete mandatory orientation training within six months of taking office. A list of new dates and schedule for fall 2026 is available for virtual sessions.

Item: Community Waste Diversion Fund - Applications for 2026-27
The Multi-Materials Stewardship Board's Community Waste Diversion Fund is providing funding to Municipalities, Indigenous Community Governments and Local Service Districts for initiatives that foster solid waste diversion in Newfoundland and Labrador. If a community has an idea to reduce, reuse or recycle more of its waste, an application can be submitted for up to $25,000 in funding.

Item: Municipalities Leadership Award
Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador are currently accepting nominations to recognize members of municipal councils and Indigenous Community Government Councils who are making a difference in the community and inspiring other leaders. The 2026 awards will be presented at the Appreciation Banquet during the 2026 MNL Conference, Trade Show, and AGM.

Item: Newfoundland Trails - Municipal Access Invitation
Noah Cheater-Hoffe, the founder and developer of Newfound Trails, a community-driven trail intelligence platform being built for Newfoundland's ATV, side-by-side, snowmobile and outdoor recreation communities, has sent an invite to register for Municipal Access. This gives our municipality a clear path to review local trail information before it's out to the wider public and making sure it's accurate.

Item: Stewardship Association of Municipalities Board of Directors
The Stewardship Association of Municipalities (SAM) is currently looking for interested candidates to join the Board of Directors to help shape conservation across Newfoundland and Labrador. This province-wide network of municipalities works together to conserve important wildlife habitat, strengthen biodiversity and support responsible environmental Stewardships.

Item: College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador
The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador is looking for patients, caregivers, family members, and others with experience using healthcare in Newfoundland and Labrador to help bring public perspectives into their work. Public advisors will be paid for their time, receive training and support, and take part in online meetings about every three months.

Item: Department of Municipal and Community Affairs Budget 2027 Preparation
Each year, municipalities prepare and approve a budget for the next fiscal year. The budget must show expected revenues and expenses, along with the tax rates and fees being charged. This process helps plan responsibly, cover operating costs, and provides sustainable service to residents. The 2027 budget must be adopted by December 1st, 2026.

Item: Workplace NL October 2026 Webinars and Workshops
Workplace NL offers free webinars and workshops. If anyone would like to register for any of these for the month of October, they are available and participation is encouraged.

Item: Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador seeking Youth Council Meeting Participants
This is for participants aged 15-24 that are interested in their community and Local Government by experiencing being on a municipal council by applying to participate in a special simulated council meeting happening on November 6th, 2026, in St. John's with the opportunity to debate current municipal issues with their peers.

Item:2026/27 P25 Radios for Volunteer Fire Departments
The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is pleased to confirm the approval of the application for P25 radios for the fire department. We will receive one portable radio and one base station radio and will be responsible for all costs of installation and fees.

Finance Committee:

Item: Correspondence - Tax Fairness

Restaurant owners submitted correspondence expressing concern that mobile food vendors affect their businesses and that the vendors are subject to an imbalanced tax structure. It was discussed that the relevant policies and tax structure will be reviewed with revisions considered if warranted.

Item: Correspondence - Property PAR-ID - 062-250

Resolution: 2026-10-13-210 (D. Taylor & L. Moss) Be it resolved that Council approve an adjustment of $650.00 to the account with Property PAR-ID 062-250, plus any applicable interest.
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 - Property PAR-ID - 062-944

Resolution: 2026-10-13-211 (D. Taylor & T. Penney) Be it resolved that Council approve an adjustment of $140.00 to the account with Property PAR-ID 062-944, plus any applicable interest.
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: Budget 2027

A municipal budget workbook has been developed to help municipalities prepare and submit their annual budgets. Lorne, Town Clerk and Stephen, Town Manager, recently attended a budget training workshop. Data collection for the 2027 Budget has begun. The first draft is expected to be ready by mid-November.

Item: Travel Policy

The committee discussed whether the current travel rates adequately cover actual costs considering the current cost for goods and services. The Finance Committee recommends the travel policy be reviewed and revised. While the review is underway, meal costs above the current approved rates may be accepted on future travel claims if the claimant provides an invoice and two authorized signatories confirm that the expense is reasonable.

Resolution: 2026-10-13-212 (D. Taylor & M. Cooze) Be it resolved that, while the travel policy is under review, meal costs above the current approved rates may be accepted on future travel claims, provided an invoice is submitted and two authorized signatories confirm that the expense is reasonable.
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: Application - GIS Mapping
Eagleview has submitted a $13,000 quote for GIS mapping in Gambo. The quote will be considered during the 2027 budget review.

Item: Second-Quarter Cash Statement
A draft of the statement has been completed and is undergoing final review.

Item: 2026 Income and Expense Statement
The Finance Committee reviewed the income and expense statement dated October 6th, 2026.

Item: Change Order #1 - Project 17-MCW-25-00026
A change order for the Backup Generator for the Chlorine House Project was presented. It would increase the project cost by $11,944.39, including HST, from $119,433.92 to $131,388.31. The additional cost is for a gate that will improve access to the new generator.
Resolution: 2026-10-13-213 (D. Taylor & M. Cooze) Be it resolved that Council approve Change Order #1 for Project 17-MCW-25-00026, increasing the project cost by $11,944.39 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: Vendor-Aged Trial Balance
The Finance Committee completed a review of the Vendor-Aged Trial Balance dated October 6th, 2026, showing a balance of $51,323.38. A revised copy was provided after the meeting and included in the October 9th, 2026, Council meeting package with a revised balance of $101,596.33.
Resolution: 2026-10-13-214 (D. Taylor & M. Osmond) Be it resolved that Council accept as presented the Vendor-Aged Trial Balance dated October 9th, 2026, as presented in the amount of $101,596.33.
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 dated October 6th, 2026, with a copy included in the Council meeting package.
Resolution: 2026-10-13-215 (D. Taylor & T. Penney) Be it resolved that Council accept as presented the Accounts Payable Cheque Register dated October 6th, 2026, in the amount of $151,030.83.
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: Collection Stats
The Finance Committee completed a review of the collection stats dated October 6th, 2026. The Finance Committee continues to direct staff to pursue collection of outstanding accounts receivable. If account holders do not respond to collection notices, staff should follow up with service disconnections.

Item: Change Order #1 - Project 17-MCW-25-00027
A change order for the Generator for the Firehall Project was presented. It would increase the project cost by $5,970.73, including HST, from $129,044.54 to $135,015.27. The additional cost is for materials needed to move the generator farther from the HVAC air intake.
Resolution: 2026-10-13-216 (D. Taylor & M. Cooze) Be it resolved that Council approve Change Order #1 for Project 17-MCW-25-00027, increasing the project cost by $5,970.73 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: Change Order #1 - Project 17-MCW-26-00003 - Smith's Road Street Improvement
A change order for the Smith's Road Street Improvement Project was presented. It would increase the project cost by $1,692.23, including HST, from $28,462.74 to $30,154.97. The additional cost is for required materials testing/Geotechnical.
Resolution: 2026-10-13-217 (D. Taylor & M. Cooze) Be it resolved that Council approve Change Order #1 for Project 17-MCW-26-00003, increasing the project cost by $1,692.23 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.

Public Works Committee:
Item: George Street
It was noted that George Street requires maintenance such as Class "A" placement.

Item: 2026-2027 Site Specific Health & Safety Plan
Resolution: 2026-10-13-218 (M. Cooze & L. Moss) Be it resolved to approve the 2026-2027 Site Specific Health and Safety Plan for the pickup of ice control materials from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Depot.
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: Call for Applications - Municipal Capital Works Provincial Funding Program
The Municipal Infrastructure Division has issued a call for applications for its 2027-2028 infrastructure funding programs. A discussion was held on the application that would be submitted by the deadline of October 16th, 2026.
Resolution: 2026-10-13-219 (M. Cooze & D. Taylor) Be it resolved to apply for cost-shared funding through the Municipal Infrastructure Division of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure for the following: upgrades to George Street in the amount of $1,500,416.13, upgrades to Job Street in the amount of $929,732.33, upgrades to Lift Station #8 in the amount of $554,582.35 and to upgrade Lift Station #6 in the amount of $545,411.47.
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 - 17 Paul's Hill
An application was received for a Home-Based Airbnb to be located at 17 Paul's Hill.
Resolution: 2026-10-13-220 (M. Cooze & L. Moss) Be it resolved to approve the application for a Home-Based Airbnb Business to be located at 17 Paul's Hill 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 - 46 Bonaventure Avenue
An application was received for a Home-Based Consulting Firm to be located at 46 Bonaventure Avenue.
Resolution: 2026-10-13-221 (M. Cooze & D. Taylor) Be it resolved to approve the application for a Home-Based Consulting Firm Business to be located at 46 Bonaventure Avenue 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: Government Service Centre Referral - Application Number – MP-2026-109320-00
A Government Service Centre referral was received for highway access on Route 320.
Resolution: 2026-10-13-222 (M. Cooze & M. Osmond) Be it resolved to approve the referral from the Government Service Centre for Highway Access on Route 320 with Application Number MP-2026-109320-00.
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: Domestic Sawmills
It was discussed to send correspondence to the Department of Foresty, Agriculture and Lands regarding two individuals that are selling lumber. It was noted that this is a forestry issue and the onus is with that department to follow up with the domestic sawmill operators.

Item: Crown Land Application - 165926 - Sewer Line
This correspondence acknowledges receipt of the above-referenced application for a Crown Title for an easement for a sewer line between 546 - 550 J.R. Smallwood Blvd.

Human Resources:
It was noted that the committee meets on an as-needed basis.

Item; Fall 2026 Operator Education Seminars
The Operator Education, Training, and Certification Program has advised that registration for the Fall 2026 Operator Education Courses has transitioned to an online submission. Fall dates and the full schedule are now available.
Resolution: 2026-10-13-223 (M. Cooze & L. Moss) Be it resolved to register Stephen, Town Manager and a Public Works employee for the Water Distribution training course in St. John's.
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.

Labour-Management Committee:
- A meeting was held with the preventative maintenance on equipment discussed. It was noted that Council will review all maintenance reports monthly in order to get a reliable record of maintenance.
- A list of items for the 2027 Budget will be prepared for the Finance Committee.

Occupational Health and Safety Committee:
- No Report.

Emergency Planning Committee:
- Councillor Penney advised that signage will be placed at the intersection of J.R. Smallwood Blvd. and the Mint Brook Resource Road.
- It was noted that the list of equipment for the Fire Department is being prepared.

By-Law Committee:
Item: Backfilling and Excavation Permit By-Law, Procurement By-Law and Business Closure Form.
Resolution: 2026-10-13-224 (L. Moss & T. Penney) Be it resolved to approve the Backfilling and Excavation Permit By-Law, Procurement By-Law and Business Closure Form 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.

Age-Friendly Committee:

- Mayor Lush asked if any Councillor was available to help Councillor Osmond with the Age-Friendly event planned for the seniors for Christmas. Deputy Mayor Moss agreed to help with this initiative.

David Smallwood Park Committee:

- Councillor Taylor advised that the sites have been cleaned and that the park is scheduled to be winterized. It was noted to have Stephen, Town Manager, follow up on the winterization.

Liaison Reports:
Recreation:

- Amy. Recreation Director/Economic Development Officer provided a report on all completed activities/programs for the summer as well as planned activities/programs for the fall. It was discussed that Amy is busy with a lot of programs ongoing.
- Mayor Lush advised that Amy would contact ACOA to check the availability of funding to complete the tourism proposal and if there are funds available, the RFP would be completed by Amy.
- Councillor Kean advised that Chris Brown has joined the Recreation Department.

Fire Department:

- No Report.

SEDCOR:

- Councillor Osmond reported that the Town is to be commended on the work completed on the Middle Brook Trail this year.
- She requested that the dam be removed at the swimming pool at the Fun-N-Sun Playground and that the wooden Logger's at the Logger's Memorial be wrapped before the winter season.
- A report from the Trails Committee was tabled. Lorne, Town Clerk, was advised to table it for the next Regular Meeting of Council but to forward it to all of Council before.
- Mayor Lush advised that a meeting will be held with the Board of Directors after the next scheduled Regular Meeting of Council.

Gambo Public Library:

- The plans for the Bake Walk were discussed, and the Lions Club will host this event again this year with all proceeds going to the Public Library.
- All Library Board members have completed their Code of Conduct with the criminal records checks in progress.
- The Library at the David Smallwood Park has all books removed until the spring.
- The Mint Brook Campground and RV Park hosted a lady's night with the proceeds of $205.00 donated to the Public Library. This donation will be utilized for children's programs.

- A fun fall day was held at the David Smallwood Park with activities such as tractor rides, campfires, scavenger hunt and pinecone races. Alyssa Brennan was at the event taking professional pictures.
- All programs ranging from toddlers to seniors are moving forward during the week.

Sensory Inclusion Trail:
- The work has been completed on the divider wall between the Sensory Trail and the Dog Park, and the interactive elements and murals will be added in the spring.
- There will be a Fairy Garden built in memory of the late Sherry Parsons, Committee Member.
- There are plans to have another pencil fence added to the beginning of the trail with a mini golf added.

Smallwood Academy:
- There are four students attending the Newfoundland and Labrador Youth Parliament sixtieth anniversary sessions. Congratulations are extended to all four participating students.

Women and Gender Equity:
- No Report.

Town Clerk's Report:
- The Public Auction for the property located at 24 George Street was held on September 9th, 2026, and it sold for $16,000.00 plus HST. The property located at 1 Henry Street did not sell but had to be rescheduled. The Public Auction will be held on October 21st, 2026.
- I am awaiting the quote for brush cutting throughout town. Stephen and I have assessed the town, and we require approximately thirteen kilometers of ditching/brush cutting.
- The Open House that we held on September 12th, 2026, was a success. We had approximately fifty people in attendance including nine passengers from 9/11.
- Stephen, Amy and I met with an ACOA representative regarding an upcoming application.
- The Public Hearing for the Mint Brook Campground Amendment was held on October 7th, 2026, and we are currently awaiting the report from the Commissioner.
- Stephen and I attended the 2027 Budget Training held in Gander on October 5th, 2026.
- A meeting was held with MHA Bettina Ford and John Hogan, Leader of the Opposition on October 6th, 2026.
- I want to schedule Tuesday, December 8th, 2026, as the date for the Annual Tree Lighting.
- The next meeting is Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026.

Town Manager's Report:

1. Capital Projects & Infrastructure:
- **Storm Surge Repairs:**
  - Work is expected to begin soon.
- **Water Intake:**
  - The intake testing has begun.
- **Jacob's Lane:**
  - We are unable to obtain the ditching easement. We will review alternate options.
- **Smith's Road Improvements:**

- This project is nearing substantial completion.

2. Human Resources:

- We will be advertising for another Heavy Equipment Operator, casual call-in flag persons and casual call-in operators.

3. Trails:

- David Smallwood Park Trail and Doloman's Point Trail Upgrades nearing completion.
- Crew is clueing up signage work for SEDCOR, Trails and Fire Smart.
- David Smallwood Park Land Lease size reduction has been submitted to Crown Lands.

4. Issues:

- Final approval needed of the graphic to order the park signs for the highways.
- An evaluation of drainage issues on Pioneer Street in the vicinity of the Southend Gas Bar is currently on-going.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Lush advised that the Commissioner for the Public Hearing held in relation to the Municipal Plan and Development Regulation Amendment for the Mint Brook RV Campground did an excellent job at the Public Hearing.
- It was noted that the Christmas Tree on the Village Green and the Town Office requires all decorating to be complete before the seasonal staff finish for the year.
- It was noted that the cable for the tree lighting at the Logger's Memorial was in place but has yet to be connected.

Deputy Mayor Moss inquired regarding the date for the Christmas Social and advised that we will have to determine the date at the next meeting.
Also, Deputy Mayor Moss advised that the street sign on Forest Road required attention.

Resolution: 2026-10-13-225 (T. Penney & M. Osmond) Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 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