

MINUTES

Town of Port au Port East
Special Council Meeting November 5th, 2024

Minutes of a special meeting of the council of the
Town of Port au Port East,
held in the Town Hall, November 5th, 2024 at 6:30PM.

Members

Present

Acting Mayor	C. Joseph
Councillors:	A. Barry
	F. Barter
	K. De Groot

Also,

Present

Town Clerk/Manager K. Hunt

14 people are present in the public galleries.

Acting Mayor C. Joseph called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Guests To Address Council

None

Meeting Minutes

None

Regulations/Policies

None

Correspondence

None

Finances

None

Permits

None

Discussion:

Port au Port Regional Volunteer Fire Department

Council advised residents of the current situation with our volunteer fire department resignations. It was explained that the Town of Kippen's and the Town of Stephenville were both approached and their emergency fire protection services were requested. Unfortunately, due to issues that both the Kippen's and Stephenville fire departments are facing they were unable to provide any aid. There have been many discussions between various government departments and fire services to try to find a solution. There is a meeting tentatively scheduled for November 13th, 2024 with all towns, local service districts, Municipal Affairs, Fire Services and MHA Tony Wakeham in which a solution will hopefully be found. Town clerk/manager will advise residents on any new information as it becomes available.

Mayor Resignation

Acting Mayor C. Joseph addressed the gallery and informed the residents that Mayor J. Tuttle has resigned from council. Mr. Tuttle was acknowledged as a dedicated mayor, an asset to this town and its council and remorse regarding his resignation was expressed. As the mayor seat is now vacant a discussion was held and the majority of council requested a secret ballot to elect a new mayor. Ballots were cast and it was unanimously decided that our new mayor will be Ms. Kimberly De Groot. Congratulations to Mayor De Groot.

Application for Artesian Well Permit

98 – 100 Main Street has made an application to install an artesian well on this property.

Motion # 140 – 24 – C. Joseph/A. Barry

Due to the effects that the current water shortage had on the applicant's brewery business they are looking to install an artesian well that will provide them with the necessary water source to successfully operate their business without interruption. The applicant has already obtained approval from Water Resources to install/operate an artesian well for the purpose of supplying his business with water. The location of the artesian well is not

within the boundaries of either of our Protected Water Areas. Council agrees that this well will be approved once the applicant obtains approval from Service NL and follows all guidelines set forth by both Water Resources and Service NL. Once both approvals are obtained and submitted to the town, along with a land survey the application to obtain a general permit for the installation of an artesian well from the town of Port au Port East will be approved.

Be it resolved that the application be “Approved In Principle” and a general building permit for the installation of an artesian well will be issued once the conditions listed above have been met.

In favor:	Mayor	K. De Groot
	Deputy Mayor	C. Joseph
	Councilors:	A. Barry
		F. Barter

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

Update on the repair to the town’s Artesian Well

Atlantic Technical Services Limited will be back on November 12th, 2024 to continue the upgrades to the artesian well. We are currently at about 90% completion.

Adjournment

Motion # 141 – 24 – C. Joseph/F. Barter

Be it resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, November 12th, 2024 at 6:00 PM

In favor:	Mayor	K. De Groot
	Deputy Mayor	C. Joseph
	Councilors:	A. Barry
		F. Barter

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M

Mayor Kimberly De Groot

Town Clerk/Manager – Koren Hunt