



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2023, 7:00 pm

Council Chambers

APPROVED BY RESOLUTION #2024-7

<p><u>PRESENT</u> Mayor Michael St Amour Deputy Mayor Sandra McMaster Councillor Allan Flamand Councillor Jim Dives</p>	<p><u>ABSENT</u> Councillor Darren Sopel Councillor Barb Hart</p>	<p><u>STAFF</u> Blair Porter, SAO</p> <p><u>MINUTES PREPARED BY</u> Blair Porter, SAO</p>
<p><u>GALLERY</u> Charlie Sutherland Cathy Kimble Glennis Poitras Winnie Cadieux Mike Kimble</p>	<p><u>DELEGATES</u> Gordon Riehl</p>	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael St Amour called the November 21, 2023 Regular Council meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

2. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

Resolution 2023-467

Motion to accept the absence of the following councillor(s):

- Councillor Darren Sopel, with reason
- Councillor Barb Hart, with reason

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sandra McMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Dives

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3. AGENDA ADDITIONS

Add Hamlet vehicle to 14c.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 2023-468

Motion to adopt the agenda, as presented, with changes.

Moved by: Councillor Allan Flamand

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Dives

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Initials: Mayor  SAO 

5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - NIL

6. DELEGATIONS

a. GORDON RIEHL – LOT 24, BLOCK 5, PLAN 359

Discussion:

Motion was made in 2012 to approve land application for Mr Riehl

Letter was sent to Mr Riehl that the application was denied due to the Hamlet applying for the lot
SAO of the time sent letter stating that the application fee was not received

Hamlet currently owns the lot

Lot had been owned previously, however owner defaulted on mortgage, therefore lot reverted back
to MACA

Willing to sell lot to Mr Riehl, with a discount for time and funds invested, for assessed value -
\$28,700

Mr Riehl did not accept the offer

7. REPORTS

a. MAYOR

Meeting scheduled for Nov 9, 2023 with Federal Government – what happened?

Meeting to take place next week re: housing at the federal level

Loaders been used for personal use – been billed according to bylaw? *In process*

SOLE – when can take off? Residents having issues with insurance renewals – *should be soon*

Hearing there are access issues to get on private lots, particularly for propane suppliers

b. STAFF

i. SAO

Finance

Variance report on next meeting

Balance sheet and consolidated income statement shows total accounts receivable and payable

Money for mattresses, etc has been progressively paid out – spreadsheet tracking payments

Rent for staff houses? Currently at \$1,000, including utilities

Need to look at increasing rent to cover the cost of utilities

Will need to give notice

Recommendation to waive water & sewer charges for the months of August and September for
all residents

Cleanup

Septic tanks been cleaned out?

Been told they are frozen, so not doing that now

Could calcium be put in to help with thawing – will check into

Colliers sending out weekly report

Pretty much done with asbestos remediation

Request to purchase of one of our generators

Could sell one or two at 85% cost – haven't been used that much

Should keep enough for Hamlet use

Just got back on grid, should keep for now

Consensus: keep all of our generators

Election calendar

Election date Feb 13, 2024

Nominations Jan 2 to 16, 2024

Insurance claim

Have sent them list of destroyed items

Waiting for cost estimate for tree removal

Initials: Mayor SAO

Resolution 2023-469

Motion to increase rent to \$1,500 for all staff houses.

Moved by: Councillor Allan Flamand

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Dives

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Resolution 2023-470

Motion to waive Water & Sewer charges for August and September 2023 for all residents and businesses.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Dives

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sandra McMaster

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Resolution 2023-471

Motion to accept all staff reports, written and verbal.

Moved by: Councillor Allan Flamand

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sandra McMaster

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8. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a. SEP 29, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING
- b. OCT 6, 2023 EMERGENCY MEETING
- c. OCT 10, 2023 REGULAR MEETING
- d. OCT 14, 2023 EMERGENCY MEETING
- e. OCT 18, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING
- f. OCT 20, 2023 EMERGENCY MEETING

Resolution 2023-472

Motion to adopt the September 29th, October 6th, 10th, 14th, 18th, and 20th, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Dives

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sandra McMaster

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9. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS – NIL

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CAPITAL PROJECTS – CEMETERY COLUMBARIUM PLAQUE

Resolution 2023-473

Motion to investigate the purchase of a memorial for August 13, 2023 and all involved.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Dives

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sandra McMaster

Initials: Mayor  SAO 

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b. APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

Resolution 2023-474

Motion to appoint Lou Frost as Returning Officer for the 2023-4 Municipal Election.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sandra McMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Dives

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c. REQUEST FOR DECISION – HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Resolution 2023-475

Motion to close Hamlet facilities from December 22, 2023 to January 2, 2024.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Dives

Seconded by: Councillor Allan Flamand

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Resolution 2023-476

Motion to take a 10-minute break at 8:02 pm.

Moved by: Councillor Allan Flamand

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Dives

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Resolution 2023-477

Motion to resume the November 21, 2023 Regular Council meeting at 8:10 pm.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Dives

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sandra McMaster

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11. BYLAWS & POLICIES – NIL

12. COUNCIL ISSUES & CONCERNS

Party planned for December?

Something for the kids

Consider something in Hay River – Soaring Eagle

Consider storing donated items until residents have homes

People taking things from donation center and then selling them?

Missing packages

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. RCMP REPORT – OCTOBER 2023

Initials: Mayor



SAO



Resolution 2023-478

Motion to accept the October 2023 RCMP report as information.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Dives

Seconded by: Councillor Allan Flamand

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14. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

- a. HUMAN RESOURCES
- b. LEGAL ITEMS
- c. HAMLET VEHICLE

Resolution 2023-479

Motion to move into an In-Camera session to discuss Human Resources, Legal Items and Hamlet Vehicle at 8:22 pm.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sandra McMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Dives

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Resolution 2023-480

Motion to come out of the In-Camera session at 9:37 pm.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sandra McMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Dives

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Resolution 2023-481

Motion to pay 75 hours out of SAO lieu hours.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sandra McMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Dives

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Resolution 2023-482

Motion to approve 90-day leave of absence for Councillor Darren Sopel.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sandra McMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Dives

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Resolution 2023-483

Motion to allocate Wellness funding as per motion #2023-452 to all tenants or homeowners residing in Enterprise as at August 13, 2023.

Initials: Mayor

 SAO 

Moved by: Councillor Jim Dives
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sandra McMaster

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15. ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Dec 5, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. Jan 9, 2024 Regular Meeting

Resolution 2023-484

Motion to schedule regular Council meetings for Jan 9 and Feb 6, 2024.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Dives
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sandra McMaster

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Resolution 2023-485

Motion to adjourn the November 21, 2023 Regular Meeting at 9:49 pm.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sandra McMaster
Seconded by: Councillor Allan Flamand

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Michael St Amour,
Mayor



Blair Porter,
Senior Administrative Officer