

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT                      Mayor                      Shane Kearney (7:23pm)

   Deputy Mayor              David Pretty

   Councillors                Jackie Strang

                                        Joe Strang

                                        JeanAnn Lambert

                                        Paul Slaney

   Town Clerk/Manager      Shelby Cox

   Assistant Clerk            Natalie Kearney

   Public                        Paddy Strang    Trudy Jarvis    Wayne Strang

                                        Todd Drake Sr.   Todd Drake Jr.   Kyle Drake

                                        David Edwards

**COUNCIL MEETING**

7:00 pm              Deputy Mayor Pretty called the meeting to order

**MOTION:**              Jackie Strang/Slaney

**26-005              Resolved to adopt Agenda for January 20, 2026. All in favour, Motion Carried.**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:**              Slaney/Lambert

**26-006              Resolved to approve the minutes of Regular meeting January 6, 2026. All in Favour, Motion Carried.**

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**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**

**MOTION:** Jackie Strang/Joe Strang

**26-007** Resolved to approve the expenditures from Jan 6- Jan 20, 2026. All in Favour, Motion Carried.

**Correspondence to be discussed**

Price Quote from Cox's Construction for Fire department repairs not included in scope of work.

**MOTION:** Jackie Strang/Joe Strang

**26-008** Resolved to approve the expense of \$8500.00 plus hst. All in Favour, Motion Carried.

**Emergency plan meeting:**

Town Manager will schedule the meeting for when the chair of the Public works committee is back in the province.

**Finance Update:**

Next meeting will be held in February.

**Maintenance department**

Town Manager gives an update that after speaking with the engineer for the department of highways, a guardrail may not be the best option to be installed going to Sandy point. This would narrow that road and would make it difficult for transport trucks to turn down there.

**New Business**

Councillor Lambert asked for the schedule for the councillor courses to be sent out as a reminder.

Councillor Jackie Strang asked if we can apply for a heating pump under the special assistance grant. This will be looked into and will get back to her on the information.

Councillor Slaney asked what the update on the fire hall was. Town Manager informed him that the final concrete pour will be on Thursday and then it will need a week to cure. Hopefully in the next two weeks it will be ready.

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**Deputy Mayor addresses the public to speak:**

Paddy Strang, President of the Lawn Harbour Authority questions the bill that was issued to the Harbour Authority for Water tax. His questions: Why has the tax bill increased from \$360.00 to \$2400.00 for water? What motion number was this passed by? When was it passed? What rate are they classified for, Residential or commercial? Why isn't the water being measured by a meter? Can this invoice be reconsidered?

(Mayor Kearney enters the meeting at 7:23pm; Deputy Mayor continues to chair the meeting)

The town Manager explained that their water for their office building wasn't increased. That would remain the same at \$360.00. Their second building that Golden Shell operates from is now being charged \$2400.00 water tax which is the same amount that other fish plants/ unloading docks are being charged. This was passed when the Tax Structure 2026 was adopted December 16, 2025. The Town Manager also explained that the Harbour Authority was suggested to get a water meter at their cost however they declined to do so.

This issue will be deferred until all councillors are here to discuss and a letter will be provided to the Harbour Authority when a decision is made.

David Edwards, resident asked when the new pump will be here for the pump house on Bayview lane. This could arrive any day as we are waiting on delivery. He also suggested that the town develop building lots down by the land near the soccer field that is currently owed by the Roman Catholic Church. The town currently has no plans to develop in that area.

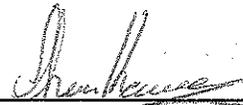
**Privilege Meeting:**

**MOTION: Kearney/Lambert**  
**26-009 Resolved to Enter Privilege Meeting at 7:44pm. All in Favour, Motion Carried.**

**MOTION: Kearney/Slaney**  
**26-010 Resolved to enter regular meeting at 7:53pm. All in Favour, Motion Carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Slaney/Kearney**  
**26-011 Resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. All in Favour, Motion Carried.**

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