

**Town of Irishtown-Summerside
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

In Attendance:

Mayor Goodyear, DM Bursey, Councilors, McAuley, Taylor, Pennell, Antle and Patey. Also in attendance, Town Manger/Clerk Bennett, Assistant Town Clerk Bursey and Planner Cox. Minutes recorded by Assistant Town Clerk Bursey. Meeting called to order at 7:23 p.m. by Mayor Goodyear.

2. **Motion 2026 – 591 Councillor Antle/ Councillor**
Moved to adopt the agenda as circulated. All in favor. Carried.
3. **Motion 2026 – 592 DM Bursey/ Councillor Patey**
Moved to adopt the Minutes of February 24, 2026. All in favor, carried.
4. **Business from February 24, 2026**
- The resident on Colson’s Road was sent a letter advising them about the use of the road reserve.
5. **Delegation-**

Mayor Goodyear opens the floor to 7:27pm

spoke on So Long to Summer and is aware the budget was cut to \$10,000.00 and said the committee will work with that. told council that he was not happy with the call he received from the Mayor at home telling him no money left belongs to So Long to Summer, that it belongs to the Town as there was never a bank account set up for So Long to Summer, and said \$10,000.00 was all the festival would be getting.

said the mayor told him he was only ever throwing a party, which felt was a slap in the face and he felt personally attacked. He was told he wasted \$200,000.00 of the Town’s money. felt he needed to bring this to council.

Councillor Antle asked who he asked for the money. said he messaged Amanda and asked.

told council that So Long to Summer had tried to open a bank account for years and it is in the works again now, as they have been working with a different bank at this time. told council that So Long to Summer is the biggest fundraiser for the Fire Department.

The question was asked how knew about the \$10,000.00 budget as the budget is not approved at this time, and advised council that people outside of town are talking about the budget. also said that it is going around that the festival was for s band and it is discrediting, as she gives a lot of her time to help with the festival and her mother does as well. also commented, saying that the mayor told him that nothing was given to this Town.

left chambers at 7:36PM

Mayor Goodyear advised council that he contacted _____ because there was an inquiry into the office regarding the So Long to Summer funds that were claimed to be left from previous years. Goodyear then explained what was spent over the past four years and reviewed the figures.

Council advised that So Long to Summer is not an arm of council and they do not have to budget anything for So Long to Summer.

Motion 2026-593 Councillor Antle/Councillor Patey

Motion to give this year's 2026 budgeted amount to So Long to Summer, provided it stays in the Town of Irishtown-Summerside and once they show proof their bank account is set up. If the So Long to Summer festival doesn't go ahead in 2026, the money will have to be returned to the town. All in favor, carried.

6. **Committees:**

(a) Public Works

- Davis Cove Road experienced some washout from water running down Plant Hill, due to the absence of ditches on the side of the highway. The Department of Highways will be contacted to advise.
- Water readings are going well.

(b) H.I.S

- The ground wire needs to be installed again at the fire hall.
- Leak in roof from the ice built up over the front door.
- One of the lights fell while training was happening at the hall but got repaired that day.
- The skidoo run raised just under \$4,000.00 and had 16 skidoos on the ride.
- 3 Members are doing training program March 21 and March 22 for ground fire and wildfires.
- Cox spoke on Mitigation grant that is being applied for.

c) Recreation/Halls

- Trivia this weekend and they are planning an easter activity.
- No longer doing line dancing as the lady left that was offering it
- They received \$450.00 teen grant for swimming.
- Discussion took place regarding the cleanliness of the Town Rec Center. Each group using the hall is responsible for cleaning the hall when they are finished; however, this is not being done properly as expected.

Motion 2026 – 594 Councillor McAuley/ Councillor Antle
Moved to have a deep clean completed on both hall. All in favor, carried.

d) Building Inspections

- No building inspection

e) Beautification

- Lots of snow
- Contact the RNC on the truck parked on the side of the road before the cabinet shop

f) GHJC

-N/A

g) H/R

- All good

h) Public Relations

- Going well, good feedback from social media and events.

7. Correspondence

1) Reviewed a letter sent from the So Long to Summer Committee, requesting the use of the parking lot, hall, garage, and other equipment to host the So Long to Summer event. Council discussed it and agreed they can use the same facilities as in previous years.

8. Financial Update

GIC maturity is almost up. Council discussed and will close the GIC and place into the saving.

Motion 2026 – 595 DM Bursey/ Councillor Taylor

Moved to have the Town GIC with Account Number 85-2896174 in the amount of approximately \$50,388.09, the full amount of the GIC is to be cashed in and close the GIC Account. The full amount of the GIC to be deposited into Town of Irishtown-Summerside Savings Account Number 48-07219. All in favor. Carried.

DM Bursey stepped back from meeting at 8:56 due to personal association with lifeline safety.

Motion 2025-596 Councillor Taylor / Councillor Antle

Motion to accept financials as presented and pay outstanding bills. Mayor Goodyear, Councillor, McAuley, Taylor, Antle, Patey, Pennell in favor. DM Bursey abstained due to conflict. Carried.

DM Bursey returned to meeting 9:00.

9. **Unfinished Business**

- a) Still waiting for final information for Poll Tax, we will defer until we get information.
- b) Review of the final Audit.

Motion 2026 – 597 DM Bursey/ Councillor Antle

Motion to accept the final Audit. All in favor. Carried.

10. **New Business**

- a) Council reviewed information sent out by the minister.

b) Already discussion after delegation

c) Take charge energy grant, Kayla discussed the details on this. She will contact from Sustain Energy before applying to make sure they are not applying on their end. If they are not applying, we will apply for Solor lights for in around the trails and ballfield.

d) Job creation grant—Cox provided information on this grant and advised that we have utilized it once before. This grant is intended to help people who need more hours for EI eligibility. We have used this grant in the past. The matter will be deferred for now while Cox obtains more information on how we can use the grant.

e) PMA- Professional Municipal Administrators conference from April 13-16,2026 in Gander.

Motion 2026-598 Councillor Taylor/Councillor McAuley

Motion to send the 3 girls from the office to the PMA scheduled April 13-16, 2026. All in favor. Carried.

DM Bursey stepped back from meeting at 9:16 due to Quote from his place of work.

f) Review of quote on doors and parts for the garbage truck to pass the annual inspectional from Hancocks Autobody, as per Matco.

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Motion 2026-599 Councillor McAuley/ Councillor Antle

Motion to go ahead with the quote from Hancock's Autobody to complete the work on the garbage truck. Mayor Goodyear, Councillor, McAuley, Taylor, Antle, Patey, Pennell in favor. DM Bursey abstained due to conflict. Carried.

DM Bursey returned to meeting 9:18.

11. Late Items

12. Deferred Items

a) Ditching on Mishaud's will leave for the spring

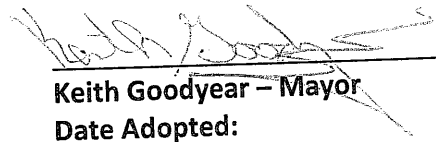
b) Discussed rental insurance, will look into host Liquor liability insurance, so will defer until we get the information.

Date and time of next meeting: March 24, 2026, 7:00pm

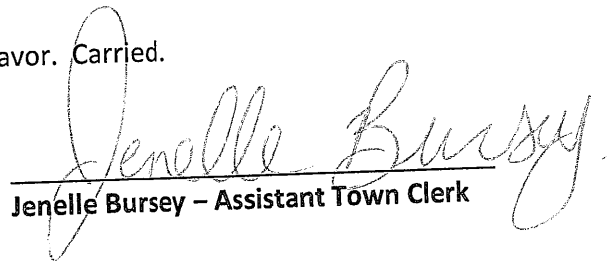
Meeting Adjourned

Motion 2026 – 600 Councilor McAuley / DM Bursey

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:34p.m. All in favor. Carried.



Keith Goodyear – Mayor
Date Adopted:



Jenelle Bursey – Assistant Town Clerk