Town of Irishtown-Summerside
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, Sept 22, 2026

In Attendance:

Mayor Goodyear, Councilors, McAuley, Antle, Taylor, Pennell and Patey.
Also in attendance, Town Manger Bennett, Town Clerk/Project Organizer Cox.

Minutes recorded by Town Clerk/Project Organizer Cox.

Absent with cause Deputy Mayor Bursey

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Goodyear.

2. Moment of Silence

No moment of silence was observed.

3. Adoption of Agenda as circulated - Motion 2026 – 687

Moved by Antle, seconded by Pennell. All in favor, Motion carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes, September 8 - Motion 2026 – 688

One spelling error noted. Moved by McAuley, seconded by Antle. All in favor, Motion carried.

5. Business Arising from Minutes of September 8, 2026

- Fall Bulk clean up is put in place for:
  West End: October 8 and 9, 2026

  East End: October 22 and 23, 2026
- Measurements were taken for the installation of a guardrail on the School Lane extension. The Town is awaiting quotes from the contractor before the work can proceed.

6. Delegations – NA

7. Committees:

(a) Public Works

- The Water line repairs on Route 440, across from , have been completed. The existing copper infrastructure was replaced with four new water lines. The Town is obtaining quotes for paving the affected sections of the highway following completion of the waterline work.
- Water filters at both water supplies will be cleaned on Friday, September 25, 2026.
- The draft Water Study report is expected to be completed by September 30, 2026. Council will review the report and discuss the available options and associated costs. A meeting has been arranged for October 2, 2026, with Stantec and government representatives to discuss the findings and next steps.

(b) H.I.S. Fire Department

Nothing to report. The Fire Department is returning to its regular meetings following the summer break.

(c) Recreation / Community Halls

- Recreation hosted a Family Day event on Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. as part of the *So Long to Summer Festival*. The event was a great success, many happy families.
- Recreation is also hosting comedian Lisa Baker and is currently in the process of applying for a liquor licence for the event.
- The dog park project is progressing. Two quotes have been received for work inside the park, as well as a quote for the parking lot. Due to the time of year, the parking lot work is planned for the spring.

- The Town is also exploring options to improve visibility at the turn of the road near the dog park onto school road, including the possible installation of a traffic mirror.

- The fencing for the dog park has been completed. They are waiting for new latches for the gates.

(d) Building Inspections

Nothing to report.

(e) Beautification

Nothing to report.

(f) Human Resources

Nothing to report.

(g) Public Relations

Nothing to report.

8. Correspondence

- **Circular – 2027 Budget Training**
  Council discussed attendance at the 2027 Budget Training. Town Manager Bennett and Town Clerk Cox will attend virtually, while Mayor Goodyear will attend in person.

- **Fall 2026 Operator Education Seminars**
  Council discussed sending maintenance staff to the upcoming training. It was noted that both Jeffrey and Tyler have already completed the required courses. Ryan will attend the training in the spring.

9. Financial Update

Council reviewed the bills.

Motion 2026-689 - Moved by Councilor Taylor, seconded by McAulley.

- Motion to accept financials as presented and pay outstanding bills. All in favor. Carried.

10. Unfinished Business

a) Resident with Outstanding Account

Council discussed the resident's outstanding account. The matter has been referred to the Town's lawyer. Council is awaiting correspondence from the lawyer regarding the next steps.

b) South Side Sewer – Antle Property

Councillor Antle removed herself from the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Council discussed completing the necessary work on the two roads in question this year on the property. Pictures of the two roads, outlined in different colours, were provided to for review.

advised that:

- **Red road:** Complete the road by covering the exposed rocks along the side and applying Class A material to finish the surface.
- **Blue road:** Restore the area to its original condition by returning it to normal grade and adding topsoil.

Councillor Antle retuned to the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

11. New Business

a) Section 5.14 – Personal Livestock Use – Bees

Council discussed backyard beekeeping within the Town and agreed that bees/beekeeping should be permitted. Staff will investigate the next steps. An amendment to the Development Regulations may be required to specifically include bees/beekeeping.

b) Air B&B Inquiry
Council discussed the proposed idea of Air B&B cabins within the Town and expressed support for the concept. Council acknowledged that the proposal is still in the early stages. Before a final decision can be made, all applicable Town development regulations, permits and approvals, provincial requirements, required setbacks from water boundaries, and well and septic requirements must be met.

c) Motion to Approve 2026–2027 SSSP

Motion 2026-690 - Moved by Councillor Antle and seconded by Councillor Pennell to approve the 2026–2027 Seasonal Service Support Program (SSSP) for the Department of Transportation. **All in favour.**

The regular Council meeting was closed at 8:01 p.m. to enter a privileged meeting.

The privileged meeting concluded at 8:28 p.m., and the regular Council meeting was reopened at 8:28 p.m.

d) RFP – Subdivision and Ball Field Update
Mayor Goodyear, Deputy Mayor Bursey, and Town Clerk Cox met with [redacted] to discuss the RFP for the proposed subdivision and ball field.

The Town will apply for Gas Tax funding to assist with funding the ball field, road, and parking lot.

e) Snow Clearing – Road Inspection with Contractor
Council discussed conducting a road inspection with the snow-clearing contractor. A meeting will be scheduled to inspect all Town roads prior to the start of the winter season.

f) Delinquency – Aged Summary
Council reviewed the aged summary and discussed possible next steps regarding outstanding resident accounts.

12. **Late Items**

Christophers Cove Road Permit – The Town was approved and has the permit to change the entrance to Christopher's Cove Road to address the safety concerns when entering the North Shore Highway. The contractor and maintenance staff will prepare to complete the project and obtain the necessary culverts for the road.

Councilor McAulley noted that the So Long to Summer Festival was a great success despite the cold weather. Those in attendance enjoyed the event and the music.

13. **Deferred Items**

None.

14. **Public After Session**

None.

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned

Motion 2026-691 – Moved by Councilor McAuley, seconded by Councilor Taylor.

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. All in favor. Carried.

Keith Goodyear – Mayor

Kayla Cox – Town clerk/Project Planer