Town of Irishtown-Summerside
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, Sept 8, 2026

In Attendance:

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

Minutes recorded by Town Clerk/Project Organizer Cox.

Absent with cause Councilor Pennell

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mayor Goodyear.

2. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

3. Adoption of Agenda as circulated - Motion 2026 – 680

Moved by Bursey, seconded by McAulley. All in favor, Motion carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes, August 4 - Motion 2026 – 681

No errors or omissions noted. Moved by McAuley, seconded by Patey. All in favor, Motion carried.

5. Adoption of Minutes, August 19 - Motion 2026 –682

No errors or omissions noted. Moved by Patey, seconded by McAuley. All in favor, Motion carried.

6. Business Arising from Minutes of August 4, 2026

Speed Signs - Council discussed the speed signs that are still not functioning properly. It was agreed that the signs will need to be taken down for further troubleshooting and assessment.

Councillor Antle joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

7. Delegations –

(a)

attended as a delegation regarding concerns about water running onto his property. read the letter previously sent to him in May regarding the matter. explained that there is a ditch on the opposite side of his property that carries water down Road into a culvert that runs underneath the roadway and onto his property. He advised that he recently installed drainage on his property. suggested that the culvert could potentially be blocked so that the water could follow a natural drainage path approximately 50 feet from the roadway.

Council discussed the matter and agreed to have Town maintenance staff inspect the area and determine what options may be available to address the issue.

also raised concerns regarding snow clearing and road maintenance on , noting that his civic address is while Town services currently end at

Council explained that the section of beyond has historically not been maintained or snow cleared by the Town. Council noted that the property was developed and a house was built at the location using the address not

(b) and

Mr. and Mrs. attended as a delegation to discuss access to their property and concerns regarding future use of the road.

The explained that they built their home approximately 15 years ago at At the time, there was no road access to their property, so they extended the road to provide access. In order to obtain approval, they were required to bring approximately 53 feet of the road up to current road standards. The stated that they paid for the culverts, materials, and work required to extend the road.

has applied for a piece of Crown land for agricultural purposes. They would now like to establish a road/driveway to access the Crown land located near the property.

The expressed concern that heavy equipment using the road they paid to construct could cause damage and asked who would be responsible for any resulting repairs. Council discussed the possibility of the Town taking over responsibility for this section of the road, as it has already been brought up to current standards and is currently being snow cleared.

Council advised that must follow the appropriate approval process. The Crown land application has been filled out and sent in, now the request must be reviewed and approved by the applicable departments before proceeding to the Town.

Once the Town is asked to approve the proposed access, it will be stated that the road would be required to meet the Town's current road standards and regulations to ensure it is properly constructed.

Mr. and Mrs. will be kept informed as the process progresses.

8. Committees:

(a) Public Works

Council discussed two major water leaks that occurred on two consecutive Thursdays. Town staff obtained a permit from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to excavate within the highway right-of-way.

Council discussed excavating the opposite side of the highway and installing four new water lines, removing the existing old copper infrastructure that has been contributing to the leaks. Once the work is completed, the affected sections of the highway will need to be repaved.

Council discussed taking a proactive approach by replacing the old water lines before the highway is repaved. This will avoid having to cut into and excavate the newly paved highway in the future.

Motion 2026 – 683: To complete water line repairs on Route 440, across from , including the replacement of the existing copper infrastructure with four new water lines, and to pave the affected sections of the highway following completion of the work.
Moved by: Councillor Antle
Seconded by: Councillor Taylor
Carried.

Council also discussed MCW. The Town is responsible for the applicable HST portion and 10% contribution.

(b) H.I.S. Fire Department

Nothing to report.

(c) Recreation / Community Halls

Recreation is hosting comedian Lisa Baker and is currently in the process of applying for a liquor licence for the event.

Recreation will also be hosting Family Day on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the So Long to Summer Festival.

Recreation would like to donate a swing to Templeton Academy.

Motion: To donate a swing to Templeton Academy.
Moved by: Councillor Bursey
Seconded by: Councillor McAuley
Carried.

(d) Building Inspections

Advised Council about one building inspection.

- One inspection for a new construction home.

Council acknowledged the update.

(e) Beautification

Nothing to report.

(f) Human Resources

New hire is working out great.

(g) Public Relations

Council discussed a resident's request regarding whether the Town could assist with a birthday celebration.

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Financial Update

Deputy Mayor Bursey stepped out of the meeting.

Council reviewed the bills, including the shipping charges associated with the Lifeline invoice.

Motion 2026-684 - Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Patey.

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

Deputy Mayor Bursey returned to the meeting following the discussion.

11. Unfinished Business

None.

Budget Update

Council reviewed the Town's annual budget. Overall, the Town is currently at approximately 62% of the annual budget, compared to approximately 66% expected at this point in the year, indicating that the Town is currently on track with its overall spending.

Council noted that garbage collection is at approximately 92% of the budget, with four months remaining in the fiscal year.

12. New Business

(a) Fall Cleanup

Council discussed the annual fall bulk cleanup. It was agreed that cleanup would be held over two days in each area of the Town:

- West End: October 8 and 9, 2026
- East End: October 22 and 23, 2026

Motion 2026-685: To proceed with the 2026 Fall Bulk Cleanup as discussed.
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Bursey
Seconded by: Councillor Antle
Carried.

(b) **MNL Convention**

Council discussed attendance at the Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) Convention. Mayor Goodyear and Councillor Taylor expressed interest in attending this year's convention.

(c) **Resident with Outstanding Account**

Council discussed a resident's outstanding property tax account.

Council requested that, for the next meeting, staff provide the outstanding balance, accumulated interest, and a proposed payment plan for Council's review.

(d) **Opening of Bids – Call for Offers – Subdivision**

Council opened two sealed submissions received in response to the Call for Offers regarding the subdivision.

1.
A one-page letter was submitted expressing an offer to purchase t for .

2.
submitted a proposal package that included a subdivision proposal form, offer, proposal outline, corporate information, previous project experience, project CVs, and financial information.

. submitted an offer for the land, with a proposed investment of up to , toward the development of the Town's softball field, subject to modifications to the existing RFP.

The proposal outlined the following anticipated schedule:

- Softball field work to begin in Fall 2026.
- Engineering for the proposed 17-lot Clover Street subdivision to begin in Fall 2026, with construction anticipated to begin in Spring 2027.
- Paddy Drive development anticipated for 2027–2028.
- Development of a playground and green space as part of the proposal.
- Total anticipated development cost of approximately including the softball field.

Council discussed the proposal and agreed that a meeting should be arranged with to discuss the proposal and obtain clarification on several questions identified by Council.

13. **Late Items**

School Lane Extension: A resident inquired about the safety of the turn on School Lane Extension. Maintenance agreed that this is a safety concern. Measurements will be taken and quotes obtained for the installation of a guardrail.

It was also noted that something should be put in place to address the blind turn on Park Lane when leaving the dog park. This issue will be placed on the deferred items list for discussion at the next meeting.

14. **Deferred Items**

None.

15. **Public After Session**

None.

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned

Motion 2026-686 – Moved by Councilor McAuley , seconded by Councilor Antle.

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 p.m. All in favor. Carried.

Keith Goodyear – Mayor

Kayla Cox – Town clerk/Project Planer