

**Town of Irishtown-Summerside
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

In Attendance:

Mayor Goodyear, Deputy Mayor Bursey, Councilors, McAuley, Pennell, Antle, Taylor and Patey.

Also in attendance, Town Manager/Clerk Bennett, Assistant Town Clerk/Project Organizer Cox.

Minutes recorded by Assistant Town Clerk/Project Organizer Cox.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Moment of Silence

Observed.

3. Adoption of Agenda as circulated - Motion 2026 – 619

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

4. Adoption of Minutes - Motion 2026 – 620

No errors noted. Moved by Pennell, seconded by Patey. All in favor, Motion carried.

5. Business Arising from Minutes of May 5, 2026

- Truck that was in question has been removed.

6. Delegations – Via Teams Meeting

- Maintenance staff attended the site for inspection.
- requested that Council consider changing the direction of water flow or the culvert to be moved and the ditch properly drained away from his land.
- The existing infrastructure (culvert) currently has water running through it and onto his property which is below the road.
- The ditch the water runs through is located opposite of Pynns Pond Road, with the culvert running underneath the roadway before draining on to the homeowner's property below grade level on Park Drive.
- Discussion took place regarding drainage options into a natural creek or French drains.

- Council noted that the culvert is existing town infrastructure. The culvert was in place before the land and dwelling was developed. The property owner would need to determine a way to divert the water on private property. The homeowner may need to complete ditching around the property.
- A follow-up letter will be sent.

7. Committees:

(a) Public Works

- Lahey will attend the town on Thursday to inspect the hydrant at Colson's Road with maintenance staff.
- Ditching and grading work will begin soon.
- Washout concerns near First Stop Convenience were discussed. A follow-up email will be sent to the Department of Highways regarding the safety concern.

(b) H.I.S

- McAuley advised Council that the H.I.S Fireretts plans to hold an auction fundraiser.
- The group is currently seeking any gently used or new donations.

(c) Recreation/Halls

Recreation Hall Complaint

- The Irishtown-Summerside Recreation Committee attended the Town Recreation Centre to prepare for the Mother's Day High Tea event. Upon arrival, the committee was required to spend approximately two hours cleaning and tidying the facility after use by another group before they could begin decorating for the event.
- Major concerns included:
 - Garbage was not removed
 - Dirty washrooms
 - Mud left on the floor
- Recreation volunteers completed cleaning duties, including garbage removal, sweeping, mopping and bathroom cleaning.

- Council discussed implementing a cleaning fee when facilities are left unclean.
- A letter will be sent to all user groups regarding hall cleanliness expectations.
- Maintenance staff will also check the hall during water meter readings.

Community Events

- Community Clean-Up scheduled from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM with a BBQ to follow on Saturday, May 23, 2026.
- If residents don't want to attend, they can still help out. Please send photos to the Recreation committee.
- The High Tea event was reported as successful with over 30 attendees.
- Father's Day ATV/UTV event planned for June 20.

Ballfield

- Cox was in contact with a Director of Recreation, Town of Clarendville to get pointers and opinions on the engineer drawings of the ball field regarding the next steps to take .
- Council discussed issuing a Call for Offers regarding the ballfield.

New Rental Agreement and Waiver

- Council reviewed the new Rental Agreement and Waiver for all rentals and groups using the Town Rec Center and Irishtown-Summerside Town Hall.

Motion 2026 – 621 - Adoption of Rental Agreement and Waiver

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

- Groups currently holding their own waiver agreements are required to submit copies to the Town.

d) Building inspections

- One new house permit/application was discussed.
- Council discussed that the maintenance supervisor, Compton can complete building inspections as required under regulations.
- Inspections will be submitted to council for final review.

(e) Beautification

- Bulk clean-up update:
 - Total collected: **44240 kg**
 - Cost: **\$7,069.09**

Ongoing inquiries from residents regarding bulk clean-up. **Deferred to Next Meeting (June 2, 2026)**

- Truck in question has been removed.
- Fallen shed inquiry:
 - Requires sign-off from both parties, letters and waivers to be sent.
 - Notice to be posted on the town page and website asking if residents objects removing the shed.
 - Town to proceed with demolition once approval is received.
- Council discussed spending up to **\$300** for fake/artificial flowers to beautify the towns spaces.

Motion 2026 – 622 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Town approve the expenditure of up to \$300 for the purchase of artificial flowers for beautification purposes, with office staff to proceed with the purchase and arrangement as required.

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

(f) GHJC

-N/A

(g) HR

- Council to meet and further discuss staffing matters.
- Inquiry to Municipal Affairs:
- Clarification requested on who determines decisions (public vs. previous meetings).

(h) Public Relations

- Complaint received regarding tires on _____ road. Maintenance staff to investigate the matter and report back.

8. Correspondence

1) By the Bay Cleaning – Quote: \$212.75

- Includes:
 - 2 bathrooms
 - Kitchen
 - Labour, travel, and supplies

Council discussed that they would use By the Bay Cleaning on an **as-needed basis** following major rentals and quarterly cleaning.

- Discussion regarding rentals: If the hall is left uncleaned after a rental, **no deposit refund**.

9. Financial Update

Motion 2026-623 - Moved by Councillor Antle, seconded by Taylor.

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

10. Unfinished Business

Basketball nets:

- Discussion on whether nets have been installed.

11. New Business

(a) Student Employment Gant Summery

- Council discussed the Student Employment Grants, including the number of positions the Town was funded for.
- Discussion also included areas within the Town requiring cleaning, expected job duties, and support for summer recreation programming (including summer camp).
- To date, the Town has received only **two resumes**.
- Council recommended that the job postings be re-advertised on social media to increase applications.

(b) Resident Inquiry – Water and Sewer

- A resident inquired about the availability of water and sewer services at the property.
- It was noted that the property is located approximately 330 feet behind another property, and services are not currently in place.
- Council advised that the subdivision must be developed first before the necessary infrastructure is installed.
- Once the infrastructure is in place, the resident may then connect to water and sewer services.

11. Late Items

None.

12. Deferred Items

None.

13. Public After Session

None.

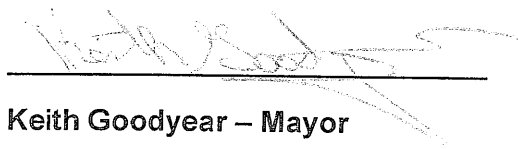
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Date and time of next meeting: June 2, 2026, 7:00pm

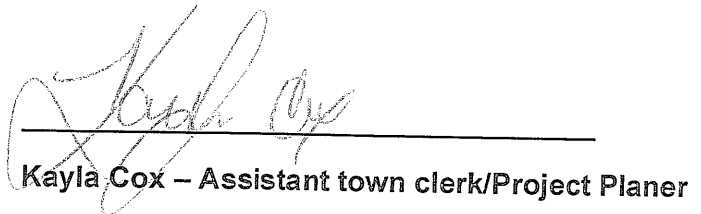
Meeting Adjourned

Motion 2026 – 623 Moved by Councillor McAulley, seconded by Councilor Antle.

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. All in favor. Carried.



Keith Goodyear – Mayor



Kayla Cox – Assistant town clerk/Project Planer