Town of Irishtown-Summerside

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday, November 18, 2025

In Attendance:

Mayor Goodyear, DM Bursey, Councilors, McAuley, Taylor, Patey, Pennell and Antle. Also in attendance, Town Manger/Clerk Bennett, Assistant Town Clerk Bursey, Planner Cox and Maintenance Supervisor Compton. Minutes recorded by Assistant Town Clerk Bursey. Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Goodyear.

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- Motion 2025 553 Councillor Taylor/ Councillor Antle
 Moved to adopt the agenda as circulated. All in favor. Carried.
- Motion 2025 554 Councilor Antle/ Councillor Pennell
 Moved to adopt the Minutes of November 5, 2025. All in favor, carried.
- 4. Business from November 5, 2025
 - Maintenance worker from Meadows came and looked at the Hydrant with Compton and they are going to check and see if they have the part needed to fix this because they no longer make the parts for the Hydrant. To replace this Hydrate the water will need to be turned off in the town for the full day.

Our bank is working on setting up the payee for other banks. The information is slowly coming in for this.

We are working on a new town email, and we will have this set up once we get another computer tech.

Councillor Antle step back from meeting due to conflict at 7:08pm

5. **Delegations** – Mayor Open floor to residents what would like to speak on the location of the dog park.

Resident raised concerns about Park Lane's narrow width, blind turn, winter maintenance, noise from barking dogs near homes and that a resident works night shifts, and potential parking issues blocking driveways and also that there may be smell from people not picking up after their dogs. suggested finding a dog park located further from residents' homes to avoid noise complaints. mentioned previous safety issues in the area, including discarded needles and fires set by youths involving propane bottles.

Recreation member did speak up and say they have looked at other locations.

Resident from Park Drive spoke and told council that is someone that have visiting other dog parks in other community's and advise the Park Lane resident that Park Drive is very narrow and when there is a bingo or any event at the Lions Club all you can do is get through, as it's been this way for years, with plenty of traffic from cars, trucks, and side-by-sides.

said always used the old ball field for dog, they removed the fence and started to do work and asked if they thought about putting it in there.

Recreation co-chair spoke on behalf of recreation and said anything they put in Park Lane there will still be traffic concerns.

Resident said what about rats, vice co-chair advise rats are already there in the area.

Recreation vice co-chair also advised that, there would be no snow clearing in the winter months as it will not be open in the winter, the blind turn they can invest in the blind turn mirrors and signs, to help with noise they could plant more trees around the area. They have looked for other locations but were unsuccessful. They did look at the old ballpark off Park Lane but to have the road up to regulations it would cost too much. Nothing in town Bi-Laws as per Lawyer on a dog park. The range of distance recommended recreation is well in the range for the distance from property. The size of the dog park is 32x72, said you can fit about 3 big dogs, smaller dogs a few more. The dog park in Massey drive is twice the size. Vice Co-Chair read out distances dog parks and the closest property, they are all close to recreations plan and the distance from the closest resident on Park Lane is about 250 Feet.

Member spoke and said that she got to take her dog outside of her community to a dog park she doesn't feel comfortable walking on the north shore do people drinking and driving. also made comments that we don't close playgrounds because of bad parents or remove tires from vehicles due to bad drivers.

Mayor closed the floor.

Council will discuss matters concerning the dog park.

Councillor Antle returns to meeting table 7:33pm.

 The road into Park Drive is also narrow, but so are some of the other roads in the community.

Coxs asked if maybe we can partner with Hughes Brook and have a dog park by the Bridge.

Council had discussion on the Park Lane area and will get together and do a asset tour of the Towns infrastructure and visit the area on Sunday.

6. **Committees:**

(a) Public Works

- Cox informed council that the original scope, set out in the RFP, requested river flow monitoring (which was included in Stantec's proposal). For an inflow series, generally, we'd compare the collected river flows to flows recorded at a nearby hydrometric station to determine if it is reasonable to use the hydrometric station as a long-term representative inflow to the source pond. We need a long-term flow series such that we are including historically dry periods in the analysis. However, if we collect river flows downstream of the dam/spillway there will likely be times that the water level in the pond is less than the level of the spillway and then the river downstream will be dry.

Therefore, instead of collecting river flows, we are proposing to collect bathymetric data for Pynn's Pond and topographic survey of Pynn's Pond dam/spillway/intake and collect water levels in Pynn's Pond. This information will allow us to estimate the reliable yield of Pynn's Pond with more confidence.

Stantec's original project budget is \$61,223.77 (excluding HST). By removing the flow monitoring from the scope and adding Pynn's Pond bathymetric and topographic survey and Pynn's Pond water level logging the budget will increase to \$63,142.98 (excluding HST). A difference of \$1,919.21 (exc HST).

Resolution # 555-2025 DM Bursey / Councillor Antle Adjustment to Stantec Project Budget

WHEREAS Stantec's original project budget was \$61,223.77(excluding HST); and WHEREAS Stantec's has removed the flow monitoring component from the project scope; and

WHEREAS Stantec's has added Pynn's Pond bathymetric and topographic survey and Pynn's Pond water level logging; and

WHEREAS these additions result in a revised project budget of \$63,142.98 (excluding HST), representing an increase of \$1,919.21 (excluding HST);

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Irishtown-Summerside approves the revised Stantec project scope and budget in the amount of

\$63,142.98(excluding HST) All in favor. Mayor Goodyear, DM Bursey, Councillor McAuley, Taylor, Patey, Antle and Pennell.

(b) H.I.S

- Work has been started on the fire hall, they have located 3 big cracks so far, Newfoundland Power had to be contacted to get a pole hold for the light pole between the town garage and the firehall, which will be here tomorrow.
- The contactor is responsible for the cost of the pole hold.
- H.I.S Santa Claus parade is December 7th and it is a night parade.

c) Recreation/Halls

- Recreation is now formed, recreation liaison/DM Bursey chaired the voting.
- Thursday December 4, 2025, is the annual tree lighting and this year there will be a mummer parade around the hall and signing of Christmas carols, hot chocolate and marshmallow and wiener roast.
- will also be doing the Santa letters again this year, where kids drop off their letter for Santa and kids will receive a personal letter back from Santa.
- Heard back about the back stop for the ballfield and it is a danger and would have to come down.
- -Heat pumps are starting to get installed on Thursday
- Town Rec center now has a sign, and the lights are complete.
- The subdivision agreement is being worked on by the lawyer.
- The piece of land shaped like an S that we didn't have through crown land before because it appeared at the time to be a small brook, the Brook is no longer, and we have applied for the land and it will cost \$3003.23 for the timber rights.

Motion 2025-556 Councillor Taylor / DM Bursey

Motion to pay for the \$3003.23 for the timber rights for the S shape land in the subdivision so the two lots will now be one big lot. All in favor. Carried.

d) Building Inspections

- DM Mayor would like the other 2 building inspectors to have a look at a piece of land in the Colson's Road area with him as per a residents request.

e) Beautification

- None.

f) GHJC

-N/A

g) H/R

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h) Public Relation

- Mayor and DM Mayor will be attending a tourism event in Couple next week.

7. Correspondence

7.1 A letter from a resident regarding a well located near Clover Street and the area's development has been reviewed. The resident will be provided with further updates as additional information becomes available concerning the RFP.

8. Financial Update

Motion 2025-557 Councillor Antle / Councillor McAuley

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

9. Unfinished Business

a) Discussion on the residents involved in the fraud. We will leave their account for now and wait to hear back from the RNC. Will not charge interest on the account. Will look at again the end of the year.

10. New Business

Cox asked about applying for summer students again this year. Council discussed and we will apply for 3 students. 2 under the Newfoundland grant and 1 under the Canadian grant. Compton said 3 would be great because no trouble finding work for 3.

11. Late Items

n/a

12. Deferred Items

n/a

Mayor asked gallery member if he would wish to speak and he congratulated the new council. He advised council he is looking to sell 2 blocks of his land but according to our regulations one block is about 6 meters smaller than the regulations to build in that area. Council advised we would need to see the surveys for the land and to bring them into the office for further discussion.

Date and time of next meeting: December 2, 2025, 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned

Motion 2025 – 558 Councilor McAuley / DM Bursey

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. All in favor. Carried.

Keith Goodyear - Mayor

Date Adopted:

Jenelle Bursey - Assistant Town Clerk