



# Rural Municipality of Belfast (RMB)

Mayor: Garth Gillis; Chief Administrative Officer: Bob Brooks; *Incorporated 1972*

## COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 7:00 PM  
*Upstairs Hall, Wood Islands Market*

### ***In Attendance:***

Council: Mayor Garth Gillis (*Chair*) Deputy Mayor Lynn Docherty  
Councillor Katherine Bryson Councillor Trisha Carter  
Councillor Billy Gamble Councillor Charley McGivern  
Councillor James Kinnee (*Regrets – unable to attend*)

Administration: CAO Bob Brooks Ashley Feschuk

Public Attending: 3 members of the public attended in person;  
- Merrill Gillis - Elder - St. John`s Presbyterian Church  
- Xandra van der Geer-Stok - Owner, Operator Red Sands Floral Farm  
- Sherry Pelkey - Exec. Director - Belfast Area Watershed Group (BAWG)

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### **Item      Order of Business**

1. **Call to Order** – Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Gillis at 7:00 PM.

*“In the spirit of Reconciliation, we acknowledge that the land upon which our organization stands is unceded Mi’kmaq territory. Epekwitk (PEI), Mi’kma’ki, is covered by the historic Treaties of Peace and Friendship. We pay our respects to the Indigenous Mi’kmaq People who have occupied this Island for over 12,000 years; past, present, and future.”*

2. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest** – Three members of Council have a conflict of interest with their respective positions as they relate to the Community Grant Applications:  
**Councillor Carter** – Volunteer Belfast Fire Department, Belfast Wrestling Club  
**Councillor Gamble** – Employee of BAWG  
**Deputy Mayor Docherty** – Coordinator Belfast Days

3. **Approval of Agenda** – Several items were added to the agenda and listed under item 14 and Council agreed to rearrange a few items to accommodate the public in attendance.

Moved by **Councillor McGivern** and seconded by **Councillor Carter** to adopt the agenda amended.

Votes for: 5    Votes against: 0      Result: **Carried Unanimously**

4. **Public Presentations** – (*Members of the public are offered five minutes to make a presentation to Council. After the five minutes are up, the Presenter may ask for an extension – only granted if UNANIMOUS consent of Council is given. Following the presentation, Council may or may not ask questions*)

- a) **Merrill Gillis an Elder at the St. John`s Presbyterian church** spoke about the 200-year Anniversary Celebration of the church and the grant funding they requested from Council, would be very useful to support the Anniversary celebrations, but also to assist them in their efforts of community support. The services and assistance St. John`s offers are not limited to members of the congregation. Annually they assist the food bank and other families with off island travel support, hosting Chances Daycare, and hosting a men`s and women`s support group.
- b) **Xandra van der Geer-Stok, owner and operator of Red Sands Floral Farm** spoke to Council about her grant application and the importance of her establishment and its goal to assist with mental health wellness and awareness on the Island.
- c) **Sherry Pelkey, Executive Director of BAWG** provided an update on upcoming events: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7-10pm at Belfast Rec Centre is Songs for our Streams. Very exciting to have PEI Songwriter of the Year – Dylan Menzie along with Norman Stewart and The Solid Line. Come out and enjoy some tunes along with oysters from Fortune Oysters. This is an all-age`s event and tickets are available at Galla Designs or at Coopers Red and White Convenience. April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day with a Presentation regarding the `2 Billion Tree Program`. BAWG will also go over their work plan for 2024.

5. **Adoption of the February 21, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes** (*attached - previously distributed; all changes incorporated*).

**Moved** by Deputy Mayor Docherty and **seconded** by Councillor Gamble to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2024, Council Meeting as presented.

Votes for: 5 Votes against: 0 Result: Carried Unanimously

6. **Business arising from the February 21, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes** (*already addressed in today`s agenda – no other items*).

7. **Breaking News Announcement** - direct from Minister Lawrence MacAulay, emailed to Councillor Bryson. The MV Saaremaa has been secured from mid-May to mid-October 2024 to ensure that there is a two-vessel ferry service for peak season. The MV Saaremaa will remain in service until the MV Fanafjord is ready for service in Canada. RMB will continue to monitor this issue and assist in keeping the public informed as information becomes available. To read the full statement please visit our website [www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com](http://www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com).

8. **CAO Report** (*presented by CAO - Bob Brooks*)

a) **Financial/Variance/Planning Report**

i. **Provincial Credit Union Account Balances @ March 6, 2024:**

a. Share Acct 001	\$5.44
b. Chequing Acct 010	\$85,816.61
c. Gas Tax (CCBF) Acct 011 ( <i>for approved projects</i> )	\$125,617.18
d. Reserve Savings Acct 020	\$37.45
e. Gas Tax (CCBF) GIC Acct 040 ( <i>for approved projects</i> )	\$52,016.24
f. Reserve Savings GICs; Acct 041 & 042	\$66,288.49
(Breakdown as approved)	
1. RMB Expansion Reserve	\$25,000.00
2. Emergency Preparedness Reserve	\$5,000.00
3. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Warming Ctr Generator Reserve	\$5,000.00
4. Remaining	\$31,288.49
5. Remaining Funds in ShopBelfastPEI Program	\$523.01

## CAO – Other Matters dealt with/involving the CAO:

- b) **Generator Funding/Installation** – The Generator for the Wood Islands Warming Centre, funded through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency is now on-site at the Wood Islands Market. RMB has already received and paid-out 50% of the funds. The remaining funds can now be dealt with in a similar fashion. Funding for the installation through the Regional Growth Initiative Fund should be in place in early April. Many thanks to our funders and to the Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation for hosting the Secondary Warming Centre.

## CAO – During First Reading Budget deliberations - the CAO was asked to elaborate on a few items:

- c) **Evolution of a Municipality** – The RMB was incorporated in 1972 to operate as a Community Government, or what was called a Community Improvement Committee or (CIC). Until January 1, 2019, it was administered by one person, typically out of their basement on average 10 – 20 hours per month.

After many years of consultation, the Government of PEI (the Province) enacted new legislation called the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) that came into force on December 23, 2017. All CICs were required to transition into the many pieces of legislation, bylaws, financial infrastructure/reporting, administrative procedures and practices, and requirements of the MGA within five years.

In January of 2019, the Council of the day, brought on the current CAO to assist in the 5-year transition of adhering to the MGA requirements. RMB, successfully completed that transition within 3 years, in December of 2022. One requirement that was not completed, was the adoption of an Official Community Plan and Development Bylaw – that requirement was paused after the Province gave an extension, and it was felt that RMB residents and the incoming (new Council) wanted an opportunity for additional consultation; prior to accepting a, Official Community Plan and Development Bylaw proposal (or not).

RMB is currently in full compliance with the MGA as it relates to legislation, bylaws, administrative duties and office requirements.

- d) **RMB Office** – As Council is aware, having a fully accessible office, operating five days per week and open to the public at minimum four hours per day, is a requirement of the MGA. Due to projects like the Official Community Plan and Development Bylaw, and the newly adopted RMB Strategic Plan and workload it presents; these tasks are driving the current workload and potential further growth for RMB; along with the newly added Annexation Exercise.

The recognition of possible or eventual growth of the office space requirements was also the driving factor for RMB to set up a RMB Expansion Reserve. At that time, it was expected that the expansion would not be required for a couple years. That said, it was unexpected that a larger office facility, one that would be suitable for RMB's future needs for many years to come, will become available for April 1, 2025. The new space being referenced, is the Old Train Station, that was being used as a restaurant. The previous restaurant tenant chose not to renew their lease.

WIADC is currently upgrading the facility and has offered RMB first choice, before they offer it to someone else. If RMB does not take WIADC up on its offer, it is unknown if that larger facility will become available to RMB again.

RMB has seen significant growth, ever since RMB decided to transition into the MGA requirements. That said, during the Budget discussions, RMB Council is now left to decide:

1. To **continue** on the path of growth that RMB is currently on; and lease the new space that WIADC is offering for April 1, 2025 (as described in the Capital Plan portion of the budget); or
2. **Pause** on the expansion plans until a later date, for when the expansion is then fully required.

With either scenario, there will be no effect on the 2024/25 budget; however, there will definitely be an effect on the 2025/26 budget and beyond. It is up to Council to decide in this budget, when we get to the budget in today's Agenda.

- e) **Official Community Plan and Development Bylaw** – In a recent meeting with Municipal Affairs and Lands; RMB had a chance to ask questions for clarification and describe the current premise that RMB is working under. It is planned that RMB will continue with the process to conclusion, and that once all Council and Public consultation is complete; Council will decide as to whether to move forward with the end product or not. The Plan and Bylaw contract was already awarded and is being paid for by the Infrastructure Secretariat.

In that same meeting, it was asked if it was advisable to include the Annexation Exercise in the same process? RMB was advised that it would be better in parallel - RMB is looking into that. ASC Chair – Councillor Bryson will cover the RMB Annexation Exercise update later in the Agenda.

9. **Community Grants Committee – Recommendation(s) to Council** (*presented by Committee Chair – Councillor Gamble*): On March 8, 2024, the Community Grants Committee deliberated on 20 Grant Applications for this year's 2024/25 Community Grants cycle. Following the deliberations Committee Members approved three recommendations for Council consideration.

With these allocations, Committee Members also recognized that by providing these Community Grants to the various community groups, volunteer groups, facilities, sporting groups, and numerous miscellaneous groups; RMB is able to help support many integral services to the RMB residents. Recommended Grants/Services for this year include:

**(1) Recommended 2024/25 Grant Allocations as follows:**

1. Belfast Rural Fire Department	\$115,000
2. Belfast Rec Centre (GPEI Rink Grant)	\$8,500
3. Belfast Rec Centre (Operations)	\$26,500
4. Belfast Rec Centre (Warming Centre)	\$1,208
5. Belfast Area Watershed Group (BAWG)	\$7,000
7. Belfast Days	\$7,500
8. Belfast Historical Society	\$4,000
9. Belfast Minor Hockey	\$3,000
10. Belfast Wrestling Club	\$1,500
14. Pinette Raceway Inc.	\$2,000
16. Point Prim Lighthouse Society	\$3,000
18. Vernon River/Belfast Community Pantry	\$2,400
19. WIADC – Warming Centre	\$1,208
20. WIADC – Wood Islands Market Operations	\$10,000
21. WIADC – Wood Islands Lighthouse	\$3,000

**Total 15 Allocations Recommended \$195,816**

**(2) Addition of one question to next years' Grant Program Applications and ongoing:**

The Community Grants Committee is recommending that next years' applications and beyond, contain a question about financial need for the community grant; i.e. any other funders involved and % of funds from RMB.

**(3) Move Warming Centre allocations to RMB Operational Line-Item:**

The Community Grants Committee felt; that as the Warming Centre allocations are for operations and maintenance of RMB's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Emergency Warming Centres, the annual allocations more appropriately belonged as RMB Operational Line-Items and out of the Community Grants Program. Recommended to be reallocated in the RMB budget allocations.

**Discussion and Amendments:**

Council discussed **Recommendation 1.** and decided to make some slight amendments to the allocations; notably: Reduce Belfast Days allocation by \$500; reduce Belfast Historical allocation by \$500; and add a \$1,000 allocation for the St. John's Presbyterian Church. Deputy Mayor Docherty stepped out of the room for this discussion for conflict of interest and returned for recommendations as a group.

**Committee Recommendation No. 1 – Amendment(s):**

**Original Motion:**

**Moved** by Deputy Mayor Docherty and **seconded** by Councillor Carter to add \$1,000 in allocations to the St. John's Presbyterian Church for the 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

**Amendment to the Motion:** (*Deputy Mayor Docherty stepped out for this proposed amendment*)

**Moved** by Councillor McGivern and **seconded** by Councillor Bryson to remove \$500 from the Belfast Days allocation and \$500 from the Belfast Historical Society allocation.

Votes for: 5      Votes against: 0      Result: Carried Unanimously

**Back to Original Motion as Amended:**

**Moved** by Deputy Mayor Docherty and **seconded** by Councillor Carter to add \$1,000 in allocations to the St. John's Presbyterian Church for the 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration, and remove \$500 from Belfast Days and \$500 from Belfast Historical. Total allocations for 2024/25 cycle will be \$195,816.

Votes for: 5      Votes against: 0      Result: Carried Unanimously

Council discussed **Recommendation 2.** and decided to elaborate even further on the financial questions being asked of applicants. That the additional question being asked should also include something that asks for previous financial statements or budgets, especially for those groups looking for grants for 'operations'.

**Committee Recommendation No. 2 – Amendment:**

**Moved** by Councillor McGivern and **seconded** by Councillor Gamble to make the additional question to future Community Grant Applications more robust, as described above.

Votes for: 5      Votes against: 0      Result: Carried Unanimously

Council discussed **Recommendation 3.** and decided on no amendments to that recommendation.

**Moved** by Councillor McGivern and **seconded** by Councillor Gamble for Council to approve the three recommendations of the Community Grants Committee, for inclusion into the 2024/25 RMB Budget as amended.

Votes for: 5 Votes against: 0 Result: Carried Unanimously

10. **2024/25 Budget, Financial Plan and Capital Plan – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** - (*presented by CAO Bob Brooks*) (*attached*). RMB completed the First Reading Budget deliberations on February 21, 2024. At that meeting, Council decided to defer any Amendments to the Budget, Financial Plan, and Capital Plan until Second Reading. Council also decided to allow the Community Grants Committee to do its work, and to present to Council any recommendations, without the restriction of a spending CAP (*recommendations as presented above*).

Toward Second Reading and Approval, the CAO presented amendments to the Budget (see below), for the Community Grants Recommendations; for the updated BAWG projection numbers; and for the Capital Plan section, giving greater detail to the RMB Expansion Project and direction from Council. The CAO also sought direction from Council regarding the use of the Reserve Funds; requested any other Council Amendments; and sought to confirm the \$0.03 increase to the mill rate (or other).

The Mayor was then asked to call for approval for Second Reading as amended; and final approval of the RMB 2024/25 Budget, Financial Plan and Capital Plan.

The floor was then opened up for discussion and amendments, resulting in the following:

**AMENDMENT 1. to the Budget.**

An amendment to accept or amend the 2024/25 Community Grants Recommendations from the Community Grants Committee as amended.

**Moved** by Councillor Carter and **seconded** by Councillor Gamble to accept the 2024/25 Community Grants Recommendations as amended above.

Votes for: 5 Votes against: 0 Result: Carried Unanimously

**AMENDMENT 2. to the Budget.**

An amendment to accept the updated BAWG in/out projection numbers as presented.

**Moved** by Councillor McGivern and **seconded** by Councillor Bryson to accept the updated BAWG in/out projection numbers as presented.

Votes for: 5 Votes against: 0 Result: Carried Unanimously

**AMENDMENT 3. to the Capital Plan.**

An amendment to reword the updated Capital Plan description on the RMB Expansion Project as amended and defer a decision about an expanded RMB Office Space to the April 17, 2024 Council Meeting; thus giving Council and Administration more time for additional research.

**Moved** by Councillor Carter and **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Lynn Docherty to update the Capital Plan description on the RMB Expansion Project as amended; and defer a decision on a new RMB Office Space to April 17, 2024.

Votes for: 5 Votes against: 0 Result: Carried Unanimously

**AMENDMENT 4a. to the Budget.**

An amendment to move the Election/Byelection (e8) amount of \$500 into an Election Reserve to: use that amount for a Byelection if required, or, save that amount for future Elections/Byelections if not used in 2024/25.

**Moved** by Councillor McGivern and **seconded** by Councillor Gamble to move the \$500 budgeted for Election Expenditures (e8) to a specific Elections Reserve Line Item.

Votes for: 5 Votes against: 0 Result: Carried Unanimously

**AMENDMENT 4b. to the Budget.**

An amendment to move the Legal (e6) amount of \$1,250 into a Legal Reserve to: use that amount for any legal issues that arise in 2024/25, or, save that amount for future Legal Issues if amount not used in 2024/25.

**Moved** by Councillor McGivern and **seconded** by Councillor Carter to move the \$1,250 budgeted for Election Expenditures to a specific Elections Reserve Line Item.

Votes for: 5 Votes against: 0 Result: Carried Unanimously

**AMENDMENT 5. to the Budget.**

An amendment to allocate the Reserve Fund Balances as follows:

- RMB Expansion Reserve: \$25,000
- Emergency Preparedness Reserve: \$10,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Warming Centre Generator Reserve: \$11,000
- Unallocated: \$20,288
- \$66,288**

**Moved** by Councillor Carter and **seconded** by Councillor Gamble to accept the Reserve Allocations as amended.

Votes for: 5 Votes against: 0 Result: Carried Unanimously

**AMENDMENT 6. to the Budget.**

An amendment to accept the \$0.03 Mill Rate Increase for 2024/25 as presented.

**Moved** by Councillor Carter and **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Docherty to accept the proposed Mill Rate Increase of \$0.03 for the 2024/25 fiscal year as presented.

Votes for: 5 Votes against: 0 Result: Carried Unanimously

Having had First Reading of the 2024/25 RMB Budget, Financial Plan and Capital Plan, and having had the acceptance of various Amendments to the 2024/25 RMB Budget, Financial Plan and Capital Plan; RMB is now ready for Second Reading as amended, and Final Approval.

**Moved** by Councillor Bryson and **seconded** by Councillor Carter to approve Second Reading of the 2024/25 Rural Municipality of Belfast Budget, Financial Plan and Capital Plan, as amended; and give Final Approval.

Votes for: 5 Votes against: 0 Result: Carried Unanimously

11. **RCMP Report for the Month of February** (*presented by Admin - Ashley Feschuk*). The monthly report is available on RMB Website [www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com](http://www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com). After recently learning that Crapaud Community Centre is hosting a presentation on Scams and Frauds by East Prince RCMP in April, I reached out to our RCMP liaison to see if RMB could host a similar information seminar at the Wood Islands Market. There will be an update on this proposal at the next RMB Council Meeting.
12. **Annexation Exercise - Update** (*presented by ASC Chair – Councillor Bryson*). On Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>, a meeting was held between RMB, Municipal Affairs and the Department of Lands. CAO Bob Brooks, Mayor Gillis, Councillor Gamble and Administration Ashley Feschuk were in attendance. Municipal Affairs and Lands advised that the annexation process could be done in parallel with the Official Plan and Development Bylaw process; however, this hasn't been discussed by the ASC Committee to-date. The Annexation Exercise is a monumental task to complete, running alongside the Official Plan and Development Bylaw. The next step is for ASC to meet and discuss time and funding requirements, to see if this could be completed for April 1, 2025. Prince Edward Island is the last province in Canada without province-wide municipalisation. ASC will keep Council apprised as they present recommendations for moving ahead.
13. **Planned Promotional/Educational pieces being developed for the RMB Website** (*presented by Admin - Ashley Feschuk*). As described in this year's Budget deliberations, RMB have a number of large projects on the go. To help residents understand where we came from; where we are now; and some of the major projects and timelines; RMB is planning to include on our website; the following:
  - a. **Evolution of a Municipality;**
  - b. **Official Community Plan and Development Bylaw** – Process and Timelines; and
  - c. **Annexation Exercise** – Process and Timelines.
14. **Events and Social Media Report** (*presented by Admin - Ashley Feschuk*)
  - a. **EMO Training Reports** – no reports are available at this time as EMO ICS Training was postponed due to weather conditions. Updates will be provided later.
  - b. **MEMP Special Council Meeting** – I have discussed having a Hazard Risk Assessment done for RMB. This would involve a meeting with representatives from Council, Belfast Historical Society and Northumberland Ferry Ltd. The group would look at identifying risks but would also dig deeper into historical hazards related to our Municipality. From there we would discuss prevention and mitigation of identified risks to our community. This meeting has been tentatively set for June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, upstairs at the Wood Islands Market.
  - c. **Christmas Decorations Clean-up** – An email has been sent out to Council to set-up a date to take down RMB's Christmas decorations at the Wood Islands Market for April 6, 2024 starting at 1:pm – all are welcome to help out.
15. **New Business for the Agenda** (*as discussed in Approval of Agenda, Item 3 above*)
  - a) **Belfast Consolidated School (BCS) Report Update** (*presented by Deputy Mayor Docherty*) The latest BCS meeting was held on Tuesday March 12, 2024. There was an election of new secretary Jenna White. A Family Games Night is scheduled April 12 (6-8pm). Students of BCS raised \$850 to support Heart and Stroke Foundation through Toonies for Trayton - great job! Spring Fling has been tentatively scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> (6-8pm). There will be a Youth Vaping Workshop at the Charlottetown Library (6-7:30pm). On Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Shelley Hassel is coming to the school to present on the topic of what bullying is, and how parents can build self-esteem confidence in children. The date of the next Belfast Home and School Meeting is May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

- b) **Community Pantry Update** (presented by Councillor Bryson) the pantry is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for pick-up or donations drop off. If visiting the pantry please do not drive around the back of the building. The ground is soft and it is very muddy. Monetary donations can be made at Vissers office located at 6346 Trans-Canada Hwy. Donations can also be made at the RMB office during business hours. Thank you to all who continue to donate and support those in need in our community.
- c) **Belfast Days – Save the Date** (presented by Deputy Mayor Docherty) June 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> 2024, a detailed schedule is in the works and should be launched shortly.
- d) **IONA Park Revitalization** (presented by Councillor McGivern) good news, the IONA Park Revitalization team have now completed the purchasing stage of the children’s play structure and have moved on to the installation planning and preparation stage. They are engaging with the provincial development and building permits and with the province to finalize site planning and structure installation requirements. The hope is to have everything in order so the install can happen for mid to late June 2024.
- e) **FPEIM Meeting** (presented by Councillor Bryson) The FPEIM Budget for 2024/25 has been passed and preparations are underway for the AGM on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Rodd Charlottetown. A new Fire Safety Act is currently being created in the legislature. They are looking at consolidating the *Fire Prevention Act*, the *Firefighter Long Services Medal Act* and the *Rural Community Fire Companies Act* into one legislative framework. FPEIM has launched a new Municipalities job board on their website – any municipalities hiring individuals looking for employment can now look there directly. FPEIM president and staff attended a meeting with the Premier, Honourable Dennis King and Minister of Housing and Communities, the Honourable Rob Lantz. A question was raised regarding the Official Plan and the requirement for municipalities to have this now that the MGA has been amended. Premier King made it clear that it is his hope that municipalities will continue to create their Official Plans, despite the requirement being removed. He added that the amendment to the MGA came with the recognition that there are some smaller municipalities that are unable to meet those requirements at this time. It was also noted that incentives will be coming for municipalities that have Official Plans and that there would be tax changes to make it more appealing for unincorporated areas to join a municipality. Premier King has put his foot down that there will be no province wide municipalization coming from his government during this term.
- f) **The South East Environmental Association (SEA)** (presented by Councillor Bryson) is holding its AGM on March 26<sup>th</sup> in the boardroom of the Access PEI building, 41 Wood Islands Road in Montague beginning at 6pm. Guest speaker will be Dan Dupont who will talk about the important forestry initiatives of the Sustainable Forest Alliance.
- g) **ShopBelfastPEI** (presented by Councillor Bryson) A municipal wide community meeting is the next step to plan for this year’s campaign. The time and date will be announced in the coming weeks on RMB’s website, RMB’s Facebook page and the Belfast Newsletter (if time allows). This program was designed to help small businesses within the municipality during the ferry closure of 2023. This year the program will be open to small businesses in RMB with retail storefront or staff on site to accommodate the stamps required to participate. The plan is to have a small administration fee that would apply to businesses outside of RMB due to this program being funded by taxes of RMB constituents. Anyone with questions about the program or anyone who wishes to have their name on the contact list for the 2024 season, can reach out to Councillor Katherine Bryson or the RMB Office.
- h) **Traffic Concern** (presented by Deputy Mayor Docherty) Selkirk Road - Route 23 is the cause of concern over the speed limit for many residents. The speed limit is 80km and in the summer this stretch of road which contains 8 major junction points, is a growing concern. This area also contains several blind spots due to hills and is a school bus zone as well. Emails have been sent by Deputy Mayor Docherty to the Department of Transportation and Access PEI roads to draw attention to growing concerns. There will be an update on this issue at the next RMB Council Meeting.

- i) **Meals On Wheels** (presented by CAO, Bob Brooks) Meals on Wheels has launched a new Program that will specifically benefit Rural residents. This program will be beneficial if you are a senior, in recovery from illness or surgery, have trouble cooking for one, and need healthier meals. Enjoy delicious meals for \$5! To express interest or learn more Email: [info@mowpei.org](mailto:info@mowpei.org) or Phone (902) 812-2333.

16. **Next Meetings:**

- a. **Regular Council Mtg** – Wednesday, April 17, 2024 @ 7:PM – Upstairs Meeting Hall, Wood Islands Market.

17. **Adjournment** – As there is no further business...

Moved by Councillor Carter to adjourn the meeting at: **10:11PM**.

*Asley/Bob*

Minutes Approved On: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor Garth Gillis

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CAO Bob Brooks

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