



Rural Municipality of Belfast (RMB)

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

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

Hazard Risk Analysis - Emergency Preparedness

Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 7:00 PM

Upstairs Hall, Wood Islands Market

In Attendance:

Council:	Mayor Garth Gillis (<i>Chair</i>)	Deputy Mayor Lynn Docherty
	Councillor Trisha Carter (<i>regrets</i>)	Councillor Katherine Bryson (<i>regrets</i>)
	Councillor Billy Gamble	Councillor James Kinnee
	Councillor Charley McGivern (<i>regrets</i>)	
Administration:	CAO Bob Brooks	Ashley Feschuk
Guest Speakers:	EMO Officer - Bryce Doucette	
Attendees:	RCMP Cst. Hugh Panelas, Andy Henry President BAWG, Sherry Pelkey Executive Director BAWG, Lanea Harris & Henry Kilner RMB Residents, Evan Young Deputy Fire Chief Belfast Rural Community Fire Dept. Tara Stewart Emergency Animal Response Team (EART) Volunteer, Lynn Davis EART Volunteer, Ron McConnell EART Volunteer Lynn Brooks Secretary/Treasurer Belle River Women’s Institute	

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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** No members of Council have a conflict of interest with any items on today’s Agenda.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – As this is a Special Council Meeting – no other items are to be added to the Agenda without Public Notice.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Docherty and seconded by Councillor Gamble to adopt the agenda as presented.

Votes for: 3 Votes against: 0 Result: **Carried Unanimously**

4. **Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) PEI Led – Hazard Risk Assessment and Emergency Preparedness Session.**

Mr. Bryce Doucette & Mr. Nick Jagoe – EMO Officers, led Council with its Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP) identification of hazard risks and the use of

volunteer groups in the event of a local emergency. Mr. Doucette & Mr. Jagoe assisted the group in an activity of identifying multiple potential hazards for Belfast and each one was explored in detail as they pertain to our Municipality. Various factors were considered and broken down into three sub categories, human impacts, property impacts and business impacts. Many of the attendees were able to offer their experience which helped us rate each one in terms of Likelihood. Every hazard was given a risk score which PEI EMO Officers will take back to utilize in the creation of a final report for our Municipality. This report will subsequently be used to help assist the Municipal Emergency Management Team in their preparation exercises for specific events so that this Council and community is ready. Once this report is ready a copy of it will be posted to the RMB Website www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com

5. **Next Meetings:**

- a. **ASC - Committee Mtg** - July 3, 2024 @ 7:PM - RMB Office, Wood Islands Market
- b. **Regular Council Mtg** - No Regular Council Meeting for July
- c. **Official Plan and Development Bylaw - Special Council Mtg** - New Draft Documents are now posted to the RMB Website. A public meeting will be scheduled for September.

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

Moved by **Councillor Gamble** to adjourn the meeting at: **8:13pm**

Minutes Approved on: **August 21, 2024**

Signature and Seal on file

Mayor – Garth Gillis

Signature and Seal on file

CAO – Bob Brooks

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