

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on July 14, 2026, at 7:01 PM at the Green Moose Interpretation Center with the following members present:

MAYOR: Phyllis Randell

DEPUTY MAYOR: Dianne Weir-Rowsell

COUNCILLORS: Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth (by phone), and Tena Reardon.

REGRETS:

Also present was CAO Darrell Randell, and Town Clerk Carrie Compton

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phyllis Randell called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Phyllis Randell reminded Councillors to be aware of conflict of interest, judge themselves accordingly, and vote based on principle. It is the responsibility of Town Staff to conduct the wishes of Council. Also, Councillors should be mindful of the rules of order, speak in turn, and carry on one conversation at a time. No member of council, or the public is permitted to take video, pictures, or audio recordings of the council meeting other than the town clerk if specifically requested.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

071426:5665 Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowsell / Councillor Tena Reardon

Be it resolved to adopt the July 14th agenda as presented.

In favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Phyllis Randell, Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowsell with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

4. (a) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

– Regular Meeting June 16, 2026

071426:5666 Councillor Tena Reardon / Councillor Rochelle Canning

Be it resolved to adopt the regular meeting minutes for June 16th as presented.

In favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Phyllis Randell, Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowsell with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

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– **Special Meeting June 25, 2026**

071426:5667 Councillor Della DeMoss / Councillor Tena Reardon

Be it resolved to adopt the special meeting minutes for June 25th as presented.

In favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Phyllis Randell, Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowsell with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

(b) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – NONE

5. CAO REPORT

Mayor Phyllis Randell passed the chair to Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowsell at 7:21pm to express her opinion regarding attendance at the MNL Conference.

The mayor took back the chair at 7:23pm.

- Councillor Lynn Ellsworth questioned if she was in conflict regarding the meetings and the CAO said, “no because this is just my report”.
- Staff & Councillor attendance for Municipalities NL & PMA Conferences in St. John’s
 - Deferred to the next meeting

– **Roddickton-Bide Arm Day**

071426:5668 Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowsell / Councillor Tena Reardon

Be it resolved to spend a maximum amount of \$2500 on Roddickton-Bide Arm Day.

In favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Phyllis Randell, Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowsell with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

Councillor Della DeMoss declared conflict at 7:36pm. She is an employee of RCMP.

– **Write letter to RCMP**

071426:5669 Councillor Tena Reardon / Councillor Rochelle Canning

Be it resolved to write a letter to the RCMP and government members regarding the lack of services in our area.

In favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

RESOLUTION CARRIED

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Mayor Phyllis Randell, Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

Councillor Della DeMoss rejoined the meeting at 7:37pm.

– **Write letter to Parks Canada**

071426:5670 Councillor Tena Reardon / Councillor Della DeMoss

Be it resolved to write a letter to Parks Canada regarding opening the L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site earlier in the tourism season.

In favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Phyllis Randell, Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

– There were no bids received for the land sale located at 176 Main Road.

– **Community Wildfire Resiliency**

071426:5671 Councillor Rochelle Canning / Councillor Tena Reardon

Be it resolved to accept the approved application for the Community Wildfire Resiliency.

In favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Phyllis Randell, Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

– JCP Program approved for 7 people to do “*The Matthew*” and trails.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Finance/Human Resources/ Public Works

– **Invoices**

071426:5672 Councillor Tena Reardon / Councillor Rochelle Canning

Be it resolved to pay the invoices in the amount of \$73,384.54 as recommended by the finance committee.

In favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Phyllis Randell, Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

– **Recurring payments**

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071426:5673 Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse / Councillor Meryl Carroll

Be it resolved to pay the recurring payments in the amount of \$18,476.09 as recommended by the finance committee.

In favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Phyllis Randell, Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

Councillor Meryl Carroll declared conflict at 7:58pm. She is the vendor.

– **Cheque #21818**

071426:5674 Councillor Tena Reardon / Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse

Be it resolved to pay cheque #21818 in the amount of \$197.57 as recommended by the finance committee.

In favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Phyllis Randell, Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

Councillor Meryl Carroll rejoined the meeting at 7:59pm.

Mayor Phyllis Randell declared conflict at 7:59pm. She is recipient of funds, and attendee at the hotel.

– **Visa & cheque #21831**

071426:5675 Councillor Rochelle Canning / Councillor Meryl Carroll

Be it resolved to approve to pay visa and cheque 21831 in the amount of \$384.72 as recommended by the finance committee.

In favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

Mayor Phyllis Randell rejoined the meeting at 8:00pm and took back the chair.

Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse declared conflict at 8:01pm. She is the hotel attendee.

– **Visa**

071426:5676 Councillor Della DeMoss / Councillor Rochelle Canning

Be it resolved to approve to pay visa in the amount of \$188.80 as recommended by the finance committee.

In favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

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RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Phyllis Randell with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse joined the meeting at 8:02pm.

– **Permits**

071426:5677 Councillor Tena Reardon / Councillor Meryl Carroll

Be it resolved to approve permits 4448-4508A as presented.

In favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Phyllis Randell, Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

(b) Economic Development/Health/Strategic Planning – NONE

(c) Tourism

- The official grand re-opening of Ashton House was July 14th
- Meeting planned for next week.

Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse declared conflict at 8:12pm. Made the in-kind donation.

– **Donation for Ashton House**

071426:5678 Councillor Della DeMoss / Councillor Tena Reardon

Be it resolved to accept the in-kind donation from the Deputy Mayor for Ashton House.

In favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Phyllis Randell, with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse joined the meeting at 8:13pm.

Mayor Phyllis Randell declared conflict at 8:13pm and passed the chair to the Deputy Mayor. She made the in-kind donation.

– **Donation for Ashton House**

071426:5679 Councillor Meryl Carroll / Councillor Tena Reardon

Be it resolved to approve the in-kind donation from the mayor for Ashton House.

In favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse, with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

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The Mayor rejoined the meeting at 8:14pm and took back the chair.

7. COMMITTEE ARM OF COUNCIL

(a) Roddickton-Bide Arm Enhancement Committee – NONE

(b) Recreation - NONE

(c) Fire Department – NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Town of Roddickton-Bide Arm	Letter to Parks Canada from the town requesting opening L’Anse aux Meadows earlier in the tourism season.	FYI
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9. Other Items

– **Bide Arm Dam Amendment Change Order**

071426:5680 Councillor Rochelle / Councillor Tena Reardon

Be it resolved for the town to accept the change order for the Bide Arm Dam in the amount of \$11,551.18.

In favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Phyllis Randell, Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowsell with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

– Signage for Bide Arm entrance – cleanup will be done.

– **Extend the meeting**

071426:5681 Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowsell / Councillor Meryl Carroll

Be it resolved to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

In favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Phyllis Randell, Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowsell with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

– Advocate for Cross Country paving – work in progress

– Armistice Park – work in progress

– **Banners for honoring veterans**

071426:5682 Councillor Della DeMoss / Councillor Rochelle Canning

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Be it resolved to make a post on social media to see if there's interest in purchasing banners to honor our local veterans that could be displayed in our war memorial.

In favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Phyllis Randell, Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

10. Outside Committees

1. Great Northern Peninsula Joint Council

– **Send a letter requesting a meeting**

071426:5683 Councillor Della DeMoss / Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse

Be it resolved to send a letter to the sitting members of the Great Northern Peninsula Joint Council requesting a meeting within a 3-week turnaround.

In favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Phyllis Randell, Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse with Councillors Rochelle Canning, Meryl Carroll, Della DeMoss, Lynn Ellsworth, and Tena Reardon were all in favor.

2. Northern Peninsula East Joint Council - NONE

3. Great Northern Chamber of Commerce - NONE

Next meeting is scheduled for Aug 11, 2026.

11. ADJOURNMENT

071426:5684 Deputy Mayor Dianne Weir-Rowse / Councillor Della DeMoss

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm.

In favor: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

RESOLUTION CARRIED

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Town Clerk Carrie Compton

Mayor Phyllis Randell