

**TOWN OF PORT BLANDFORD  
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town of Port Blandford  
Held in Council Chambers on February 18, 2026, at 7:04 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mayor:	Darlene Clouter
Deputy Mayor:	Winston Peddle
Councillors:	Jeanine Bursey Rick Greening Clyde Oldford
Clerk/Manager:	Philip Holwell

**Absent:** Terry Roach  
Mathew Bursey

**Agenda:** Mayor asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda of February 18, 2026.

**Resolution 26 – 40 – Greening / J. Bursey**

Resolved that we adopt the agenda of February 18, 2026. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford, and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.

**Delegations:** **Elizabeth Lodge 7:00pm**

Delegate absent.

**Delegations:** **Celine Dawson and Keith Lahey 7:30pm**

Council met with Celine Dawson and Keith Lahey who represented local tourism accommodation operators. They outlined concerns about the proposed 4% accommodation tax, particularly its implementation timeline, administrative burden, and fairness compared to unregulated private rentals. They also brought up existing issues with water supply quality and waste removal services. Council agreed to review the operators' requests and practices in other municipalities, discuss the matter further, and respond with a formal letter to Celine and Keith outlining council's position and next steps.

**Minutes Regular:** Mayor asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of Regular Meeting February 4, 2026.

**Resolution 26 – 41 – Peddle / J Bursey**

Resolved that the minutes of February 4, 2026, be adopted as presented. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford, and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.

**Business Arising:** Contacted eastern health about emergency plan. Waiting on response.

Targa Survey. Make a post setting the deadline for March 3, 2026. Survey results will be discussed at the next meeting.

Staff went over the permit book to check for missed supplementary requests. As of now all supplementary requests have been sent in.

**Committee Reports:**

**Invoices # 1 - # 13:** Invoices #1- #13 were presented in the amount of **\$23,901.66**

**Resolution 26 – 42 – Peddle / Oldford**

Resolved that invoices # 1 - # 13 in the amount of **\$23,901.66** be paid. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford, and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.

**Invoice # 14:** Invoices #14 were presented in the amount of **\$40.00**. Councillor Greening declared conflict of interest and left because Owen is his grandson.

**Resolution 26 – 43 – Peddle / J. Bursey**

Resolved that invoices # 14 in the amount of **\$40.00** be paid. In favour 4; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, and C. Oldford. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.

Councillor Greening returned.

**Time Sheets:**

Philip: Feb 01 – 07/26 (Regular Hours)  
Feb 08 – 14/26 (Regular Hours)  
Greg: Feb 01 – 07/26 (8.5hrs OT, Regular Hours)  
Feb 08 – 14/26 (Regular Hours)  
Joanne: Feb 01 – 07/26 (12 hours)  
Feb 08 – 14/26 (12 hours)  
Donovan: Feb 01 – 07/26 (7 Hours)  
Paul: Feb 01 – 07/26 (8 Hours)  
Arthur: Feb 01 – 07/26 (7 Hours)

**Resolution 26 - 44 – J. Bursey / Greening**

Resolved that the OT hours for Greg be accepted and liquidated as TOIL. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford, and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.

Owen: Feb 01 – 07/26 (6 hours OT, 8 hours TOIL, Regular Hours)  
Feb 08 – 14/26 (Regular Hours)

Councillor Greening declared conflict of interest and left the room because Owen is his grandson.

**Resolution 26 – 45 – Oldford / Peddle**

Resolved that the OT hours for Owen be accepted and liquidated as TOIL. In favour 4; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, and C. Oldford. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.

Councillor Greening returned to the meeting.

Paul 8 hours // Donovan 7 hours // Arthur 7 hours // Joanne 24 hours

**Resolution 26 – 46 – Greening / Peddle**

Resolved that Paul 8 hours, Donovan 7 hours, Arthur 7 hours, Joanne 24 hours be paid. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford, and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.

**Correspondence:**

**Email from Megan Brinston**

Discussion on email. Discussion on backup power for lift stations. Check on prices to get backup power for lift stations.

**Email Colin Holloway**

Discussion on Colins Email regarding his 2026 assessment appeal. At this time they will not be crediting accounts for previous years based on current year appeals.

**Email Colin Holloway**

Staff to check with MACE for guidance. Staff to review TLSDA for applicable regulations.

**MNL Symposium**

No interest currently

**North Atlantic ending protection plan.**

Staff to check on heat pump grants to replace the oil tank.

**General Business:**

**Government services application (Corey Greening)**

Councillor Greening declared conflict of interest and left the room because Corey is his relative.

**Resolution 26 – 47 – J. Bursey / Oldford**

Resolved that the Town supports Corey Greenings Application. In favour 4; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, and C. Oldford. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.

Councillor Greening returned to the meeting.

**Quotes for Backup pumps (North fringe (2), Xylem)**

Council reviewed three quotes for sewer lift station backup pumps (two from North Fringe and one from Xylem). Although North Fringe's option was cheaper, council favored Xylem based on quality, local service support, and the advantage of standardizing on the same brand as existing pumps, which simplifies parts ordering and maintenance

**Resolution 26 – 48 – Greening / Oldford**

Resolved that we order Xylem pumps as per the provided quote of \$24,602.60. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford, and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.

**Casual Call-In Policy**

**Resolution 26 – 49 – J. Bursey / Oldford**

Resolved that the casual call-in policy be adopted as presented. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford, and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.

**Review commissioner appointment**

**Resolution 26 – 50 – J. Bursey / Oldford**

Resolved that we appoint Jeff Green of Clarendville as our Review Commissioner for 2026. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford, and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.

**Litter on Highway pull-offs**

Discussion on commercial traffic leaving litter on the highway pull sites.

**Adjournment:**

**Resolution 26 – 51 – Peddle / Greening**

Resolved that we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford, and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Mayor) \_\_\_\_\_ (Clerk/Manager)