

TOWN OF PORT BLANDFORD
REGULAR MEETING April 15th, 2026

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town of Port Blandford
Held in Council Chambers on April 15th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor:	Darlene Clouter
Deputy Mayor:	Winston Peddle
Councillors:	Jeanine Bursey
	Rick Greening
	Clyde Oldford
	Terry Roach (By Phone)
Forestry Representatives:	Blair Adams
	Craig Coady
Fire Dept. Representative:	Alvin White
Acting Clerk/Manager:	Vida Greening

Absent:

Councillor:	Matthew Bursey
Clerk/Manager:	Philip Holwell

Agenda: Mayor asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda of April 15th, 2026.

Resolution 26 – 101 – R. Greening/J. Bursey

Resolved that we adopt the agenda of April 15th, 2026. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.

Delegations:

Forestry Meeting

Mayor welcomed Blair and Craig to the meeting. Blair is the Assistant Deputy Minister for all forestry and wildlife in the province. The current plan ends December 31, 2026. There will be no cutting in 2026. The new plan will be from 2027 – 2031. No clear cutting. Pick away in small amounts for a period. If the town wanted to apply and get funding for mitigation. Craig said the MOU is still on the table for 3 – 5 cubic meters a year which is 1500 cords. They have discussed widening the buffers from 30 meters to 50 meters and do silviculture replanting. Needs good communication. They do an annual plan and can present to council on a yearly basis. They can de-commission the roads. Entrance to TCH only right turn in and right turn out. Needs a bigger holding lane and a lot more signage. Forestry can talk to Transportation and Infrastructure on that. Forestry said they would have no problem in having a public meeting and go over the MOU.

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There was a discussion on the program for funding to put a fire break around town. Do a risk assessment and develop a plan. There are seven aspects of Fire Smart. Education, Planning, Vegetation Management, Legislation, Development, Interagency cooperation and Cross-Training. Send a copy of the MOU back to the town. Forestry is willing to meet with Council, Community and New Group and go over everything. Council thanked them for coming and they left at 8:10 p.m.

Delegations:

Fire Department and Parks Canada

Mayor welcomed Alvin to the meeting. Nobody showed up from the park. There was some question on the MOU. How far in the park do the fire department go? Not to take all the equipment out of Town and leave the town unprotected. In the MOU it says shall. What happens if you don't get enough men to respond. Get Philip to pull out the old contract with the park and see if anything is changed and see if someone from the park can come along and clarify a few things with the Town and Fire Department. It doesn't have to be a council meeting; it can be at any time during the day. Where there is money involved what is the legality. Alvin left at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes Regular:

Mayor asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of Regular Meeting April 1st, 2026.

Resolution 26 – 102 – W. Peddle/R. Greening

Resolved that the minutes of April 1st, 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:

Overflow pipe Lift station #5

Checked with men to ensure we have the supplies. Applied for overhead wire permit and transportation and works right of way permit.

Update Tax Recovery Plan

Plan has been updated and sent to HR/Finance Committee will present at next meeting.

Councillor Training

Terry needs Module 1 schedule is coming soon Have requested an extension from minster. Terry can not act as councillor at this time.

Committee Reports:

March 25th, 2026, Community Development Committee minutes.

Resolution 26 – 103 – C. Oldford/W. Peddle

Resolved that we accept the March 25, 2026, Community Development Committee Minutes. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.

Wellness Center Report. Ask Karen to send email to all councillors for meeting. They discussed the building, square footage, get Philip to see if he can find the drawings for Clyde. The site discussed was here and at the Decca Site. Calvin Efford agreed to look at potential funding.

Invoices # 1 - # 16:

Invoices #1- #16, presented in the amount of **\$27,854.40**

Resolution 26 – 104 – W. Peddle/J. Bursey

Resolved that invoices # 1 - # 16 in the amount of **\$27,854.40** be paid. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.

Time Sheets:

Greg:	March/Apr	29 -- 04	2026	
	April	05 -- 11	2026	
Joanne:	March/Apr	29 -- 04	2026	12 Hours Cleaning
	April	05 -- 11	2026	11 Hours Cleaning
Shawn:	March/Apr	29 -- 04	2026	10.5 Hours (Garbage run, Bulk)
Donovan:	March/Apr	29 -- 04	2026	7 Hours (Dump attendant)
Larry:	April	05 -- 11	2026	7 Hours (Garbage Collection)
Arthur:	April	05 -- 11	2026	7 Hours (Dump Attendant)
Owen:	March/Apr	29 -- 04	2026	Regular Hours
	April	05 -- 11	2026	Regular Hours

Shawn 10.5 hours // Lar 7 hours // Joanne 23 hours // Don 7 hours

Resolution 26 – 105 – J. Bursey / R. Greening

Resolved that Shawn 10.5 hours, Lar 7 hours, Joanne 23, Don 7 hours be paid. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford, and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.

Correspondence:

RPM Geospatial for information purposes.

Volunteer Week Proclamation

Resolution 26 – 106 – C. Oldford/W. Peddle

Resolved that the Town of Port Blandford proclaim April 19 to 25, 2026 as National Volunteer Week, recognizing the 2026 theme “Igniting Volunteerism”, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford, and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried.

Ovarian Cancer Dy Proclamation

Resolution 26 – 107 – C. Oldford/R. Greening

Resolved that town do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 8, 2026, World Ovarian Cancer Day. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried

General Business:

Donation Receipts

Resolution 26 – 108 – R. Greening/C. Oldford

Resolved that we order 400 receipts for \$174.00 from Rodway’s Printing & Office Supplies. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried

Trevor Earle Application (Lot 5 Peddles Landing)

Resolution 26 – 109 – R. Greening/C. Oldford

Resolved that Trevor Earle’s application (Lot 5 Peddles Landing) be approved subject to all town and government regulations. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford, and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried

Tract Consulting

There was a discussion it is \$5000 for an assessment from Town. They would get back. Projects are 90/10. Suggestions were updating asset management maps and build up Water Street North and North Extension under the Climate Change.

Resolution 26 -110 – C. Oldford/J. Bursey

Resolved that we ask Tract Consulting to do up the application for this project. In favour 5; D. Clouter, W. Peddle, J. Bursey, C. Oldford, and R. Greening. Opposed 0; Resolution Carried

Adjournment:

Resolution 26 – 111 – R. Greening/J. Bursey

Resolved that we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, May 6th, 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 9:10 p.m.

_____ (Mayor) _____ (Clerk/Manager)