

Minutes of the regular meeting of council held Monday, February 9th 2026 No. 1505 held in the Council Chambers at 34 Reid's Lane, Deer Lake, NL.

In attendance: Mayor Dean Ball
Deputy Mayor Lindell Smith
Councillor Andrew Strangemore
Councillor Keith Park
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Darren Fitzgerald
Councillor David Hynes

Also in attendance: Town Manager, Jason Young
Town Clerk, Lori Humphrey
Director of Public Works, David Thomas

Regular meeting of council called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Ball.

2026-0209-01, Agenda Meeting 1505

Councillor Kerry Jones / Councillor David Hynes

Resolved to accept the agenda of regular meeting of council, 1505 February 9th, 2026.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
Deputy Mayor Lindell Smith
Councillor Andrew Strangemore
Councillor Keith Park
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Darren Fitzgerald
Councillor David Hynes

In favor 7; opposed 0. Carried

2026-0209-02, Minutes No. 1504

Councillor Darren Fitzgerald / Councillor Andrew Strangemore

Resolved to accept the minutes of regular meeting of council, 1504 January 26th, 2026.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
Deputy Mayor Lindell Smith
Councillor Andrew Strangemore
Councillor Keith Park
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Darren Fitzgerald
Councillor David Hynes

In favor 7; opposed 0. Carried

(a) Finance

2026-0209-03, Finance

Councillor Kerry Jones/ Councillor Andrew Strangemore

Resolved that the recommendations for Finance Report for February 5th, 2026 be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
Deputy Mayor Lindell Smith
Councillor Andrew Strangemore
Councillor Keith Park
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Darren Fitzgerald
Councillor David Hynes

In favor 7; opposed 0. Carried

**Finance Committee Agenda
February 5, 2026**

In attendance:
Town Manager, Jason Young
Deputy Mayor Lindell Smith
Councillor Kerry Jones

No.	Vendor	Amount	Notes	Action
1	William Perry Trucking	\$23,184.00	Excavator hire, mini excavator hire	Recommend Payment
2	Ridgeview Contracting Ltd.	\$920.00	Camera use Riverside Drive.	Recommend Payment
3	Meridian Engineering	\$1,602.18	Wight Road Lift Station	Recommend Payment
4	NL Power	\$6,301.66	Pole Hold Middle Road	Recommend Payment

(b) Snow Plow Tender

2026-0209-04, Tender for Snow Plow

Councillor Kerry Jones/ Councillor Keith Park

Resolve that the Town of Deer Lake go out for tender on a used plow truck. Town Clerk will begin the process of financing for the purchase.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
Deputy Mayor Lindell Smith
Councillor Andrew Strangemore
Councillor Keith Park
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Darren Fitzgerald
Councillor David Hynes

In favor 7; opposed 0. Carried

(c) Public Works

2026-0209-05 Public Works

Deputy Mayor Lindell Smith/Councillor Keith Park

Resolved that the minutes/recommendations for The Town of Deer Lake Public Works Committee for February 5th, 2026 be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
Deputy Mayor Lindell Smith
Councillor Andrew Strangemore
Councillor Keith Park
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Darren Fitzgerald
Councillor David Hynes

In favor 7; opposed 0. Carried

*Public Works
February 5th, 2026*

Attendees:

*Deputy Mayor Lindell Smith
Councillor Keith Park
Director Public Works David Thomas
Town Superintendent Scott Elms*

Item #	Title	Notes	Action
1.	Equipment	We have looked at a few used trucks that are for sale. Best one will be \$250,000 taxes and delivery included. New is \$485,000	We recommend that we purchase the truck but have someone look at it before purchase. A tender will need to be done to purchase.
2.	Snow clearing	Our PW crew has done a great job with snow clearing. We have started widening and pushing snow back from intersections. They will continue as weather permits. Our big blower is being checked over now and will be going out soon.	FYI
3.	Work Report	See Attached	FYI
4.	Equipment Standing Offer	We have the bids received and are in the process of reviewing	FYI
5.	Firefighter Markers	Existing markers are hard to see especially at night. Reflective tape is needed on the markers and have them placed close to the road.	We recommend that before next winter have new highly visible markers purchased and placed at each firefighter's driveway
6.	Asphalt at upper parking lot at stadium	The upper parking lot at stadium is used as handicapped parking. It is unpaved now and makes it very difficult to get into the stadium.	We recommend that in the summer we look at the area and have it paved.
7.	Reidville water meter	With the increase of home starts in Reidville the water consumption has drastically increased. A new water meter should be installed so we can monitor the usage.	We recommend that a new water meter be installed at the end of George Aaron

			Drive so we can monitor the water usage.
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JAN 2026 Work Report

Monday, January 5, 2026	Snow clearing, shop clean up
Tuesday, January 6, 2026	Snow clearing, waterline repair on Jewers Ln
Wednesday, January 7, 2026	Snow clearing, cleaned out catch basins on bottom of Jewers Ln
Thursday, January 8, 2026	snow clearing, C.S. repair on 7th Ave
Friday, January 9, 2026	Snow clearing, cleaning out Cul-de-sacs
Monday, January 12, 2026	Snow Clearing
Tuesday, January 13, 2026	Snow Clearing
Wednesday, January 14, 2026	Snow clearing, cleaning out Cul-de-sacs & catch basins
Thursday, January 15, 2026	Snow clearing, cleaning out Cul-de-sacs & catch basins
Friday, January 16, 2026	cleaning out Cul-de-sacs & catch basins, Tending to main lift station with vas trucks (4 in total)
Monday, January 19, 2026	Snow Clearing, yard clean up, sign maintenance and repair, pothole patching
Tuesday, January 20, 2026	Snow Clearing, yard clean up, sign maintenance and repair, pothole patching
Wednesday, January 21, 2026	Snow Clearing, yard clean up, sign maintenance and repair
Thursday, January 22, 2026	Snow Clearing, yard clean up, sign maintenance and repair
Friday, January 23, 2026	Snow Clearing, yard clean up, sign maintenance and repair
Monday, January 26, 2026	Snow Clearing, yard clean up, sign maintenance and repair

Tuesday, January 27, 2026	Snow removal from cul-de-sacs and road widening, sign maintenance and repair
Wednesday, January 28, 2026	Snow Clearing, sign maintenance and repair
Thursday, January 29, 2026	Snow Clearing, sidewalks, sewer repair at 24 Riverside Dr.
Friday, January 30, 2026	Snowclearing and hydrant clearing

(d) Environment and Housing

2026-0209-06 Environment and Housing

Councillor Darren Fitzgerald / Councillor Andrew Strangemore

Resolved that the minutes/recommendations for The Town of Deer Lake Environment and Housing for February 5th, 2026 be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
 Deputy Mayor Lindell Smith
 Councillor Andrew Strangemore
 Councillor Keith Park
 Councillor Kerry Jones
 Councillor Darren Fitzgerald
 Councillor David Hynes

In favor 7; opposed 0. Carried



**Environment & Housing
 Agenda February 5, 2026**

In Attendance:

Chair – Councillor Darren Fitzgerald
 Councillor Andrew Strangemore

Public Works Director David Thomas
 Clerk 3 Christa Jones

<u>Residential</u>			<u>Commercial</u>		
Jan 1, 2026 - Jan 21, 2026	Qty	Construction Value	Jan 1, 2026 – Jan 21, 2026	Qty	Construction Value
new dwelling	1	\$341,800.00	new building	1	\$2,500,000.00
renovations/improvements			renovations/improvements		
accessory building			accessory building		
extension			extension		
change of use			change of use		

deck/patio/ramp
 fencing
 pool / hot tub
 retaining wall
 subdivision

land development
 sign
 temporary vendor permit

Residential Total:	1	\$341,800.00	Commercial Total:	1	\$2,500,000.00
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Total Permits issued 2026	2	\$2,841,800.00
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Permits issued					
#	Name	Address		Description	Permit #
1	Major's Contracting Ltd.	110	Tran Canada Hwy	Warehouse	4212
2	Byrne, Gerald & Anastasia	14	Amanda Ave	New Dwelling	4214

Other					
#	Name	Address		Description	Action
3		83A	George Aaron Dr.	Looking to build a home on this parcel of land	Defer for more information
4	Developer		9B TCH	New Restaurant	Recommend to approve in principle pending Service NL
5		22	Fourth Ave	Neighboring property to this land would like to purchase a piece of this land from Town.	Defer for infrastructure review
6	Nuterra		Sub Division	Need to approve in principle	Defer to receive answers on questions that have been submitted
7		3	Wight's Rd	Development proposal submitted to have building built on Wight's Rd to house climbing gym, commercial property and residential	Approve in principle upon receipt of engineered drawings
8	VJ Tectonics		Glide Lake Road	Wants approval of commercial building	Defer until subdivision

		16			plans are submitted and approved
9	Unregistered businesses			We have a number of unregistered businesses in town. Need to send letters to owners to have them registered	Send to MEO to oversee distribution of letters.

(d) Economic Development

2026-0209-07 Economic Development

Councillor Andrew Strangemore / Councillor Kerry Jones

Resolved that the minutes/recommendations for The Town of Deer Lake Economic Development Committee for February 6th, 2026 be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
 Deputy Mayor Lindell Smith
 Councillor Andrew Strangemore
 Councillor Keith Park
 Councillor Kerry Jones
 Councillor Darren Fitzgerald
 Councillor David Hynes

In favor 7; opposed 0. Carried

Economic Development Committee

Friday, February 6, 2026

Attendees: *Counsellor Stangemore (Chair)*
Counsellor Jones
Mark Lamswood (EDO)

Item #	Title	Notes	Action
1.	Welcome & Additions		
2.	Investment Attraction	Application for CanExport Community Investments Program submitted last week	

3.	Community Composting	Met w reps from Treehouse and Sedler; introduced to NL Composting Co-op; meeting scheduled	
4.	Housing – Affordable 360, Pivot, HICC	Project meetings underway with Affordable 360; Recommendation to E&H for motion to approve Pivot Pathways Visioning Session; upcoming meeting set with Housing, Infrastructure & Communities Canada	
5.	Tourism Accommodation Tax Update	Town has reached out to Tourism Southwest’s Mark Felix for strategic planning and governance sessions; will seek provincial funding c/o Community Capacity Building program for up to \$5,000 towards this initiative; Mark F a certified facilitator on the CBB list	
6.	MUN Engineering Students	Town CAO and EDO engaged with students; follow up meeting next week to agree on work term scope of work for Spring 2026	
7.	Tourism Marketing Materials	Requested cost estimates from potential supplier for review	
8.	Website	CAO and EDO met with Computers & Communications and EDO has had further follow up	

(e) Health and Wellness

2026-0209-08 Health and Wellness

Councillor Keith Park/ Deputy Mayor Lindell Smith

Resolved that the minutes/recommendations for The Town of Deer Lake Health and Wellness Committee for February 3rd, 2026 be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
Deputy Mayor Lindell Smith
Councillor Andrew Strangemore
Councillor Keith Park
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Darren Fitzgerald
Councillor David Hynes

In favor 7; opposed 0. Carried

Health and Wellness Committee
February 3rd, 2026

In Attendance:

Councillor Keith Park
Councillor David Hynes
Town Clerk Lori Humphrey
Tina Oake
Gorden Hancock

1	Sled Library	We had a few sleds donated and purchased a few more. The Sliding Hill is now ready for lots of sliding fun.	FYI
2	Skate/Snow Shoe Library	Advertise to ensure residents know what is available.	FYI
3	Pancake Day	Host Pancake Day at the Hodder on February 17 th . All council is welcome to stop by the Hodder and help out.	Recommend approval
4	Winterfest Event	Host a walk on the 430 Trail. Include Hot Chocolate and Smore Kits. Have two firepits for Smores	Recommend approval
5	Regional Well-Being Network Field Catalyst	New position with NL Health, will be attending next meeting to look at possibilities of collaborations and working together.	FYI
6	Social Work Month (March) Pharmacy Appreciation Month (March) Nutrition Month (March)	Bring fruit tray to Social Works and Pharmacy to show appreciation and keep on the theme of Nutrition Month.	Recommend approval
		Next Meeting March 17th	

(f) Recreation

2026-0209-09 Recreation

Councillor David Hynes /Councillor Darren Fitzgerald

Resolved that the minutes/recommendations for The Town of Deer Lake Recreation Committee for February 9th, 2026 be adopted as presented.

In Favor:

Mayor Dean Ball
Deputy Mayor Lindell Smith
Councillor Andrew Strangemore
Councillor Keith Park
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Darren Fitzgerald
Councillor David Hynes

In favor 7; opposed 0. Carried

Recreation Committee

Date February 9th, 2026

Attendees:

*Chair David Hynes
Counsellor Darren Fitzgerald
Recreation Director Glynn Wiseman
Humber River Golf Club Representative Peter Bass*

Item #	Title	Notes	Action
1.	FYI Cross Country Skiing	<p>The recreation committee met with Peter Bass last night to discuss the possibility of offering cross-country skiing at the golf course. Peter shared the challenges he faced this past summer while trying to clear trails through the fairways. However, by the end of the evening, a request was put forth that the Golf Course would like to have the snowmobile and track setter and asked if we could have the snowmobile serviced and delivered to the site.</p> <p>Peter also requested that we build some small ramps leading up to the new shed they built. These ramps would have a 6 to 8-inch rise to allow the snowmobile to enter and exit the shed easily. Additionally, they would like us to provide the skis and ski boots we have in</p>	

		<p>storage, and we've recommended bringing along the snowshoes we have, as many people have shown interest in snowshoeing.</p> <p>Peter is going to speak with the executive to see if they can organize an introductory day and promote it before the end of February to gauge interest.</p>	
2.	FYI Outdoor Rink	<p>The recreation committee would like to inform the public that the recreation staff are diligently working to prepare the outdoor rink for later in February. Progress is going well; however, we are reliant on favourable weather conditions. During warm spells, we cannot flood the rink, which may affect our timeline. We are confident that the rink will be ready by late February, and we will keep the public updated as we move forward with the preparation of the outdoor rink.</p>	
3.	FYI Cross-Border Challenge National Darts Tournament	<p>The recreation committee would like to inform the public of the championship darts competition being held at the Deer Lake Recreation Complex, in the new annex. Come Watch a Premier North American steel-tip darts event where top players from the United States and Canada compete in a high-stakes, international team tournament, serving as a key qualifier for larger PDC (Professional Darts Corporation) events (2026 US Darts Masters in New York City, NY and 2026 World Darts Championships at Alexandra Palace, London, UK) and a major showcase for continental talent, featuring knockout stages, individual glory, and national pride.</p> <p>This event will start on April 17th, 2026 and feature 8 matches, all of which will include a Canadian Player vs an American Opponent.</p> <p>April 18th will continue on with the quarter finals, semi finals, and finals, where the winner will be crowned on Newfoundland</p>	

		<p>Soil for the first time in the history of the CDC. Along with the individual winner, this is a points-based team competition, and the team with the most points will also bring a championship to their country</p> <p>Tickets to this event can be purchased on the "<u>TICKETTIDE</u>" website.</p>	
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2026-0209-10 Adjournment

Councillor Kerry Jones

Resolved that since there is no further business that the meeting adjourns at 8:05 pm. Next Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 23rd, 2026.

In Favor:

Mayor Dean Ball
Deputy Mayor Lindell Smith
Councillor Andrew Strangemore
Councillor Keith Park
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Darren Fitzgerald
Councillor David Hynes

In favor 7; opposed 0. Carried



Mayor Dean Ball



Town Clerk, Lori Humphrey