

Minutes of the Special Closed Meeting of council held Wednesday, June 24th, 2026 held in the Council Chambers at 34 Reid's Lane, Deer Lake, NL.

In attendance: Mayor Dean Ball
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Keith Park
Councillor Andrew Strangemore

Absent: Deputy Mayor Lindell Smith
Councillor Darren Fitzgerald
Councillor David Hynes

Also in attendance: Town Manager, Jason Young
Town Clerk, Lori Humphrey

Special meeting of council called to order at 4:15pm by Mayor Ball

2026-0624-01, Agenda

Councillor Kerry Jones / Councillor Keith Park

Resolved to accept the agenda of special closed meeting of council, June 24th, 2026.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Keith Park
Councillor Andrew Strangemore

In favor 4; opposed 0. Carried

Mayor's Opening Remarks

Before Council considers this matter, I would like to acknowledge that this has been a significant and important process for all parties involved.

The Town has administered this complaint in accordance with the requirements of Section 8 of the Municipal Conduct Act. The complaint was received, provided to the respondent councillor, a written response was received and provided to the complainant, and the Chief Administrative Officer has completed the review and prepared the report now before Council.

Recognizing the importance of procedural fairness and ensuring Council's decision is informed by the applicable legislation, the Town also sought independent legal advice from Stewart McKelvey. Legal counsel reviewed the complaint, the councillor's response, the relevant provisions of the Municipal Conduct Act, and applicable case law to provide guidance to Council.

Council's responsibility today is to consider the complaint, the Chief Administrative Officer's report, and the legal advice received, and to make its decision based solely on the information before it and in accordance with Section 8(7) of the Municipal Conduct Act.

I ask that members approach this matter fairly, objectively, and with an open mind as we proceed with Council's deliberation.

2026-0624-02, Minutes No. 1512

Councillor Kerry Jones /Councillor Keith Park

That Council, having considered the complaint, the respondent's written response, and the Chief Administrative Officer's report prepared pursuant to Section 8 of the Municipal Conduct Act, move to dismiss the conflict-of-interest complaint against Councillor Darren Fitzgerald pursuant to Section 8(7)(a) of the Municipal Conduct Act.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Keith Park
Councillor Andrew Strangemore

In favor 4; opposed 0. Carried

2026-0624-03 Adjournment

Councillor Kerry Jones

Resolved that since there is no further business that the meeting adjourns at 8:58pm. Next Meeting scheduled for Monday, July 21st, 2026.

In Favor: Mayor Dean Ball
Councillor Kerry Jones
Councillor Keith Park
Councillor Andrew Strangemore

In favor 4; opposed 0. Carried



Mayor Dean Ball



Lori Humphrey, Town Clerk