

# Southern Victoria Village Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 10, 2025

Present: Mayor McLaughlin; Deputy Mayor Shaw, Councilors - Sheila Cummings, Paul Legace, Tami McPhail, Todd McGuire, Sara Plant, CAO Dan Dionne, and Assistant CAO Justine Waldeck.

1. Mayor McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.
2. Conflicts of Interest - Mayor McLaughlin declared a conflict of interest for the topic Motions & Notices of Motions: 11. In Camera – Land Request
3. Councilor Cummings **MOVED** the approval of February 24, 2025, meeting minutes. **SECONDED** by Councilor McPhail. **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. Delegations – Nothing to report
5. The CAO gave an update on the Recreation Master Plan. The presentation will be held on March 24, 2025, at 7p.m. Council decided to invite the stakeholders to the session along with Council and the Recreation Commission.
6. Municipal Building Project – The Architects met with the stakeholder groups to get feedback on concept drawings to get a feel for what works for stakeholders. Within the next couple of weeks, we will have updated drafts that we can review with the stakeholder and council. For the wellhouse project, the stairs have been ordered.
7. Premier Holt responded to an email we sent in October acknowledging receipt of the email and encouraging the municipality to be proactive in the collaborative health care clinic.
8. RSC announced tourism funding for major festivals in the region.
9. UMNMB update was provided.
10. Municipal Administration/Strategic Plan Update – Survey has been sent to other municipalities in the valley on the price guide and rates for their services. This will be reviewed in upcoming weeks. Women’s Day is April 26. FCM hotel registration will open on Wednesday. The Recreation truck is in Moncton, and we are waiting for delivery. We have asked NBEMO to allow us to host the ICS 200 in the next couple of months.
11. Reports: The water consumption report which showed the year-to-date Aroostook consumption increased 45% and Perth is about the same. Fire report was reviewed, and the year-to-date stats show 3 more calls in 2025.
12. Fire Report – the report was reviewed.
13. The committee will meet to review the operations policy and the by-law on Tuesday, March 4, 2024. Staff will work on drafts for review.

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14. Discussion was held on the draft criminal background check policy. With the suggested changes, it will be presented for the motion at the April meeting.
15. A draft newsletter for Aroostook was presented and is in the package. Any changes or suggestions can be made to staff by Wednesday, March 12, 2025.
16. EMO Update - we hosted a stakeholder meeting for EMO this morning. The NBEMO site will not be active until next week. The CAO reviewed the presentation with Council and reviewed the Incident Command System management structure that our community follows during events.
17. In-Camera Session – Land Request. Councillor Cummings **MOVED** to move in-camera to discuss land use. **SECONDED** by Councillor McPhail. **MOTION APPROVED**.  
  
Councillor Cummings **MOVED** to come out of camera. **SECONDED** by Councilor Plant. **MOTION APPROVED**.
18. Meeting adjournment