

**Regular Council Meeting
Held at Council Chambers
March 17, 2026**

Councillors in Attendance:

Mayor David Yetman
Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping
Councillor Bonnie Intveld
Councillor Bruce Grandy
Councillor Jaime Hiscock
Councillor Louise Grandy

Councillors Absent:

Councillor Cyril Drowns

Also in attendance was Town Clerk/Manager Leslie Price.

Mayor Yetman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Agenda

- Motion 26-010 Councillor Bruce Grandy / Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping
Be it resolved to adopt the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting dated March 17, 2026 with the addition of water pumps in Planning and Public Works, Burin Peninsula Joint Council under Committee Reports and Water and Sewer Connection and S. Ducey letter under Other Business.
- In Favor: Mayor Dave Yetman
 Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping
 Councillor Bonnie Intveld
 Councillor Bruce Grandy
 Councillor Jaime Hiscock
 Councillor Louise Grandy
- Opposed: 0
- Motion Carried

Minutes

- Motion 26-011 Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping / Councillor Bonnie Intveld
Be it resolved that the minutes from Regular Council meeting from February 16, 2026 be adopted as presented.
- In Favor: Mayor Dave Yetman
 Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping
 Councillor Bonnie Intveld
 Councillor Bruce Grandy
 Councillor Jaime Hiscock
 Councillor Louise Grandy
- Opposed: 0
- Motion Carried

Correspondence

- a. Garnish Public Library – Inviting council to the 70th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, March 21 at 2:00PM.

Councillors will attend if they can.

- b. Tonia Grandy– Letter asking council to reconsider the decision to not donate to the MCHS Robotics Team.

Council stands by the decision made at the previous meeting. Making donations takes away from programs such as the Playground which is in need of repairs and can be used by all the children in our community.

- c. Fahlon Drake, Canada Community Building Fund – They are cleaning up projects that were not completed. There was a Community Centre Heating upgrade project applied for in 2019 that needs to be cleared.

Motion 26-012

Councillor Jaime Hiscock / Councillor Bonnie Intveld

Be it resolved that the Town of Garnish cancel CCBF project #90-2019-6876 with a remaining balance of \$20,858.00 for use on future projects.

In Favor: Mayor Dave Yetman
Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping
Councillor Bonnie Intveld
Councillor Bruce Grandy
Councillor Jaime Hiscock
Councillor Louise Grandy

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

- d. Fire Commissioners Office – List of the training being offered at Marystown May 23-29. There is a more detailed list of the programs offered on the desk.

Leslie to check into cost of programs and register for ICS 300 if possible.

- e. Burin Peninsula Ground Search and Rescue – Requesting a sponsorship or donation.

Motion 26-013 Councillor Bruce Grandy / Councillor Jaime Hiscock
Be it resolved that the Town of Garnish donate \$200 to Burin Peninsula Ground Search and Rescue.

In Favor: Mayor Dave Yetman
 Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping
 Councillor Bonnie Intveld
 Councillor Bruce Grandy
 Councillor Jaime Hiscock
 Councillor Louise Grandy

Opposed: 0
Motion Carried

- f. Tract Consulting – Can help the Town with the application and, if successful, deliver the plan for the Government of NL program for the Community Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation. We have partnered with Frenchman's Cove for the program. The Town will need a FireSmart Ambassador, the training for this is online and takes approximately 3 hours.

Motion 26-014 Councillor Louise Grandy / Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping
Be it resolved that the Town of Garnish apply for the Government of NL Community Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation project with Frenchman's Cove as our partner. Councillor Bonnie Intveld will become the Town's FireSmart Ambassador once she has completed the online training.

In Favor: Mayor Dave Yetman
 Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping
 Councillor Bonnie Intveld
 Councillor Bruce Grandy
 Councillor Jaime Hiscock
 Councillor Louise Grandy

Opposed: 0
Motion Carried

- g. Hon, Chris Tibbs, MHA, Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs – Some reminders of your role as councillors with regards to finances and managing town staff.

Councillors to review

- h. Department of Municipal and Community Affairs – Reminder of Code of Conduct Requirements for Municipalities.

Councillors should ensure they have all courses completed.

Matters Pending

Added Short Road to paving needs. Pardy's Point needs culverts.

Committee Reports

a. Finance/Administration

Motion 26-015 Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping / Councillor Jaime Hiscock
Be it resolved to accept the Accounts Payable for the Town of Garnish in the amount of \$23,536.19 from February 17 to March 17, 2026; Bank Statement for February; Mastercard for February and Budget vs Actual for February, 2026.
In Favor: Mayor Dave Yetman
 Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping
 Councillor Bonnie Intveld
 Councillor Bruce Grandy
 Councillor Jaime Hiscock
 Councillor Louise Grandy
Opposed: 0
Motion Carried

1. Administrative Assistant position – We received two (2) resumes for the position.

HR will be meeting next Tuesday to discuss and arrange interviews.

2. CCBF audit - \$99.00 needs to be transferred from the Town's operating account to the CCBF account to cover bank charges.

Motion 26-016 Councillor Louise Grandy / Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping
Be it resolved that \$99.00 be transferred from the Town's operating account to the CCBF Account as per the 2025 CCBF audit.
In Favor: Mayor Dave Yetman
 Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping
 Councillor Bonnie Intveld
 Councillor Bruce Grandy
 Councillor Jaime Hiscock
 Councillor Louise Grandy
Opposed: 0
Motion Carried

b. Planning and Public Works

1. Clean Up Week – Rental of garbage bin. May 19-22
2. Water and Wastewater Workshop in Gander from March 24-26, 2026.

Motion 26-017 Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping / Councillor Louise Grandy
Be it resolved that Eugene attend the Water and Wastewater Workshop in Gander from March 24-26, 2026.
In Favor: Mayor Dave Yetman
Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping
Councillor Bonnie Intveld
Councillor Bruce Grandy
Councillor Jaime Hiscock
Councillor Louise Grandy
Opposed: 0
Motion Carried

3. The Capital Works project for upgrades to the pumphouse and the lift station is completed. However, the project did not include the replacement of the two water pumps. Eugene sent one to St. John's to get upgrades and we have been notified that the pumps are obsolete and parts are impossible to get. The pumps cost approximately \$6000.00 each.

Motion 26-018 Councillor Bruce Grandy / Councillor Louise Grandy
Be it resolved to purchase pump for the Pumphouse.
In Favor: Mayor Dave Yetman
Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping
Councillor Bonnie Intveld
Councillor Bruce Grandy
Councillor Jaime Hiscock
Councillor Louise Grandy
Opposed: 0
Motion Carried

c. Recreation and Public Safety

1. The Playground is in very poor shape. The sign has blown down, the fence needs replacing and a lot of attention is needed.

Council discussed the best way to move forward with the playground and making sure it's safe. Several options were discussed and we will look into some options for the next meeting.

2. Community Garden Funding – There is a Community Garden Support Program that we can apply for which would give the Town \$750.00 towards the Community Garden.

Motion 26-019 Councillor Bruce Grandy / Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping
Be it resolved that the Town of Garnish apply for the 2026-2027 Community
Garden Support Program.
In Favor: Mayor Dave Yetman
 Deputy Mayor Yvonne Keeping
 Councillor Bonnie Intveld
 Councillor Bruce Grandy
 Councillor Jaime Hiscock
 Councillor Louise Grandy
Opposed: 0
Motion Carried

d. Energy Board

There was a meeting in February. Government is taking back their land. The Energy Board is thinking of changing to Rural Development under Joint Councils.

e. Joint Council

Bruce attended the meeting. Mayor Yetman would like to join the Joint Council, but won't be able to attend the meeting tomorrow. He asked Bruce to bring his name forward.

Applications

William Murley – Business Application for a mobile HVAC business.

Mayor Dave will touch base with Mr. Murley.

New Business

- a. Potable Water Dispensing Unit – Jeff Grandy with Regional Water and Wastewater visited the Town and told us that the Town would be a good candidate for a Potable Water Dispensing Unit and sent us some information about applying.

Keep on file for future consideration.

- b. "Welcome to Garnish" package for new residents. – The Town Office receives inquiries from new residents about many things including garbage pickup, programs and services offered in the town, etc. If we had a welcome package for new residents, it would answer many questions and make new residents feel welcome.

Leslie will work on a "Welcome" package for new residents.

Other Business

- a. New Water and Sewer connection

As this is a second connection to a property, the costs associated with the connection will be the responsibility of the property owner. If asphalt needs to be cut, the resident will have to pay a deposit to the Town Office to replace the asphalt.

- b. MNL – Small Towns Virtual Roundtable – Two (2) rooms are booked at the Albatross Hotel. I will need the names of the two councillors that are going in order to register them.

Councillors Bruce Grandy and Bonnie Intveld will attend on behalf of the Town of Garnish.

Councillor Louise Grandy left meeting at 9:25 PM

- c. S. Ducey letter

Mr. Ducey wrote council a letter which was tabled at the last council meeting. After some research, a reply was compiled to Mr. Ducey. Council reviewed the reply and agreed to send the letter to Mr. Ducey

Next Meeting & Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM, the next Regular Council meeting will be on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

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Mayor

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Clerk/Manager

Apr. 20/26.
Date