

**MINUTES OF GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD
In COUNCIL CHAMBERS FEBRUARY 19, 2026**



PRESENT

Mayor Christopher Dredge
Deputy Mayor Ralph LeGrow
Councillor Craig LeGrow
Councillor Heidi Kolodniski
Councillor Neville Collins

Town Manager Craig Dyer
Assistant Town Clerk Amanda Mahoney

REGRETS

GUESTS

Willem Peters (SAM)
Zack Burrows (SAM)

GALLERY

3 Residents

Small Presentation by Stewardship Association of Municipalities Inc, Willem Peters and Zack Burrows : The Town of Bauline recently expanded the Municipal Habitat Conservation Agreement. The initial agreement, signed in 2015, included four Conservation Areas: Rocky Pond, Pouch Cove Gully, Bakeapple Marsh, and Bauline Rocky Pond totaling approximately 185 acres. They have since amended their agreement to add three new Conservation Areas: Rogers Tilt Pond/Church Pond/Little Gully/Cove Pond, Rogers Gullies and the Shoreline, increasing the amount of conserved wildlife habitat to 837 acres. These amendments allow the Town of Bauline to continue to provide protection for additional wildlife habitat and show commitment to conservation. This ensures more wildlife habitat will remain intact for generations to come, and we can continue to enjoy the beauty of nature.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chris Dredge called the meeting to order at **7:27 p.m**

2.0 ADOPT AGENDA

MOTION 21 / 2026

Councillor Craig LeGrow moved to **ADOPT** the agenda as presented.

Seconded by Councillor Ralph LeGrow
All In Favour.

Motion **CARRIED**

3.0 ADOPT MINUTES

Adopt the Minutes TCM of 29 of January 2026

Councillor Neville Collins moved to **ADOPT** the minutes as presented

Seconded by Councillor Craig LeGrow
All In Favour.

Motion **CARRIED**

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.0.1 Water Concerns/ Stantec Water Report : The Stantec report regarding the town's water system was reviewed. Several recommendations were noted in the report, addressing pressure concerns, which may be related to manganese buildup in pipes. Also mentioned protection of the wellhead, investigation of the connection to the old reservoir and confirmation that the connection is properly closed or secured.

Additional water testing was recommended, including bacterial testing and mineral testing for town hall.

As a short-term measure, it was suggested that Brita water filters be provided to residents located below the hill as a precaution.

The importance of public education was discussed. The town will prepare a public information flyer regarding manganese in drinking water.

Stantec has requested a letter of support from the town
Councillor Heidi Kolodniski will assist in preparing the public information flyer and letter of support.

Councillor Craig Legrow suggested arranging a meeting with Joanne Thompson to discuss the report and explore possible funding opportunities for the municipality's water system improvements.

The Town Manager advised that there are two open Gas Tax projects related to water infrastructure: A 2014 project for the replacement of a 2 km water line.

A 2020 project that was scheduled to be completed by 2023.

It was noted that these projects must be closed out before the town can open a new project under the Gas Tax program.

Public Works will meet with the Town Manager and the Water Operator prior to the next town meeting to review the report, the status of the Gas Tax projects, and the required next steps.

4.0.2 Engineering Quotes (Basketball, Water Shed): RFP's have not been sent out yet, will include standtec report with Water Shed RFP

4.0.3 Policy Committee: Work Term student working on a couple policies regarding donations and animal control

4.0.4 Laptop Purchases: Will be ordered before next meeting

4.0.5 Streetlight: Town Manager to contact NL Power

4.0.6 Community Committee:

MOTION 23/ 2026

Councillor Craig LeGrow moved to **ADOPT** the new Terms of Reference for the community committee signed Feb 19, 2026

Seconded by Councillor Neville Collins
All In Favour.

Motion **CARRIED**

Council advises the committee to identify plans to bring forth regarding access money in the committee account. Assistant Town Clerk to send a breakdown of committee finances to council and committee members.

4.0.7 Discussion With Church Purchase Options: Council discussed the potential purchase of the local church property. The Town currently has first right of refusal on the property.

It was suggested that a community meeting be organized to inform residents of the situation and gather public input regarding the potential purchase.

At this time, no funding sources have been identified that would assist with either the purchase of the building or repairs to the church.

The church is likely a high-maintenance building, which could result in significant ongoing upkeep costs for the municipality.

MOTION 24/ 2026

Deputy Mayor Ralph LeGrow moved that the finance and planning committees have a public meeting regarding Bauline United Church Property Sale, 7pm March 2nd, 2026

Seconded by Councillor Neville Collins
All In Favour.

Motion **CARRIED**

4.0.8 Snow Clearing Operations: Snow clearing policy done and given to council and staff for review and to bring back feedback. Town to advertise for Casual Back Up Snow Clearing/ Waste Collection Helper.

4.0.9 Meeting with the Transportation Minister: Minutes Attached

4.0.10 Lieu Time / Annual Leave / Work from Home Policy: NIL

4.0.11 Audit Update: NIL

4.0.12 Town Plan Update: Should be approved in upcoming weeks

5.0 APPLICATIONS

1327 Bauline Line : Deferred to planning and development

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.0.1 Heritage Week: Proclamation Signed

6.0.2 Municipal Assesment Agency Update: Reviewed

6.0.3 PMA Convention: Reviewed and discussed/deferred

6.0.4 SAM Habitat Conservation Workshop: Reviewed

6.0.5 MEMP Letter regarding Emergency Services Act: Reviewed

6.0.6 Neil Maynard Memorial Tournament: Mayor Chris Dredge attending

6.0.7 NEAJC Reports: Reviewed

6.0.8 Easter Seals Proclamation: Reviewed and signed

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.0.1 Town Web Page: Email to be sent to admin of page to fix Council/Staff Page

7.0.2 Notice posting all meetings of council /sub-committee meetings: Meetings will now be advertised on facebook as well as calendar on Town website.

7.0.3 Video camera Status: Live streaming defered

7.0.4 ClimAtlantic Community Based Resilience & Climate Action Workshop: Free workshop February 27th 9-3pm at the Johnson Geo Centre Councilor Heidi Kolodniski attended and will forward email with event information to anyone interested.

7.0.5 Fallen Trees: Mayor Chris Dredge to email MHA/ Department of Transportaion regarding fallen trees around the community that pose a hazard.

7.0.6 Public Engagement Meeting: Meeting Date set for April 30th 7pm

7.0.7 Contract Employee Training: Deferred

8.0 REPORT FROM TOWN MANAGER & ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

8.01 Food Rescue Update: Currently receives food rescues from Sobeys and Starbucks and a free food table is offered to the public weekly on Wednesdays.

8.0.2 Comedy Show Update: Will reach out to find out more info and send them our rental contract.

8.1 Finances

8.1.1 Financial Statements :

MOTION 025/2025

Councillor Heidi Kolodniski moved to **ACCEPT** The Financial Statements as presented.

Seconded by Councillor Neville Collins
All in favor.

Motion CARRIED

8.1.2 Outstanding Payables:

MOTION 026 /2025

Councillor Craig LeGrow moved to **APPROVE** the outstanding payables as presented.

Seconded by Councillor Neville Collins
All in favor.

Motion CARRIED

8.1.3 Book Keeper: Deferred to finance

8.1.4 Cheque Signing Process: Deferred to finance

8.1.5 Current Tax Billing : Deferred to finance

9.0 TABLE DISCUSSION

Councillor Heidi Kolodniski joined the Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Women and Gender Equity Committee.

10.0 NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Mayor Chris Dredge scheduled the Next Meeting for **Thursday March 12, 2026 @ 7:00pm**

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 027 /2026

moved to **ADJOURN** the meeting of February 19, 2026

Mayor Christopher Dredge adjourned the meeting 10:58PM

Christopher Dredge
Mayor
Town of Bauline

Craig Dyer
Town Manager
Town of Bauline

Council Update

Meeting with Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure – Road Safety Concerns

Date of Meeting: Feb 9, 2026

Attendees:

Minister Barry Petten, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Dan Michielsen, Assistant Deputy Minister – Roads
Darrell Hynes, Policy Advisor
Minister Joedy Wall, MHA
Rhonda Manning, Constituent Assistant to Minister Wall
Chris Dredge, Mayor, Town of Bauline
Craig Dyer, Town Manager
Ralph Legrow, Deputy Mayor, Town of Bauline

Council and staff recently met with the Minister and departmental officials to discuss road safety concerns on provincial roads within the Town of Bauline. The meeting included a detailed review of several areas of concern using mapping and street-level imagery. While not all requested measures are permitted on provincial roads, this

meeting represents a constructive step forward in improving safety and awareness within the community.

Areas Reviewed

Duck Pond swimming area

Pouch Cove Line, including access to the Marine Park Campground

Fishing village and wharf area

Kevins Parsons Highway signage

Key Points from the Discussion

Traffic-Calming Measures

Department officials confirmed that certain traffic-calming measures, including speed bumps and painted or optical traffic-calming treatments, are not permitted on provincial roads under current policy. Council was advised that these measures are not options for provincial roadways at this time.

Signage Improvements

The Department committed to reviewing and installing additional signage where appropriate, including speed-related signage, blind hill warnings, and hidden intersection signage in key areas of concern. This was identified as the primary measure available to improve driver awareness and safety on provincial roads in Bauline.

Speed Feedback Signs

Department staff discussed the use of speed feedback signs that display and record vehicle speeds. While these signs are not provided by the Department, officials indicated they would support the Town should Council wish to explore installing such signs on provincial roadways.

Pouch Cove Line / Marine Park Campground

Council raised concerns related to increased traffic volumes from the Marine Park Campground, including large recreational vehicles travelling along Pouch Cove Line. Visibility at the stop sign at the bottom of Pouch Cove Line was identified as an area where brush clearing could improve sightlines and safety.

Duck Pond Area

The Duck Pond swimming area was reviewed in detail. The Department advised that parking in this area presents safety and liability concerns that fall outside its scope. Officials cautioned that any measures by the Town that encourage or direct parking in this area could increase municipal liability. The Department committed to reviewing additional signage in the area but did not identify other interventions within its mandate.

Fishing Village and Wharf Area

Council highlighted safety concerns related to narrow, historic roadways in the fishing village and wharf area, particularly during the summer months and the food fishery when traffic volumes increase. The Department acknowledged the unique challenges in this area and agreed to review signage opportunities that could help improve safety. Council also raised concerns regarding winter snow clearing in this area, noting that snow accumulation further narrows already constrained roads and creates safety issues

for residents, with limited options for snow storage. The Department agreed to review this concern.

Kevins Parsons Highway Signage

Council raised the absence of “Bauline” on the Kevins Parsons Highway sign. Department officials noted that not all towns are included on this type of highway signage, but Council noted that Bauline is the only town accessed by this road that is not currently listed. The Minister acknowledged this concern and indicated support for adding “Bauline” to the existing sign. It was discussed that this could be achieved by adding an additional panel to the current sign, rather than installing a new sign. Council also appreciated the support of our MHA, Minister Joedy Wall, who effectively communicated our concerns and helped underscore the realities of traffic and safety issues in key areas such as the Duck Pond and Marine Park Campground during the meeting. His engagement helped ensure our points were clearly understood by the Minister and departmental staff.

Next Steps

The Town will send a follow up email to Department staff to confirm the following actions:

1. The Department will review and proceed with additional signage in identified areas where appropriate
 2. The Department will review visibility improvements at the stop sign on Pouch Cove Line
 3. The Department will review winter snow clearing practices in the fishing village and wharf area
 4. The Department will proceed with adding “Bauline” to the existing Kevins Parsons Highway sign, consistent with direction provided during the meeting
- The Mayor sent follow up thank-you emails to both Minister Petten and MHA Wall.

Council will explore the feasibility of installing speed feedback signs, with Department support.