

A special meeting of the Botwood Town Council was held on Thursday, March 19, 2026 in the Council Chamber.

Members Present: Mayor M. Budgell, presided
Deputy Mayor J. Hancock
Councillors: H. Edison
M. Jacobs
E. Boone
W. Broderick
J. Jeans

Also present: R. Dennison, CAO/Town Manager
T. Best, Assistant CAO (Acting Town Clerk)

Residents Attending: C. Collins

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

MOTION – 26-080	Moved by Councillor Jeans, seconded by Councillor Edison Be it resolved as per section 66 of the Towns & Local Service District Act that the Town of Botwood, in the absence of the Town Clerk, appoint Tim Best as the Acting Clerk for the purpose of this special meeting of council held on March 19, 2026. - Motion Carried Votes in favour – 7 Councillors (M. Budgell, J. Hancock, W. Broderick, J. Jeans, H. Edison, M. Jacobs, E. Boone)	ACTING TOWN CLERK
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Adoption of Agenda

MOTION – 26-081

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hancock, seconded by
Councillor Jacobs that Council adopt the agenda.

AGENDA
APPROVAL

- Motion Carried

Votes in favour – 7 Councillors (M. Budgell, J. Hancock,
W. Broderick, J. Jeans, H. Edison, M. Jacobs, E. Boone)

Deputy Mayor Hancock and Councillor Broderick declared a conflict of Interest and left chambers at 6:34 PM.

Ratification of Resolution

MOTION – 26-082

Moved by Councillor Jacobs, seconded by Councillor
Jeans

WHEREAS a conflict-of-interest complaint has been filed under section 8 of the *Municipal Conduct Act* alleging that Councillor Broderick acted in a conflict of interest during a council meeting;

AND WHEREAS additional complaints have been filed concerning the conduct of other councillors in relation to the same matter, resulting in multiple councillors being named as respondents in active complaints;

AND WHEREAS under section 5 and section 6 of the *Municipal Conduct Act*, councillors who are respondents in a complaint may be in a conflict of interest and therefore unable to participate in the consideration of that complaint;

AND WHEREAS due to the number of councillors who are respondents, council is unable to form an unconflicted quorum to consider the CAO's report or to make a determination under section 8(7);

AND WHEREAS under section 7(2) of the *Municipal Conduct Act*, where fewer than two councillors remain unconflicted, council shall request direction from the Minister, who may authorize one councillor to act as quorum or exempt councillors from subsection 6(1) for the limited purpose of hearing the matter;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council hereby requests ministerial direction under section 7(2) of the *Municipal Conduct Act* regarding how the Town is to proceed with the conflict-of-interest complaint filed against Councillor Broderick.
2. Council directs the Chief Administrative Officer to forward this resolution, together with the CAO's report prepared under section 8(6), to the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs.
3. Council further directs that the complainant and respondent be notified that the matter has been referred to the Minister pursuant to section 8(6)(d).

- Motion carried

Votes in favour – 5 Councillors (M. Budgell, J. Jeans, H. Edison, M. Jacobs, E. Boone)

Deputy Mayor Hancock and Councillor Broderick returned to chamber at 6:37 PM.

MOTION – 26-083

Moved by Councillor Jacobs, seconded by Councillor Edison that the meeting adjourn at 6:38 PM.

- Motion carried.

Votes in favour – 7 Councillors (M. Budgell, J. Hancock, W. Broderick, J. Jeans, H. Edison, M. Jacobs and E. Boone)

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Mayor

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Secretary