

**TOWN OF SMALL POINT-ADAMS COVE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 18th, 2026**

1. Call To Order & Roll Call

Call to order 18th December 2025 @ 6:30 PM
Attendance – Curtis Delaney, Mark Ploughman & Paul Adams
Absent Councillor Sue Rose
Residents were present

2. New Business

1. Tax Structure 2026

Small changes to the upcoming year's tax structure
Proposed tax structure changes:

- Mill rate increasing from 5.1 to 5.25.
- Minimum property tax increasing from \$650 to \$685.
- Commercial property tax at 6 mils, minimum at \$850 per year.
- Garbage increasing from \$190 to \$200.
- Slight increases to permits (e.g., shed/garage) permits from \$25 to \$50
- Other permits (renovation, new home) remain the same.
- Tax certificates at \$150, compliance letters at \$150.
- NFS From \$45 to \$60,
- water on requests from \$25 to \$30.

**Motion 2025- 071 Made to Increase 2026 tax Structure by Mayor Curtis Delany, Seconded by Councillor Paul Adams
All in Favour - Motion Adopted**

2. Budget 2026

- Budget differences this year due to DFAA and federal funding.
- Seeking provincial help to cover revenue loss from lost homes.
- Note explaining DFA expenses, revenue, and government ask to offset taxes will be drafted.

**Motion 2025- 072 Made to Increase 2026 tax Structure by Mayor Curtis Delany, Seconded by Councillor Paul Adams
All In Favour**

3. Donations

- Donation policy drafted to guide the town with increasing donations. Ensures accountabilities for all donated funds
- Ensures funds are used as intended.
- A third party handle charitable donations and tax receipts due to complexity.
- The Red Cross and Nicole have reviewed the policy.

**Motion 2025- 073 Made to adopt the policy for donations by Mayor Curtis Delany, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mark Ploughman.
All in Favour - Motion Adopted**

4. Trail Engagement for Green Space Development

- The project scope includes Broad Cove beach, the pond area, a trail from the pond, and an area by Broad Cove Pond.
- Potential funding opportunities sources include Red Cross, federal and provincial tourism funds, parks initiatives, and possibly the DFAA.
- The project is envisioned as a community-led initiative, building upon existing trail work.
- It aims to create a central attraction in the town, potentially drawing visitors.
- The trail could span approximately two and a half kilometers from the ball field to the pond.
- The goal is high-quality development with proper grading, solar lighting, and ease of maintenance.
- The project is envisioned as a community-led initiative, building upon existing trail work.
- It aims to create a central attraction in the town, potentially drawing visitors.
- The trail could span approximately two and a half kilometers from the ball field to the pond.
- The project could be managed under working groups in the coming year, aligning with town planning.

- Town planning considerations include crown land and potential land expropriation.
- The focus is on progressing the project with the right people involved.

**Motion 2025- 073 Made to Engagement for Green Space by Councillor Paul Adams, Seconded by Mayor Curtis Delaney.
All in Favour - Motion Adopted**

4. Adjournment at 7:30pm

**Motion 2025- 074 Made to adjourn meeting at 7:05 PM by Mayor Curtis Delany, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mark Ploughman
All in Favour - Motion Adopted**

Minutes Submitted by – Nicki Traverse, Town Clerk 
Minutes Approved by - 

Next Meeting January 13th, 2025