

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Thursday, March 19, 2026 6:15 p.m.

In Attendance: Mayor Larry Fitzpatrick, Deputy Mayor Danelle Elliott, Councillor's Don Humphrey, Arthur Baker, Nathan Paton, Bernadette McInnis, Donna Campbell Dixon and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Sonya Martin

Speak before Council: Judy Burke, Souris Show Hall | Members of the Public:3

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. Conflicts of Interest Declaration – Individual Councillors – MGA 96.(1-8)

None heard.

3. Agenda Approvals

It was moved by Councillor Arthur Baker and seconded by Councillor Donna Campbell Dixon to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favour and the motion was carried.

Votes For: 6 | Votes Against: 0 | Result: Motion Carried

4. Minutes Approval(s)

a) **Council Meeting Minutes January 13, 2026.** It was moved by Deputy Mayor Danelle Elliott and seconded by Councillor Nathan Paton to approve the minutes as presented. All were in favour and the motion was carried. Votes For: 6 | Votes Against: 0 | Result: Motion Carried

5. Presentation/Speak before Council - Judy Burke – Souris Show Hall request for support.

Judy Burke voiced a note of appreciation for Council's contribution in 2025 and indicated that the organization would be looking for similar support for the 2026 Souris Show Hall Season. Judy provided an overview of the positive year they had last year and hopes to complete more renovations and add new seating and outdoor murals for the Hall this year. The organization continues to gather volunteers and applies for grants to enhance their core funding and are also open to new sponsorship opportunities and programs through local businesses, whereby they can raise funds. Judy ended her request by saying that the mortgage payments last year were appreciated greatly and if Council wanted to do the same this year the payments are \$1,675 per month. A motion was put forward by Councillor Arthur Baker and seconded by Councillor Nathan Paton to support the Souris Show Hall with three mortgage payments, an amount of \$5,025. All were in favour and the motion was carried.

Votes for: 6 | Votes against: 0 Result: Motion Carried

6. Reports

a) Mayor

i) PEI Energy Corporation Communications. The EC Admin Assistant Mikaela Gallant emailed to find out the Mayor's availability March 12/26 and Mayor Fitzpatrick indicated he had time over the next two weeks in the afternoons. There has been no contact since then.

iii) SeaRoots Alliance Inc. - Eastern Area Wellness Centre (EAWC). An Open House was held March 4, 2026 at Souris Regional School. The meeting covered many of the same topics as the January 30th meeting, with the addition of discussions on a new building site, an area of five acres off Knights Ave in Souris. The EK Wind Farms were mentioned multiple times in reference to funding.

b) CAO Report

- i) Income and Bank Statement as at February 28, 2026 (See Appendix A)
- ii) Permit Data Report (See Appendix B)

7. Business Arising

a) RMEK 2026-2027 Financial Plan *approval and adoption*. Whereas Section 150 of the MGA requires that a Council, on or before March 31st in each year, adopt by resolution a Financial Plan for the upcoming fiscal year and that a public meeting be held in respect of this plan; and Whereas the required public meeting was held on March 05, 2026; Be it resolved that the RMEK 2026-2027 Financial Plan, version #3 with the addition of an increase to the donation category from 5K to 10K; be hereby formally approved and adopted effective April 01, 2026. (See Appendix C)

Moved by Councillor Don Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Donna Campbell Dixon, all were in favour and the resolution was approved. Votes for: 6 | Votes against: 0 | Result: Resolution Approved.

b) FPEIM's legal review of the changes made to the regulations under the *Renewable Energy Act*. Council discussed an alternate option to the many steps that the Executive Director delivered via the CAO, in order to read and have an interpretation presented to the RMEK Council by the FPEIM legal team. The CAO will contact our lawyer to connect with the FPEIM lawyer to obtain the interpretation and then present it to Council in a closed meeting.

c) Code of Conduct Bylaw #2025-02 2nd Reading. Council decided that the current template bylaw be subject to a full legal review (this had not been done by the Ministers office). It was clear to Council that the multiple strike-throughs and updates made a full review necessary. The CAO will contact our lawyer to have the full legal review completed with the added timelines for all parties as requested by Council.

8. New Business

a) Souris Surge U12 Ringette Sponsorship Request; and

b) Angela Wintar – Request for Donation – Social events for local foreign workers and newcomers.

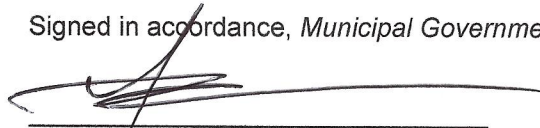
A motion was put forward by Councillor Nathan Paton and seconded by Councillor Arthur Baker to support the Ringette Group and the Events Schedule for foreign workers and newcomers with a donation of \$500.00 for each request. All were in favour and the motion was carried.

Votes for: 6 | Votes Against: 0 | Result: Motion carried.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. It was moved by Councillor Arthur Baker and seconded by Deputy Mayor Danelle Elliott. All were in favour and the motion was carried.

Signed in accordance, *Municipal Government Act* S.116(4)



Larry Fitzpatrick, Mayor

12 May 2026

Date



Sonya Martin, Chief Administrative Officer

May 12, 2026

Date



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APPENDIX A

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report MARCH 19, 2026

Bank Statement for the month of FEBRUARY 2026

Souris Credit Union - Business Operational Account

Opening Balance on February 01, 2026	\$174,047.51
Closing Balance at February 28, 2026	\$190,639.75

Shares & Patronage

Business Shares at February 28, 2026 (share dividend)	\$5.14
Patronage account at February 28, 2026	\$246.78

Gas Tax (Restricted Funds) Account

Opening Balance on February 01, 2026	\$42,402.19
Interest	<u>\$81.32</u>
Closing Balance February 28, 2026	\$42,483.51

RMEK Reserve Funds Savings Account

Opening Balance at February 01, 2026	\$130,797.09
Interest	<u>\$255.86</u>
AOR360 – Website Project	\$-0.00
AOR360 Cheque Fee	\$-0.00
Closing Balance at February 28, 2026	\$131,052.95



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APPENDIX B

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2026 DEVELOPMENT PERMITS & SUBDIVISION APPROVALS

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS [EKDP]

Permit No.	Date - D/M/Y	Name & Civic Address	PID #	Details	Estimated Value
EKDP01-2026	15/01/2026	Wendell Baker 1126 Munns Road, Lakeville	376681	240 sq. ft. attached shed.	\$5000.00
EKDP02-2026	22/01/2026	Jamie Bruce 708 Baltic Road, East Baltic	896613	4000 sq. ft. storage building.	\$200,000.00
EKDP03-2026	05/02/2026	Stefan Soloviev 3482 East Point Road, South Lake	432690	9960 sq. ft. storage building.	\$800,000.00
EKDP04-2026	19/03/2026	Blythe and George Bruce 3982 East Point Road, South Lake	680066	912 sq. ft. attached garage.	\$120,000.00
EKDP05-2026	19/03/2026	Gerald and Susan MacPhee 5900 Northside Road, North Lake	868448	2479 sq. ft. home.	\$750,000.00

SUBDIVISION APPROVALS

Permit No.	Date D/M/Y	Name & Civic Address	PID #	Details
S14F-2025	15/01/2026	Austin Humphries and Marvyn's Garden Inc. 560 East Tarantum Road, Lakeville	112185	Subdivide two lots off an existing 59- acre parcel.
S01F-2026	22/01/2026	Winston Baker and Carl Baker 1077 Munns Road, Lakeville	947440 and 111880	Subdivide 4.1 acres from PID 111880 and append it to PID 947440.
S02F-2026	19/02/2026	Sheila and Michael Poole 6592 Northside Road, Lakeville	938589	Subdivide two new lots off an existing 13-acre parcel.

APPENDIX C

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF EASTERN KINGS		2026-2027 Financial Plan Approval & Adoption March 19, 2026
A Budget of Revenues & Expenditures for Municipal Operations, Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2027		
'REVENUE	Municipal Tax: 0.19/100 Wind Tax 0.65/100	
Operational surplus from previous year	97,467	
Property Tax Assessments at 0.19/100	258,439	
Commercial - EK Wind Farms - Tax Revenue at 0.65/100	162,594	
subtotal operational revenue's:	518,500	
Development Permit Fees	6,500	
Subdivision - Consolidation Fees	3,200	
Misc Revenue	0	
subtotal other revenue:	9,700	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$528,200	
EXPENDITURES		
COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAMS		
Eastern Kings Fire Protection Services		
Fire & First Responder, Operational at 0.08/100	128,828	
Funds dedicated to an EK Fire Truck Purchase	75,000	
Grants - replacement turnout gear/3k per set x 3	9,000	
Eastern Kings Grant Programs		
Emergency Management - training & supplies	800	
EK Community Centre - Maintenance & Wage Subsidies	11,400	
Small Grants Bylaw #2022-02 - community projects	16,000	
Donations		
Grad Awards	2,000	
Christmas Programs	1,700	
Local Donations	10,000	
Memoriums	250	
Total Community Grants Programs:	\$254,978	
WAGES & BENEFITS		
Chief Administrative Officer, CAO	46,116	
Development Officer, DO	18,345	
Employee Benefits - Health: Medical/Dental	900	
WCB Payroll estimates	720	
subtotal wage expense:	66,081	
PROFESSIONAL FEES & CONTRACTS		
Accounting - Audit Fees	4,800	
Biting Fly Program	93,051	
Bylaw Enforcement Officer EO/Enforcement Exp	7,304	
Honourariums	500	
Planner Fees / maps / equipment	3,500	
Remuneration for Council & Appointees	9,200	
subtotal professional fees & contracts:	118,355	

Total Wages & Professional Fees:	\$184,436
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	
Advertising	2,100
Bank Service Charges	150
POS - Point of Sale Unit for payment transactions	1,230
Computer Maint. & Tech support	750
Contingent Miscellaneous	2,516
Council & Staff Training and Travel	1,770
Economic Development	2,544
Election (MEO, DMEO, RO, Poll Clerks, Elections PEI, advert)	3,285
Housing Start-up - Planning & Development	8,500
Insurance	7,998
Legal Fees (1) [Bylaws and Contract(s)]	550
Legal Fees (2) [Wind Farm Contract(s) & IRAC]	30,000
Memberships - Geolinc , FPEIM	1,850
Municipal Community Activity & room rentals	3,500
Office Equipment (Asset)	1,000
Office Space: rentals 100x12/lease 390x12	5,880
Office Supplies	2,800
Phone / Wifi	2,520
Sign(s) - Maintenance + Insurance	800
Website Maintenance / Domain (current + new)	1,720
RESERVE FUND	
SeaRoots Alliance - Eastern Area Wellness Centre (EAWC)	0
Website Development	7,323
Total Admin Expense:	88,786
TOTAL MUNICIPAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	\$528,200
NET INCOME SURPLUS / DEFICIT	\$0

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RMEK Capital Asset, CCBF - CIP/Notional Allocations	
CCBF Gas Tax Funding (5 YR 2025-2029) Restricted	107,091
CCBF Gas Tax Funding (2024) Balance of 2014-2024 Restricted	42,402
Argo Avenger 750 EFI (Asset Sale)	1,725
Thermal Drone - Fly Program (Asset Purchase)	8,720
Total	\$159,938

RMEK Reserve Funds set aside for specific purposes of Council:

Credit Union Reserve Account as at FEBRUARY 28, 2026 :	\$131,052.95
Surplus from Operational Account:	\$0
Total Reserve Funds:	\$131,052.95

1. Contingent	23,052.95
2. Emergency Management	8,000.00
3. Housing Start-up - Planning & Development	15,000.00
4. Legal Fees (2) [Wind Farms & IRAC]	70,000.00
5. Municipal Funding Grant – Year 1 – Rcvd July 30, 2025	15,000.00
6. Eastern Kings Fire Department	0.00
Reserve Fund Balances:	\$131,052.95

1. Reserve Fund - Contingent Categories

a) Capital Assets: Replacement of Office Equipment - Other	
b) Economic Development	
c) Environmental Projects	
d) Municipal Biting Fly Program	
e) Future Planning	
f) Insurance - extra	
g) Legal Fees (1) Bylaws and Contracts	
h) Website Development	2,451.25
i) Elections	
Contingent Total Expense:	\$2,451.25

2. Reserve Fund – Emergency Management

Emergency Management Total Expense:	\$0.00

3. Reserve Fund - Housing Start-Up

Housing Start-Up Total Expense:	\$0.00

4. Reserve Fund - Legal Fees (2) [Wind Farms & IRAC]

Legal Fees (2) Total Expense:	\$0.00

5. Reserve Fund - Municipal Funding Grant

Municipal Grant Total Expense:	\$0.00

6. Reserve Fund - Eastern Kings Fire Department

EKFD Total Expense:	\$0.00



Larry Fitzpatrick, RMEK Mayor

19 of 2026

Date



Sonya Martin, RMEK Chief Administrative Officer

March 19, 2026

Date