

Town of Leading Ticks

A regular meeting was held on Wednesday, April 1st, 2026

A closed meeting was held prior to the regular meeting, which started at 6:02 pm, to discuss the hire of a second Maintenance person, and a call-in. The 3 members of council that did the interviewing on Tuesday, March 31st, were very impressed with both interviews and discussed with council what was said and the answers they were given.

All 6 Councillors were unanimous in their choice for Part/full-Time Maintenance worker and the position for call-in maintenance.

William Parsons was chosen for the part/full – time and Silus Loder was given the call-in position.

Closed meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Melissa Chippett at 6:44 PM.

In attendance:

Mayor: Melissa Chippett

Deputy Mayor: Leona Newman

Councillors: Dexter Loveman, Clayton Blundell, Carolyn Cooke & Brenda Lee Hannam
(via google meet)

Absent:

Present: **Town Clerk/Manager:** Dianese Cook

Resolution #26-032: Carolyn Cooke/Clayton Blundell

Resolved that the agenda of April 1st, 2026 of the regular meeting held of the Council be adopted and circulated.

In Favour: **Mayor:** Melissa Chippett

Deputy Mayor: Leona Newman

Councillors: Carolyn Cooke, Dexter Loveman, Brenda Lee Hamman, and Clayton Blundell

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Resolution Carried:

Resolution #26-033: Leona Newman/Clayton Blundell

Resolve that the minutes of the regular meeting on March 11th, 2026 be adopted.

In Favour: **Mayor:** Melissa Chippett **Deputy Mayor:** Leona Newman
Councillors: Carolyn Cooke, Dexter Loveman, Clayton Blundell, and Brenda Lee Hannam

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Resolution Carried:

Resolution #26-034: Leona Newman/Dexter Loveman

Mayor, Melissa Chippett asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 11th, 2026, which was circulated with the agenda.

No Errors or Omissions.

In Favour: **Mayor:** Melissa Chippett **Deputy Mayor:** Leona Newman
Councillors: Carolyn Cooke, Clayton Blundell, Brenda Lee Hannam, and Dexter Loveman

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Resolution Carried:

Ongoing issues:

- **It was decided to check into getting repairs completed on the Heritage building in the fall. (still waiting)**
- **Check out Funding to get the fish stage repaired underneath. (still waiting)**
- **Town Clerk will check with Crown lands pertaining to the land at 150 Main Street**
- **Mayor will continue to look into a different water supply for the town.**

Correspondence:

- Once the new maintenance workers have started, all of council and workers will complete the Code of Conduct training.
- Town Clerk to write up a letter of confidentiality for all workers and Councillors.
- Town Clerk to do up contracts for all maintenance workers.
- Maintenance workers will need to supply and wear their safety gear.
- Council will do lunch for students at Point Leamington Academy in May.
- Mayor, Melissa Chippett is going to speak with Cal LeGrow pertaining to insurance on all municipal buildings.
- Town Clerk to let the resident inquiring about alcohol in park building during a private

- party that it must be contained within the building.
- Town Clerk will email small craft harbour's to ask about dilapidated wharfs, old fishing gear, etc. that is floating around in the harbour. Who is responsible to be sure that this is cleaned up.
 - It was decided to not proceed with funding through the Green Municipal Fund due to the expense of having a feasibility study and application completed for \$5000.00 and maybe not be approved for funding.

Resolution # 26-035: Brenda Lee Hannam/Leona Newman

It was resolved by council, that they will not pay any church for snow clearing for funerals. The Town pays to have park road plowed 0.5 km during the winter months due to the residents that live there. The park is not open during winter months, so there is no need for the expense on the town to have this plowed.

In Favour: **Mayor:** Melissa Chippett **Deputy Mayor:** Leona Newman
Councilors: Dexter Loveman, Carolyn Cooke, and Brenda Lee Hannam. Let it show that due to conflict of interest, Clayton Blundell stepped out for this discussion.

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution # 26-036: Leona Newman/Brenda Lee Hannam

Be is resolved that the town continue with the lease for the photocopier from Modern Business and that we buy a colored printer for pamphlets, memo's, etc.

In Favour: **Mayor:** Melissa Chippett **Deputy Mayor:** Leona Newman
Councilors: Dexter Loveman, Carolyn Cooke, Brenda Lee Hannam, and Clayton Blundell,

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried:

Resolution # 26-037: Clayton Blundell/Dexter Loveman

Be it resolved that the town hire JWK Electrical Equipment to install a heat pump at the Heritage Centre.

In Favour: Mayor: Melissa Chippett **Deputy Mayor:** Leona Newman
Councillors: Dexter Loveman, Carolyn Cooke, Brenda Lee Hannam, and Clayton Blundell,

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried:

Resolution # 26-038: Dexter Loveman/Carolyn Cooke

Resolved that the Town Clerk continue with the sale of the Recreation Building. Starting bid will be \$25,000.00, which is the fair market value. The Town Clerk will post on the website, Facebook, and put posters at Gloria's variety & Post office. This will be closed bids, and will be brought to the next regular meeting of council.

In Favour: Mayor: Melissa Chippett **Deputy Mayor:**
Councillors: Dexter Loveman, Carolyn Cooke, Brenda Lee Hannam, and Clayton Blundell. Let it show that Deputy Mayor, Leona Newman stepped out due to probable conflict of interest.

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried:

Resolution # 26-039: Leona Newman/Dexter Loveman

Resolved to pay bills

In favour: Mayor: Melissa Chippett **Deputy Mayor:** Leona Newman
Councillors: Dexter Loveman, Brenda Lee Hannam, Carolyn Cooke, and Clayton Blundell

Opposed: 0
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried

Resolution # 26-040: Dexter Loveman/Brenda Lee Hannam

Be it resolved that the meeting is now adjourned at 8:34 PM, and scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

In Favour: Mayor: Melissa Chippett **Deputy Mayor:** Leona Newman
Councillors: Dexter Loveman, Brenda Lee Hannam, Carolyn Cooke, and Clayton Blundell.

Mayor
(Original signed by Mayor)

Town Clerk
(Original signed by Clerk)

Financial Statement for March 11 – April 1, 2026

Amounts received:

Date	Amount received	Received from
From Mar 11 – Mar 26, 26	11, 482.09	Business tax, Photocopies, Rentals, Property tax, Water & Sewer, and Water only

Bills to be paid:

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE
MAR 12	RODGER ROWSELL (PAYROLL)	607.97	380
MAR 13	RBC VISA (LUNCH FOR MAINTENANCE TO PICK UP CHLORINE)	20.44	381
MAR 13	RBC VISA (STARLINK AND INTEREST ON ACCOUNT FOR COUNCIL_	163.67	382
MAR 13	RBC VISA, INTEREST ON OFFICE ACCOUNT	33.82	383
MAR 13	NL POWER (ALL TOWN BILLS)	2,953.00	384
MAR 13	MODERN BUSINESS EQUIPMENT (METER CHARGE)	64.52	385
MAR 17,	M.N.M. ONESTOP (GAS FOR TOWN TRUCK FOR FEBRUARY)	294.03	386
MAR 17	DIANESE COOK (PAYROLL)	719.50	387
MAR 18	EVERETT ROWSELL (PAYROLL FOR 3 WEEKS – 52.5 HRS)	822.11	388
MAR 19	BELL MOBILITY	88.26	389
MAR 19	DIANESE COOK (TRAVEL TO GFW FOR BANKING ON MARCH 20)	67.79	390
MAR 20	CHANDLER (CHLORINE, TOILET TISSUE, PAPER TOWELS)	1505.34	391
Mar 23	A.E. MACDONALD INSURANCE SERVICES (FIRE DEPT INSURANCE)	672.00	392
MAR 25	DIANESE COOK (PAYROLL)	719.50	393
MAR 25	MELISSA CHIPPETT (REMUNERATION)	200.00	394
MAR 25	LEONA NEWMAN (REMUNERATION)	200.00	395
MAR 25	BRENDA LEE HANNAM (REMUNERATION)	200.00	396
MAR 25	CAROLYN COOKE (REMUNERATION)	200.00	397
MAR 25	CLAYTON BLUNDELL (REMUNERATION)	200.00	398
MAR 25	DEXTER LOVEMAN (REMUNERATION)	200.00	399
MAR 25	NL POWER (STREET LIGHTS)	1080.15	400
MAR 25	ANDREW E. MACDONALD (FIRE DEPT INSURANCE)	524.00	401
MAR 26	MUNICIPAL SYMPOSIUM, GANDER, MAY 7-9 (Melissa & Brenda-Lee)	700.00	402
MAR 26	FLOWERS FOR HAROLD HEMEON'S FUNERAL	115.00	403
MAR 27	BELL ALIANT	376.61	404
MAR 28	RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA (EI Back-pay for Violet Austin)	65.47	405
MAR 30	ADVENTURE CENTRAL NEWFOUNDLAND (Membership Fee)	172.50	406

MAR 30	REGISTRATION FOR PMA CONVENTION 2026	569.25	407
MAR 31	CANADA POST CORPORATION (Postage Stamps)	142.60	408
APR 1	DIANESE COOK (PAYROLL)	719.50	409

Amount in accounts:

Operating RBC: 63,427.75
Heritage RBC: 15,966.48
Park RBC: 15,922.06
Gas Tax RBC: 36,685.53
Capital works RBC: 361.22