

Rural Municipality of West River Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting No 2024-11 **Time** 7:00 PM

Session Regular - Public Date Thursday, January 25, 2024

Chair Helen Smith-MacPhail - Mayor Location Afton Community Centre

Adoption status Approved Contact Person Laala Jahanshahloo - CAO

Attendance Mayor Helen Smith-MacPhail, Deputy Mayor Shaun MacArthur, Councillor Aaron

MacEachern, Councillor Ryan Roggeveen, Councillor John Yeo, Councillor Lillian MacCannell, Councillor Steve Pollard, Laala Jahanshahloo - CAO, Susan Morse -

Administrative Assistant

Regret Nil

Guest Nil

Call to Order

Mayor Helen Smith-MacPhail called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Adoption & Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Shaun MacArthur, seconded by Councillor John Yeo, and unanimously carried.

• Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil

Delegations & Public Input

Nil

Adoption of Previous Meeting's Minutes

The November 22, 2023, Council Meeting minutes were approved as circulated. It was moved by Councillor John Yeo, seconded by Councillor Aaron MacEachern and unanimously carried.

The January 4, 2024, Committee of Council Meeting minutes were approved as circulated. It was moved by Councillor Steve Pollard, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shaun MacArthur and unanimously

carried.

Discussion Items

WRC.2024.11.1 - Bylaw # 2024-01 - Code of Conduct Bylaw - First Reading

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-01

Moved by Councillor Aaron MacEachern and Seconded by Deputy Mayor Shaun MacArthur

WHEREAS

The Municipal Government Act requires municipal governments to have code of conduct

bylaws, and the Municipality adopted its first Code of Conduct Bylaw#2021-02 on January 14,

2021, and

WHEREAS

Code of conduct regulations was adopted on April 1, 2023, and gave municipal councils the

framework to establish the expectations, rules, and procedures they need to create and

maintain a safe and respectful council environment,

BE IT RESOLVED

The Rural Municipality of West River Bylaw number # 2024-01, the Code of Conduct Bylaw, be

read and approved a first time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

The Council of Rural Municipality of West River authorizes the CAO to send the first reading of

the Bylaw # 2024-01 - Code of Conduct Bylaw to be reviewed by Stewart McKelvey for legal

review.

WRC.2024.11.1 - Revision - Interim Community Services Committee Terms of Reference

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-02

Moved by Councillor Lillian MacCannell and Seconded by Deputy Mayor Shaun MacArthur

WHEREAS

According to Municipal Government Act subsection 86.2 (e) (iii), the duties of the Council

include establishing committees of council terms of reference, and

WHEREAS

Pursuant to Motion#2023-45, #2023-70, the Event Committee members and Interim

Community Services Committee have the same members, and

WHEREAS

Pursuant to Motion#2023-77, the Council established the Interim Community Services

Committee Terms of Reference, and

WHEREAS

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole as discussed at a

meeting held on January 4, 2024,

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River adds the events committees'

responsibilities to the previously established terms of reference for the Interim Community

Services Committee.

FIN.2024.11.1 - 2024-25 Financial Plan - Public Meeting

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)



Description: Motion 2024-03

Moved by Councillor Steve Pollard and Seconded by Councillor Ryan Roggeveen

WHEREAS

Under Section 151 (1) of the Municipal Government Act, not less than two weeks before

adopting its financial plan, the Council shall give public notice and hold a public meeting with

respect to the financial plan, and

WHEREAS

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole as discussed at a

meeting held on January 4, 2024,

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for Rural Municipality of West River will hold a public meeting on February 6, 2024

(Afton Community Center 6:00 PM) to present the 2024-25 Financial Plan.

FIN.2024.11.2 - Mutter Park Salvage Harvest - Hiring Contractor

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-04

Moved by Deputy Mayor Shaun MacArthur and Seconded by Councillor Steve Pollard

WHEREAS

Pursuant to Resolution # 2023-79, two companies responded to the Request for Quote to hire a

"Contractor" Fiona Salvage Harvest 2023 RJ Mutter Park PID 227306 project, and

WHEREAS

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole as discussed at a

meeting held on January 4, 2024,



The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River selected the Request for Quote from M.J. R

Logging Inc. at the cost of \$28,750.00 plus HST and authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer

to execute the contract with a 20% upfront payment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River appoints WRF Forest Management Service

as the project manager for Fiona Salvage Harvest 2023 RJ Mutter Park PID 227306 project at a

fee of \$3,000.00 plus HST, and any payment to the "Contractor" must be certified by the project

manager to ensure compliance with the Scope of Work in the RFQ#2023-01 before submitting

to the municipality.

FIN.2024.11.3 - Reception Centre Resiliency Funding Agreement

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-05

Moved by Councillor Lillian MacCannell and Seconded by Councillor Ryan Roggeveen

WHEREAS

The municipality applied for the PEI Reception Centre Resiliency Fund on December 6, 2023,

and received approval for \$53,536 in reception centre upgrades on December 2023, and

WHEREAS

According to the Municipal Government Act Subsection (156) (5), a council may, by resolution,

authorize the chief administrative officer alone to sign contracts and agreements, and

WHEREAS

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole as discussed at a

meeting held on January 4, 2024,



The Council acknowledges that signing this agreement to participate reflects the municipality's

understanding of shared objectives and terms established by the Community Revitalization

Program Funding Agreement between the Government Province of PEI and the Rural

Municipality of West River and authorizes the CAO to sign the necessary documents and

contracts on behalf of the Municipality.

FIN.2024.11.4 - Reception Centre Resiliency Funding Expenditures

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-06

Moved by Councillor John Yeo and Seconded by Councillor Aaron MacEachern

WHEREAS

According to subsection (1) (a) of Agreement#2345-20-R87 for reception centre upgrades, the

project shall commence by March 31, 2024.

WHEREAS

Purchase Policy # 2022-03 was followed for each item mentioned in Schedule A of

Agreement#2345-20-R87, and

WHEREAS

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole as discussed at a

meeting held on January 4, 2024,

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council approves the following vendors and authorizes the CAO to execute this resolution:

Bonshaw CC kitchen upgrades - A1 Vacuum at the cost of \$3,987.68 + HST.

Afton CC kitchen upgrades - A1 Vacuum at the cost of \$3,429.81 + HST.

Accessible Showers (Complete Installation) - Cecil Thomas at the cost of \$28,900 + HST.



The rest of the demolition and construction for the bar at Afton CC's Dart Room will be

conducted according to the time and materials contract.

FIN.2024.11.5 - Appointing Auditor for the 2023-27 Fiscal Year

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-07

Moved by Councillor Lillian MacCannell and Seconded by Councillor John Yeo

WHEREAS

According to the Municipal Government Act Subsection (172) (1), a council shall appoint as

auditor to conduct an annual audit of the finances of the municipality, and

WHEREAS

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole as discussed at a

meeting held on January 4, 2024,

BE IT RESOLVED

It was recommended that the Council appoint MRSB as the Municipality's auditor for three

years.

FIN.2024.11.6 - Black Fly Program - Treatment Area 2024

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-08

Moved by Councillor Steve Pollard and Seconded by Councillor Aaron MacEachern

WHEREAS

Atlantic Bug Busters informed the CAO that surveying potential treatment areas is the same

amount of work as treating areas for black flies, minus using the product, and



WHEREAS

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole as discussed at a

meeting held on January 4, 2024,

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council provides the Black Fly Program only for the former Community of New Haven

Riverdale for 2024 according to be approved property tax rate.

FIN.2024.11.7 - Mutter Park Boundary Encroachment - Land Value

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-09

Moved by Councillor Steve Pollard and Seconded by Deputy Mayor Shaun MacArthur

WHEREAS

Setting the land value for the section of Mutter Park was considered the first step to resolve the

Mutter Park Boundary Encroachment matter with the adjacent property owners, and

WHEREAS

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole as discussed at a

meeting held on January 4, 2024,

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River sets the price for the 1.37 acres of PID

227306 (Mutter Park) as shown in Appendix A (attached hereto, forming a part of these

minutes) at \$4000.

FIN.2024.11.8 - Schedule Fees - Municipal Owned Facilities

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-10

Moved by Deputy Mayor Shaun MacArthur and Seconded by Councillor Steve Pollard

WHEREAS

According to Fees Bylaw#2021-11 subsection (6.1), the Rural Municipality of West River

establishes fees to be charged for recreation, and

WHEREAS

Pursuant to Fees Bylaw#2021-11 subsection (6.2), The Rural Municipality of West River may

charge fees that are higher for persons or businesses that do not reside or maintain a place of

business in the municipality, and

WHEREAS

Pursuant to Fees Bylaw#2021-11 subsection (6.3), Council may revise fees at any time by

resolution, and

WHEREAS

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Interim Community Services Committee as

discussed at a meeting held on January 23, 2024,

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River establishes the following fees for Municipal

Owned Facilities:

Pricing Tiers: Residents of the Rural Municipality of West River get the listed pricing,

and non-residents will pay double the amount payable by the residents.

HST: A 15% Harmonized Sale Tax will be added to all the fees.

Inman Park:

No user fee for the public

First come, first serve



- Any entity, other than individuals, who want to use Inman Park should provide
 a certificate of insurance coverage of a minimum of 2 million dollars and have
 the Rural Municipality of West River as an additional insured.
- Afton Community Centre:
 - Main Hall: \$200 deposit
 - \$25 per hour weekday; Minimum of 2 hours; Maximum of \$125 per weekday
 - \$30 per hour weekend; Minimum of 2 hours; Maximum of \$150 per weekend
 - Funeral \$50
 - o Kitchen: \$100 deposit
 - \$35 per rental
 - o Bar: Minimum of two bartenders, at \$50 each per rental
 - Downstairs (Dart Room):
 - \$150 deposit
 - \$15 per hour weekday; Minimum of 2 hours; Maximum of \$75 per weekday
 - \$20 per hour weekend; Minimum of 2 hours; Maximum of \$100 per weekend
 - Dart Teams: \$2 per player plus bartenders wages per rental
- Bonshaw Community Centre:
 - o Upstairs: \$200 deposit
 - \$25 per hour (Both Rooms); Minimum of 2 hours; Maximum of \$120
 - \$20 per hour (Big Room); Minimum of 2 hours; Maximum of \$100
 - 15 per hour (Small Room), Minimum of 2 hours; Maximum of \$75



- o Downstairs: \$100 deposit
 - \$10 per hour; Minimum of 2 hours; Maximum of \$50
- o Funeral \$50
- o Kitchen: \$100 deposit
 - \$30 per rental
- o Bar:
 - Minimum of two bartenders, at \$50 each per rental
- Office Space:
 - Minimum \$300 per month plus \$300 security deposit and Renters
 Insurance
- o Tennis Table:
 - \$10 per rental for 2 hours; Maximum of \$50
- Mutter Park Sport Fields:
 - o Ball Diamond:
 - \$20 per hour
 - \$300 per season for two "time slots" per week
 - o Soccer Field:
 - \$20 per hour
- FIN.2024.11.9 CAO Authorizing In-Kind Grant Limit

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-11

Moved by Deputy Mayor Shaun MacArthur and Seconded by Councillor Ryan Roggeveen



WHEREAS

The Rural Municipality of West River's mission is to be a transparent and accountable

government, to serve its residents and to protect what is valuable for the community, and

WHEREAS

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Interim Community Services Committee as

discussed at a meeting held on January 23, 2024,

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer

to approve grant applications from groups/organizations based in the Rural Municipality of

West River for in-kind requests on behalf of the Municipality up to a value of \$150 plus HST.

FIN.2024.11.10 - Fiona Recovery 2023 - Withdraw from Reserve Fund

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-12

Moved by Councillor Steve Pollard and Seconded by Councillor John Yeo

WHEREAS

The PEI Disaster Financial Assistance Program does not pay recovery fees until the Municipality

completely pays any cost related to the cleanup/recovery project caused by Fiona from its own

budget has no provision for such sudden and big capital expenditure, and

WHEREAS

The CAO submitted the second claim for \$58,629.95 on December 4, 2023, through the PEI

Disaster Financial Assistance Program and not received any reimbursement, and

WHEREAS

Pursuant to Reserve Funds Bylaw#2021-15 Section (6) Clause (6.3), all withdrawals from the

Reserve Fund must be approved by a resolution of the Council, and



The Rural Municipality of West River authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to withdraw

\$25,000 from the "Community Priority and Contingency Reserve Fund," transfer it to the

Municipality's General Bank Account and replace it as soon as the PEI Disaster Financial

Assistance Program payment has been received.

PLB.2024.11.1 - Initiating Official Plan and Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-13

Moved by Councillor Aaron MacEachern and Seconded by Deputy Mayor Shaun MacArthur

WHEREAS

The Rural Municipality of West River's Official Plan and Land Use Bylaw guides the planning

decisions of the Municipal Council, and these documents are living documents that require

amendments from time to time, and

WHEREAS

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Planning Board as discussed at a meeting held

on January 09, 2024,

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River authorizes the CAO to initiate the process of

amendments to the Official Plan and Land Use Bylaw.

PLB.2024.11.3 - Rezoning Request PID 202671

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-14



Moved by Councillor Lillian MacCannell and Seconded by Councillor John Yeo

WHEREAS

The Rural Municipality of West River received an application to rezone PID 202671, and

WHEREAS

The Rural Municipality of West River's Official Plan and Land Use Bylaw guides the planning

decisions of the Municipal Council, and

WHEREAS

This resolution also bears the recommendation of the Planning Board, as discussed at a meeting

held on January 09, 2024,

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River has deferred the rezoning of PID 202671

until the legal opinion is received from the Municipality's lawyer.

PLB.2024.11.3 - Rezoning Request PID 491324

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-15

Moved by Deputy Mayor Shaun MacArthur and Seconded by Councillor Lillian MacCannell

WHEREAS

The Rural Municipality of West River received an application to rezone PID 491324, and

WHEREAS

The Rural Municipality of West River's Official Plan and Land Use Bylaw guides the planning

decisions of the Municipal Council, and



WHEREAS

This resolution also bears the recommendation of the Planning Board, as discussed at a meeting

held on January 09, 2024,

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River rejects the rezoning request of PID 491324

PLB.2024.11.4 - Rezoning Request PID 818500 - Public Meeting

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-16

Moved by Councillor Ryan Roggeveen and Seconded by Councillor Steve Pollard

WHEREAS

The Rural Municipality of West River's Official Plan and Land Use Bylaw guides the planning

decisions of the Municipal Council, and

WHEREAS

A Public Meeting is required under Subsection 12.4 of the Rural Municipality of West River's

Land Use Bylaw for rezoning, and

WHEREAS

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Planning Board, as discussed at a meeting

held on January 09, 2024,

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River authorizes the CAO to conduct a public

meeting for the application on the rezoning of PID 818500.

PLB.2024.11.5 - Variance/Subdivision Request PID 219329

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-17

Moved by Councillor Steve Pollard and Seconded by Councillor John Yeo

WHEREAS

The Rural Municipality of West River received a variance application for subdivision of PID

219329, and

WHEREAS

The Rural Municipality of West River's Official Plan and Land Use Bylaw guides the planning

decisions of the Municipal Council, and

WHEREAS

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Planning Board, as discussed at a meeting

held on January 09, 2024,

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River approves the variation for subdivision of

PID 219329.

PTY.2024.11.1 - Operation Schedule Municipal-Owned Parks

Decision Type: Action

Status: Motion Carried (6-0)

Description: Motion 2024-18

Moved by Deputy Mayor Shaun MacArthur and Seconded by Councillor Aaron MacEachern

WHEREAS

The Rural Municipality of West River owns Inman Park (PID 512244), Rice Point Wharf Park (PID

203109) and Mutter Park (PID 227306),



The Council for the Rural Municipality of West River adapted Schedule A (attached hereto,

forming a part of this minutes) to regulate the hours of operation for the municipality-owned

parks.

OTR.2024.11.1- Letter from a Bonshaw Resident - Runoff Water

Decision Type: Information

Status: Referred

Background:

The Council received a letter (Appendix 11.1, attached hereto, forming a part of this minutes)

from a Bonshaw resident concerning significant water runoff coming onto their property

between Bonshaw Hall and the Bonshaw Community Centre.

Description:

Municipal staff contacted the DOT as there is concern the water runoff is also affecting the

highway next to the property in question. Mayor Helen Smith-MacPhail and Deputy Mayor

Shaun MacArthur will visit the residents to hear their concerns.

Meeting Time Extension

At 8:30 PM, Councillor John Yeo motioned to extend the meeting, Seconded by Councillor Lillian

MacCannell, and unanimously carried.

HR.2024.11.1 - CAO - Annual Contract Review

The CAO left the meeting at 8:30 PM. Councillor John Yeo made a motion seconded by

Councillor Lillian MacCannell to close a part of the Council meeting according to the Municipal

Government Act Section (119) Clause (d). The motion carried unanimously. Deputy Mayor

Shaun MacArthur made a motion, seconded by Councillor Aaron MacEachern, and the motion

was carried unanimously to open the meeting; CAO rejoined the meeting at 8:50 PM at the

Mayor's request.



Informational Items

■ WRC.2024.11.2 - Council Code of Conduct Training – Deadline Reminder

Decision Type: Information

Status: Received

Description:

The CAO reminded the Council to complete the training by March 31, 2024.

■ FIN.2024.11.11 - Community Centres Snow Removal/ Salting for 2023-24

Decision Type: Information

Status: Received

Background:

FIN.24.9.9

Description:

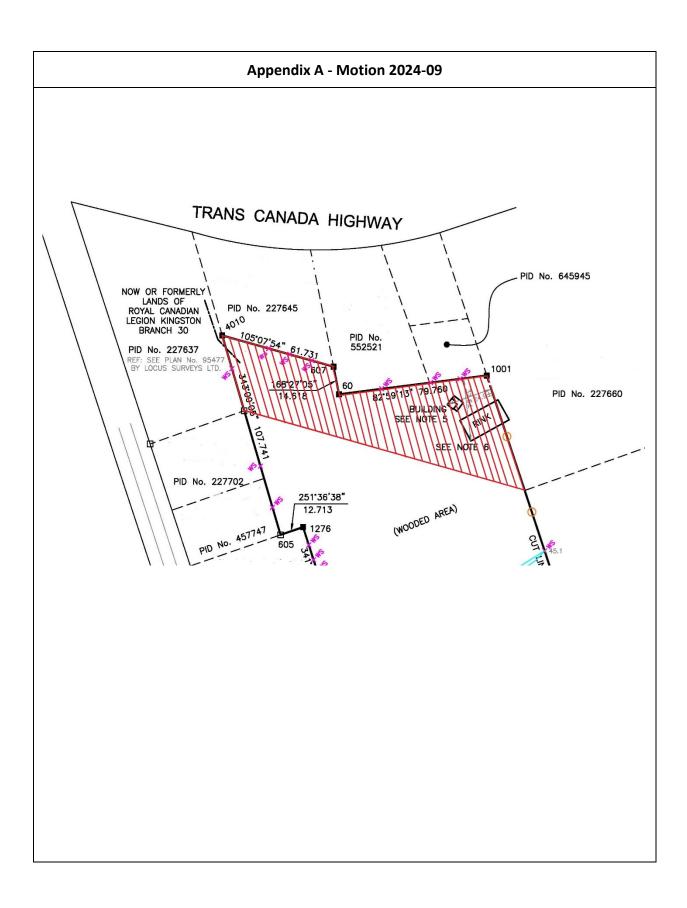
The CAO has accepted the following quotes according to Purchase Policy # 2022-03 subsection (7.1):

- Salting Afton Community Center (both parking) at the cost of \$2,000+HST
- Salting Bonshaw Community Center (both parking) at the cost of \$1,200+HST
- Snow removal at Bonshaw Community Center at the cost of \$200 plus HST per trip



Adjournment						
 Councillor Lillian MacCannell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. 						
•	■ The next meeting will be on February 22, 2024.					
Heler	n Smith-MacPhail	Laala Jahanshahloo				
Mayo	or	Chief Administrative Officer				





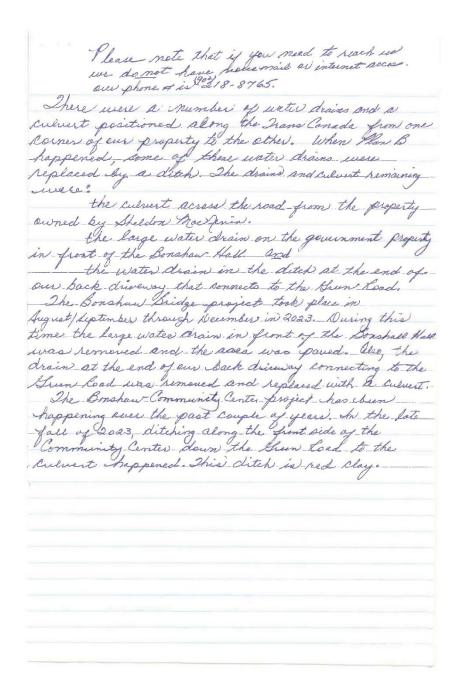


Schedule A - Motion 2024-18

Owned Property		Dates of Operation	Hours of Operation	Liability
Inman Park	Gates	May 1 - June 30	8:00 AM to 8:00 PM	The Rural Municipality of West River is not liable for any damage to person or property.
		July 1 - September 30	Open 24 hours	
		October 1 - October 31	8:00 AM to 8:00 PM	-
	Buildings	June 1- September 30	8:00 AM to 8:00 PM	-
Rice Point	Gates	May 1 - October 31	Open 24 hours	The Rural Municipality of West River is not liable for any damage to person or property.
Mutter Park	Fields	After completing the required payment and paperwork, the gates will be opened only for the ball field and Soccer field users who coordinate with the field/ park manager/staff.		The Rural Municipality of West River is not liable for any damage to person or property.
	Trail and Playground	There is no gated access either for trail or Legacy Park		The Rural Municipality of West River is not liable for any damage to person or property



Appendix 11.1





Appendix 11.1 (Continued)

"Is are having issued on our property with water" flewing and it is bringing siet and clay with it. There is water, selt and clay flowing down from the property owner on the top of the hill down into the farmers field above is It then follows the fine line on the back side of the Community Center and over the dyke to our property. le second flew of water, seet and clay is coming from the Community Center line which flow along our backlane to the Culnest. a third flow of water, seet and day is coming from the front lawn of the Community Center that flows into all of this flow of water, set and clay is to go through the Culsuit (corner of our back driveway and them head) and them drains out into the river. This water flow is so fast at times that it creating new paths for itself. one such path is our back lone and it is flowing across the lane sind onto the prevenent in front of the Los We have been lostocted with regard to the water. mud and selt going to and loying on the povement in Front of the Donshaw Hall. The culvert and the deten in front of the culvert is felling up with selt and clay. The entrance at the Culvert is becoming full and and concern is that it is going to energlow. It has acceptant in the past. The government had a markine clean it out last year but it is starting to fill up again. The silt and clay is using our property as a nessel to reach the pavement in front of the Bonstow Hall.

