

MUNICIPALITY OF
**EASTERN
CHARLOTTE**

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 21, 2023
7:00 p.m.
Magaguadavic Place Community Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Craig
Deputy Mayor David R. Hatt
Councillor Alexa Detorakis
Councillor Adam Hatt
Councillor Terry Lee
Councillor Wayne MacQuarrie
Councillor Lisa McKay
Councillor Darrell Tidd
Councillor Michael Thompson

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Gaudet, CAO / Clerk
Christ MacKinnon, Assistant Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT: Vicki Hogarth, Florence Mitchell (CHCO-TV)
Vern Faulkner, Building Inspector (SNBSC)
Gallery: 18

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Council for Eastern Charlotte held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at Magaguadavic Place, was called to order by Mayor Craig at 7:00 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: That Council adopt the Agenda for the meeting of June 21, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council, as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Lee

Seconded by: Councillor Tidd

Motion carried unanimously.


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3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

None

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING(S)

a. May 17, 2023 – Regular Meeting of Council

Motion: To approve the Minutes for the meeting of May 17, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated to members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor Tidd

Seconded by: Councillor Lee

Motion carried unanimously.

b. June 6, 2023 – Special Meeting of Council (Public Hearing)

Motion: To approve the Minutes for the meeting of June 6, 2023, Special Meeting of Council, as circulated to members of Council.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Motion carried unanimously.

c. June 13, 2023 – Closed Meeting of Council

Motion: To approve the Minutes for the meeting of June 13, 2023, Closed Meeting of Council, as circulated to members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor MacQuarrie

Seconded by: Councillor Lee

Motion carried unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

None

6. DELEGATIONS

a. Cst. Charles Gagne, RCMP

Cst. Gagne was unable to attend the meeting.

b. Ann Dewar - Fundy High Alumni events

Ms. Dewar Spoke regarding the Mariner's Music Festival, an event for the Fundy High School Alumni Association. She is looking for permission to have a bar on the premises of Fundy High School on two days.; she already has permission from the School District. Would be a music event and many other events. Also, can they close their event at 11pm instead of 10pm.

- August 12 at Fundy High School, August 11 at Magaguadavic Place. Looking for someone to sponsor a BBQ to go with events and live music at Magaguadavic Place.
- Mayor Craig suggested to send Council a letter with all the dates and times and all she is asking for.
- CAO clarified as she is asking for an exception of the institutional zoning and an extension of the quiet time.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**a. General Government Report**

CAO presented the General Government Report for the month of May, 2023 (attached).

b. Building and Planning Report

Vern Faulkner, Building Inspector, Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission (SNBSC), expressed regrets for Alex Henderson.

Mr. Faulkner highlighted the Building and Planning Report as prepared by Alex Henderson, Planning Director, SNBSC, for the month of May, 2023 (attached).

c. Fire Department Report

The Fire Report was prepared by Cara Hatt, Fire Services Administrator, for the month of April, 2023 (attached).

- Councillor Thompson made the following comments:
 - Advised the number of dispatched calls per.
 - Advised a hire date for the Fire Chief; he will be starting July 4.
- Mayor Craig commented that all the Fire Departments have done a good job this past month. All were involved with the fire in the Bocabec area. Thank you to each of the firefighters we have.



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d. Public Works Report

Councillor MacQuarrie highlighted the Public Works reports as prepared by Richard Leavitt, Blacks Harbour Foreman, and Ron Groom, St. George Foreman, for the month of May, 2023 (attached).

e. Committee Reports

- Councillor Hatt offered a report regarding Parks & Recreation:
 - The ball field is slowly getting shaped up. In Blacks Harbour all is done for this year that will be done except for weekly maintenance.
 - There will be a grand opening on Friday, June 30, for Canal Beach.
 - Next Thursday night, June 29, there is a Recreation Expo.
- Councillor Lee offered a report regarding Finance:

	MAY	YEAR TO DATE
General Government & Administration	\$ 40,924.22	\$ 230,383.93
Public Works (St. George & Blacks Harbour)	\$ 158,284.73	\$ 830,606.09
Combined Fire Departments	\$ 39,856.61	\$ 231,224.72
Regional Service Commission (Shared)	\$ 23,798.67	\$ 80,272.23
Minister Shared (Paid Quarterly)	-	\$ 131,265.83
RCMP Policing	-	\$ 181,121.00
Recreation	\$ 16,262.67	\$ 79,395.67
Arena	\$ 24,975.67	\$ 60,198.61
Insurance (Paid Annually)	-	\$ 216,034.00
Miscellaneous Costs	\$ 2,531.44	\$ 35,782.34
TOTAL	\$ 306,634.01	\$ 2,076,284.42

- Deputy Mayor Hatt offered a report regarding Public Safety:
 - Next Monday [June 26] there is a meeting with Lisa Williams regarding setup of a Neighborhood watch. All interested should come out.

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Motion: To accept the Financial Statement.

Moved by: Councillor Hatt

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Hatt



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- Councillor Detorakis spoke regarding the lines from the report missing from those received in previous years. CAO advised those will be in the report from the updated system.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Town of St. George By-Law # 24-C-2301, Municipal Plan Amendment, 110 Mount Pleasant Road (PID 15188352)**

Motion: That Council accept the First Reading, by title only, of Town of St. George By-Law # 24-C-2301, Municipal Plan Amendment, 110 Mount Pleasant Road (PID 15188352).

Moved by: Councillor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor Tidd

- Discussion regarding the decision to deny the proposal by the previous Council for the Town of St. George, and if changes were made.

Vote on the Motion:	Councillor Detorakis	Councillor A. Hatt	Deputy Mayor D. Hatt	Councillor Lee	Councillor MacQuarrie	Councillor McKay	Councillor Thompson	Councillor Tidd	Mayor Craig (tie-breaker)
Aye (in favour)		X							n/a
Nay (opposed)	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	

Motion defeated.

- b. **Bylaw # EC-05, Dangerous and Unsightly Premises**

- **Third and Final Reading, Bylaw # EC-05, Dangerous and Unsightly Premises**

Motion: That Council accept the Third and Final Reading, in its entirety, of Bylaw # EC-05, Dangerous and Unsightly Premises.

Moved by: Councillor Tidd

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson



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- Discussion regarding examples provided by Councillor Detorakis whether they would be considered in violation.
- Discussion regarding funds paid to the Province for services and how the Municipality would request reimbursement should the bylaw be approved.
- Discussion about enforcement.
- Discussion regarding the Dangerous and Unsightly in the previous municipalities.
- Discussion regarding appointment of a bylaw officer.

Motion carried unanimously.

- **Third and Final Reading, Bylaw # EC-05, Dangerous and Unsightly Premises**

Motion:

WHEREAS Council has adopted By-Law # EC-05, A By-Law Respecting Dangerous or Unsightly Premises for Eastern Charlotte;

AND WHEREAS Council may appoint by-law enforcement officers for the local government and may determine their terms of office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Keith Vernon Faulkner is hereby appointed as a by-law enforcement officer under section 72 of the Local Governance Act (Act);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above-noted appointment includes the powers and duties prescribed by by-law, the Act and its regulations and specifically in relation to By-Law # EC-05, A By-Law Respecting Dangerous or Unsightly Premises for Eastern Charlotte;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the by-law enforcement officer's appointment is carried out in accordance with the files forwarded by the CAO and the policies of Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above-noted appointment shall continue as long as the person is employed/retained by the local government, or limited/servicing body, or rescinded by Council.

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Lee

- Discussion regarding the scope of the appointment to this one bylaw.
- Councillor Detorakis commented that a building inspector should not be the bylaw enforcement officer. Councillor Hatt concurred.



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Vote on the Motion:	Councillor Detorakis	Councillor A. Hatt	Deputy Mayor D. Hatt	Councillor Lee	Councillor MacQuarrie	Councillor McKay	Councillor Thompson	Councillor Tidd	Mayor Craig (tie-breaker)
Aye (in favour)			X	X	X		X	X	n/a
Nay (opposed)	X	X				X			

Motion carried.

c. Bylaw # EC-05, Dangerous and Unsightly Premises

Motion: That Council request the views of the office of the Minister of Public Safety regarding proposed Bylaw # EC-06, All-Terrain Vehicles on Main Street.

Moved by: Councillor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor Tidd

Motion carried unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Eastern Charlotte Fire Rescue Fire Chief

- **New Full-Time Position: Fire Chief**

Motion: That Council approve the creation of a new full-time position for Fire Chief to provide oversight and leadership for all fire stations and firefighters in Eastern Charlotte.

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Tidd

Motion carried unanimously.

- **Acknowledgement of Fire Chief Appointment**

Motion: That Council approve the appointment, as recommended by the ... of Justin Johnston to fill the full-time position of Fire Chief for Eastern Charlotte.

Moved by: Councillor Tidd

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Hatt

Motion carried unanimously.



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b. Municipal Capital Borrowing Board

Motion: That the Municipality of Eastern Charlotte submits to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board an application for authorization to borrow money (or to guarantee the repayment of money borrowed or to enter into a lease, lease-purchase or purchase arrangement) in an amount not to exceed \$502,000 for the following:

Purpose	Term	Amount
General Fund:		
Transportation Services:		
Paving, Hillside Subdivision	10 years	\$165,000
Fire Services: Air Packs	10 years	\$178,000
Recreation: Truck	5 years	\$58,000
Utility Fund:		
W&S Services: Repair, Riverview Ave Water Line	10 years	\$101,000

Moved by: Councillor Lee

Seconded by: Councillor MacQuarrie

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Community Meals

Motion: That Council allow the Eastern Charlotte Community Kitchen to use the Magaguadavic Place Community Center, subject to a signed License of Occupation.

Moved by: Councillor Lee

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Hatt

Motion carried unanimously.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Canadian Aviation Historical Society: RCAF 100 New Brunswick Banner Project

Mayor Craig read the letter received from the Turnbull Chapter.



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b. Around the Loop Group: Porta-Potties

Motion: That Council arrange and pay for the use of one (1) Porta-Potty to be placed in the area by the park, beginning as soon as possible, and remaining through September 4, 2023 (Labour Day).

Moved by: Councillor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Around the Loop Group: Funding Request

Motion: That Council make a donation to the Around the Loop Group in the amount of \$1,250.00.

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Detorakis

Motion carried unanimously.

12. PUBLIC PRESENTATION/APPEARANCES

- a. Faith Avery (Carleton Street, St. George): Spoke regarding Community Meals, thanking Council for approving the use of the Center and advised they will start in Fall or late Summer.
- b. Sam Rubin (Mt. Pleasant Road, St. George): Commented on Bylaw EC-05, its need, its enforcement, and the process for the cost of cleanup. Regarding proposed Bylaw EC-06, Mr. Rubin comment regarding the ATV route, the additional HUP requirements, and that residents affected should be notified by a flyer in the mailbox. Regarding water breaks, a six month wait is not acceptable and needs to be fixed. Commented regarding the Service Commission enforcement of Dangerous and Unsightly bylaw. Commented the "Around the Loop Group" did what they should to request funds from Council
- c. Wayne Avery (Main Street, St. George): Commented on proposed Bylaw EC-06. Mr. Avery bought his house to be able to sit on his front desk and enjoy himself and cannot do that with ATVs. Agrees with Mr. Rubin about sending out information.

13. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

- a. Mayor Craig read a prepared statement (attached).



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- b. Councillor McKay reviewed the Around the Loop Group fundraiser at her farm, Matheson Farm. There will be one for the Fundy Alumni in August.
- c. Councillor Lee declined to comment.
- d. Councillor Tidd commented on the policing service in Eastern Charlotte.

Motion: That the community of Eastern Charlotte explore other options with all stakeholders, including neighboring municipalities and the Department of Public Safety, when it comes to alternate policing services for our community.

Moved by: Councillor Tidd

Seconded by: Councillor Hatt

Motion carried unanimously.

- e. Councillor MacQuarrie declined to comment.
- f. Councillor Detorakis thanked members of the public for the comments. Apologized to Mr. Wayne Avery regarding the public hearing and stated the need to work on communication, including putting a mail out for affected residents.
- g. Councillor Hatt: thanked those who came. Thanks to all Eastern Charlotte staff, Jason, and Public Works. It takes a lot of hard work to make it all click together. Commented on the score clock and its savings, as well as the LED lights and reduction in cost. Commented that Council is human and will all make mistakes. The only way to learn is to have it brought to their attention that a mistake was made.

The men from Lake Utopia Paper who helped with the scoreclock were: Dale Chafey, Mill Manger; Craig Dewar, maintenance planner; Dawson Borthwick and Councillor Hatt, electricians; and, Tyson Dewar and Devon Shannon, mechanical. The estimated cost of the work was \$11,000.

- h. Councillor Thompson declined to comment.
- i. Deputy Mayor Hatt congratulated the new Chief, Justin Johnston. Regarding Councillor Tidd's motion, Deputy Mayor Hatt is on the RDC Public Safety Committee, and has been asking since January to have a meeting about policing with no results. Maybe this will be the push that helps.

14. DATE & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm, at Magaguadavic Place Community Center

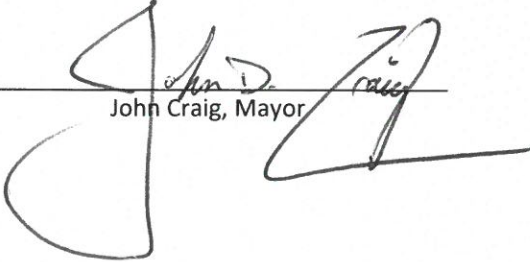


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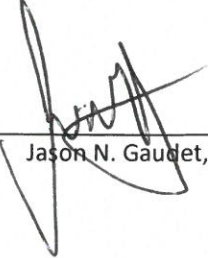
15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Moved by: Councillor Hatt



John Craig, Mayor



Jason N. Gaudet, Clerk/CAO