

MUNICIPALITY OF
**EASTERN
CHARLOTTE**

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 20, 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
Chris MacKinnon, Assistant Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT: Vicki Hogarth, Florence Mitchell (CHCO-TV)
Alex Henderson (SNBSC)
Gallery: 14

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Council for Eastern Charlotte held on Wednesday, September 20, 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 August 16, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council, with the following changes: add item to New Business, 10.e. Dehumidifier for Patrick Connors Recreational Complex, and move item 7.b. Building & Planning Report to item 11.

Moved by: Councillor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor Lee

Motion carried unanimously.

JG.
CLERK
JDC
MAYOR

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

None

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

a. August 16, 2023 – Regular Meeting of Council

Motion: To approve the Minutes for the meeting of August 16, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated to members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor MacQuarrie

Seconded by: Councillor Hatt

Motion carried unanimously.

b. September 5, 2023 – Closed Meeting of Council

Motion: To approve the Minutes for the meeting of September 5, 2023, Closed Meeting of Council, as circulated to members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Tidd

Motion carried unanimously.

c. September 12, 2023 – Closed Meeting of Council

Motion: To approve the Minutes for the meeting of September 12, 2023, Closed Meeting of Council, as circulated to members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor Lee

Seconded by: Councillor MacQuarrie

Motion carried unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

None

6. DELEGATIONS

a. Ann Dewar (Mariners Alumni Assoc.) - Mariners Music Fest

Ms. Dewar offered thanks to Council for support of the Mariners Music Fest and advised of needs and ideas for 2024.

- Mayor Craig commented positively regarding the event.

- Councillor Hatt advised that the Recreation Committee will review details for 2024.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. General Government Report

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

- Additional thanks to the fire service and public works for being available during the weekend for Hurricane Lee.
- Mayor Craig expressed thanks for efforts during Hurricane Lee to Eastern Charlotte Fire Rescue, Rick Leavitt and crew, Ron Groom and crew, as well as to CAO.
- Discussion regarding the timeline and process for removal of Day Adventure Center buildings.

b. Building and Planning Report (Moved to item 11)

c. Fire Department Report

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

- Councillor Thompson summarized the Fire Department report.
- Councillor Thompson thanked the members who helped with Fog Festival and the fireworks display.

d. Public Works Report

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

- Councillor Detorakis offered thanks to the St. George Public Works department for promptly fixing a large washout on the Marsh Trail. It is one of the gems of our community.

e. Committee Reports

Councillor Hatt offered a report regarding Parks & Recreation:

- YMCA finished their summer day camp program at Magaguadavic Place. It was a great success; the kids had a lot of fun.
- The 9-week summer concert series wrapped up. Thank you to those who volunteered, participated, and attended each week. Special thank you to Gary

- and Karen Sturgeon for all their work.
- Arena: The upgrades and conditioning of the new control system was a success. Was supposed to be open for ice on September 25. Ran into some delays with the dehumidifier. Without a working dehumidifier there have been major setbacks for getting ice into the Arena.
 - Heritage Museum in Blacks Harbour is closed for the season. If you would like to visit, contact the municipal office during the off season.
 - Plaque was placed next to the White Heart at the Post Office for Hillary Virginia Ruth Hooper.
 - Thanks to all Blacks Harbour & Beaver Harbour residents and businesses regarding the long boil water order. Hopes to come up with a more robust water system.
 - Please sign up for the alert system.
 - Blacks Harbour Fog Festival, September 1-3: Thanks to all volunteers, participants, and vendors. Special thank you to all the firefighters and public works crews, and the staff of EC.
 - Sep 9: Partnered with RCMP for Touch-A-Truck event, the first for all Eastern Charlotte. Thanks to all involved.
 - Sep 18: Splash pad and Canal beach closed for the season.
 - Opening for the Arena has been delayed. Keep an eye out on Eastern Charlotte Parks & Recreation [Facebook] page for public ice time this year.
 - Planning a Christmas weekend. Keep an eye on the Facebook page and website.
 - Discussion regarding placement of other memorials at the location of Operation White Heart Memorial

Deputy Mayor Hatt offered a report regarding Public Safety

- The first Neighbourhood watch program in Ward 2 is up and running.

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Motion: THAT Council accept the Financial Statements for August 2023, as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Lee

Seconded by: Councillor Tidd

Motion carried unanimously.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bylaw# EC-07, Respecting Streets & Traffic in St. George

i. First Reading, by title only

Motion: THAT Council accept the First Reading, by title only, of Bylaw # EC-07, Respecting Streets & Traffic in St. George

Moved by: Councillor Detorakis

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Motion carried unanimously.

ii. First Reading, by title only

Motion: THAT Council accept the Second Reading, in its entirety, of Bylaw # EC-07, Respecting Streets & Traffic in St. George

Moved by: Councillor Detorakis

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

- CAO advised this bylaw is for the former Town of St. George boundaries only. Copies will be available on the website and the Municipal Office.

Motion carried unanimously.

iii. First Reading, by title only

Motion: THAT Council schedule a Public Hearing of objections to By-Law # EC-07, Respecting Streets & Traffic in St. George, on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 6:30 pm, to be held at the Magaguadavic Place Community Center.

Moved by: Councillor McKay



Seconded by: Councillor Tidd

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Traffic Studies - St. George

CAO advised this is traffic studies on Route 172 & Route 770, as well as Route 770 & Main Street. The traffic analysis is to be conducted by Dillon Consulting.

Motion: THAT Council accept the Offer of Services from Dillon Consulting for a Traffic Analysis to Examine Intersection Operations in Eastern Charlotte, for the cost of \$12,000.00, excluding taxes.


CLERK

MAYOR

Moved by: Councillor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor Lee

- Discussion regarding the Province assisting in cost for the studies.
- Councillor Detorakis commented on the need for review of the intersections.
- Councillor Hatt commented positively for bringing in an engineer to complete the study.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Blacks Harbour Water Bills

Motion: THAT Council extend the payment discount deadline for Blacks Harbour water system users from September 13, 2023, to October 13, 2023.

Moved by: Councillor Lee

Seconded by: Councillor Detorakis

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Project:Village Development Agreements

i. Lewis Connors Lane Project

Motion: THAT Council approve the development agreement for the Lewis Connors Lane Project by Project:Village.

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Hatt

- Discussion regarding postponing the item.

Motion: THAT Council table the item until the next Council meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Detorakis

Seconded by: Councillor Hatt

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

Motion defeated.

JG.
CLERK
J.C.
MAYOR

[Original Motion: THAT Council approve the development agreement for the Lewis Connors Lane Project by Project:Village]

Motion carried unanimously.

ii. Willow Court Project

Motion: THAT Council approve the development agreement for the Willow Court Project by Project:Village.

Moved by: Councillor Tidd

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Motion: THAT Council table the item until the next meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor Detorakis

Vote on the Motion:

	Detorakis	A. Hatt	D. Hatt	Lee	MacQuarrie	McKay	Thompson	Tidd	Mayor Craig (tie-breaker)
Aye (in favour)	X	X				X			n/a
Nay (opposed)			X	X	X		X	X	

Motion defeated.

[Original Motion: THAT Council approve the development agreement for the Willow Court Project by Project:Village]

- Councillor Tidd commented on the benefits of the proposal.
- Discussion regarding additional time to review the agreement.

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	X	n/a
Nay (opposed)	X	X							

Motion carried.


CLERK


MAYOR

e. Dehumidifier for Patrick Connors Recreational Complex

Councillor Hatt advised the failure of a unit at the Arena. If there is not a permanent fix or purchase a new unit there will be a major delay in putting ice in the Arena. Replacement for 41k with 8-10 weeks delivery.

Motion: THAT Council purchase a new dehumidifier for the Arena in Blacks Harbour to match the one there.

Moved by: Councillor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor Tidd

- Discussion regarding availability of unbudgeted funds, either from reserve or for a deficit.
- Discussion regarding rental for temporary fix to maintain what has already been laid.
- Councillor Hatt thanked the industrial companies in the area for doing what they can to help with a solution.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. BUILDING & PLANNING REPORT

Alex Henderson, Planning Director, Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission, presented the Planning, Building and Enforcement Report for the month of August 2023 (attached).

- Discussion regarding the closed status of cases.
- Discussion regarding the subdivision bylaw in relation to current subdivision bylaws.
- Discussion regarding how many files are opened via complaint or through the enforcement officer, and concerns about possible harassment of a resident.

12. PUBLIC PRESENTATION/APPEARANCES

- a. Faith Avery (Carleton Street, St. George): Updated Council on Community Meals at MP. At capacity every Monday night. Would like to have a sit down meeting with Council to discuss a scheduling issue.
- b. Glen Hawkins (Shore Road, Breadalbane): Was asked to read a text thread by Raylene Wright, Carrie Bosein and Dr. Durost, a discussion regarding childcare.
- c. Sam Rubin (Mt. Pleasant Road, St. George): Commented on time to review the land development agreements. Capital Reserve funds of SG and BH seem to be a contentious issue. This building [community center] is cost-shared like everything else. Seems to be a double standard.

13. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

- a. Mayor Craig read a prepared statement.
- b. Deputy Mayor Hatt declined to comment.
- c. Councillor Thompson declined to comment.
- d. Councillor Hatt advised the YMCA submitted a report. The numbers were low in June and July, but are back up in August.
- e. Councillor Detorakis commented on Land donated to Habitat for Humanity under condition a home would be built by October. Will join the CAO in meeting with Habitat to see about what can be done. Reflecting on the space at Magaguadavic Place, a space to provide services and the emergency shelter for the municipality.
- f. Councillor MacQuarrie declined to comment.
- g. Councillor Lee commented regarding reserve funds, his understanding is that all of the funds in all of the accounts belong to the municipality. Agrees with the speaker as not seeing the difference between using funds for Magaguadavic Place and using them in Blacks Harbour.
- h. Councillor Tidd offered thanks to staff, Fire department and Public Works. The last month has been a busy month. Their dedication to Eastern Charlotte should be commended along with the CAO.
- i. Councillor McKay declined to comment.

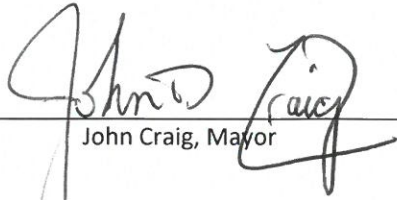
14. DATE & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 20th, 2023, at 7:00 pm, at Magaguadavic Place Community Center.


15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Moved by: Councillor MacQuarrie



John Craig, Mayor



Jason N. Gaudet, Clerk/CAO

- Finance – staff has been busy finalizing request from Financial Auditors on finalizing Audited Financial Statements for 2022 Fiscal Year for former municipalities. It is expected that the Audited Statements will be presented between the September and October regular meetings.
- Updating Gas Tax Fund plan (Blacks Harbour) while incorporating/merging with whole of Eastern Charlotte.
- Ongoing discussion with Province & Economic Development on possible Childcare initiative for area.
- Housing Development – developments in St. George and Blacks Harbour. Working through three (3) Development Agreements, Site Plans & Requirements, providing direction on funding.
- Properties – meeting weekly with By-Law Enforcement on 15+ Dangerous & Unightly properties files.
- Transportation – working with Dillion Consulting on traffic studies for intersections in St. George; request sent to DTI on intersection in Back Bay.
- The Museum in Blacks Harbour finished its season; working on a few items at the museum over the winter – collapsible wall for displays, cemetery restoration grant, seal/paint basement floor.
- Provincial Municipal Highway Program – quoting out several key roads for provincial attention.
- St. George Heath Clinic – met with Dr. Hameed on improved services for the clinic and updating usage agreements.
- Arena – preparations and upgrades continue; leading up to ice being in place by the end of September. Addition work on finishing lighting upgrades and new rudder mats.
- Fire – two surplus units have open tenders for sale; Chief and staff working on draft of two fire related by-laws: remuneration of fire fighters and by-law respecting the fire service.
- Fog Festival – staff was busy with planning for the Fog Festival in Blacks Harbour; big thank you to Connors Bros. for their donation of the fire works and hosting events.
- EMO – working with Tony Munn on new municipal wide EMO plan.
- Water System – a water repair and resulting boil order lasted from August 14 to September 11. During this time staff was during conducting flushing and testing.
- Utilities - Ongoing work with respect to the Water & Wastewater Integrated Bilateral Agreement (IBA) Projects for St. George (2) and Blacks Harbour (1); engineering updates & project reports. Now awaiting test wells for St. George and confirmation from landowners for Blacks Harbour. Also engaged with CBCL on preliminary study on utility services at Exit 56.
- Personnel – compiling rotation of staff for Arena operations over the winter.
- Residents are asked to sign up for Voyent Alert, which can be accessed from the front page of easterncharlotte.ca

Planning update

- No PRAC files for Eastern Charlotte at the September meeting - approved July PRAC meeting minutes attached;
- Notable increase in growth/construction value recorded in report period – see development update below;
- SNBSC Planning is working on a draft new subdivision by-law and fees by-law to recommend to Eastern Charlotte Council.

Development update

- Sixty-five (65) building/demolition or development permits issued to date in 2023 – construction value: \$6,565,430.00 – total increase of eleven (11) permits in reporting period;
- One (1) sign permit issued to date – no change in report period;
- One (1) plan amendment/rezoning rejected to date – no change in report period;
- One (1) temporary permit issued to date – no change in report period;
- Ten (10) variances or terms/conditions approvals issued to date – three (3) in report period;
- Nineteen (19) tentative subdivision applications approved to date – four (4) in report period;
- Twenty three (23) zoning confirmation letters issued to date;
- One (1) exemption document approved to be registered in the Land Registry office – no change;
- Total of twenty-four (24) net new dwellings permitted year to date – eleven (11) additional permitted in report period.

Enforcement update

- Twenty two (22) open enforcement files are being worked on that have been identified as violations under the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises By-law or the Community Planning Act – sixteen (16) files closed to date in 2023.

Respectfully submitted by,

Alex Henderson, Planning Director, M.C.P., MCIP, RPP (NB)

Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission

PLANNING REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE (PRAC)

MEETING #23-07 • Thursday, July 20, 2023

Online Meeting via Zoom and in person-Planning Office, St. Stephen NB

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Cornish
Mat Rouleau

Lorraine Thompson
Raymond Hall

Sam Walsh, Chair
Vance Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Alex Henderson, Planning Director
Judy Hartford, Senior Development Officer

Meagan Tinker, RSC Executive Assistant
Xander Gopen, Senior Planner, MCIP, RPP

PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson, Sam Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM, takes roll call, and welcomes all in attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by B. Cornish and seconded by V. Johnson to “approve the agenda as presented.”

Carried-Unanimously

2. APPROVAL OF MINTUES:

It was moved by R. Hall and seconded by M. Rouleau “that we approve the minutes.”

Carried-Unanimously

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

No conflicts were declared.

4. PRAC APPLICATIONS:

• Item 23-07-01

•Harold F., Jeffery W. & Patricia M. Irving; Subdivision

Judy Hartford presents an application for “approval of a private right-of-way for the development of land,” and “approval of a variance in the width of a lot.

Staff recommends that the Planning Review and Adjustment Committee of the Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission approve a private right-of-way for the development of land as shown on plan “Harold F., Jeffery W. & Patricia M. Irving; Subdivision.” It is also recommended that the Planning Review and Adjustment Committee of the Southwest New

Brunswick Service Commission approve “variance of 34 metres to create lot 23-4 with a width of 20 metres, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1) No building or structure, except for a fence, shall be constructed within the access strip of lot 23-4.

The final plan of the subdivision must be stamped with the “Private Right-of-Way” note and the water quality advisory note for fluoride, iron, manganese, and turbidity.

It was moved by V. Johnson and seconded by R. Hall to accept the recommendation by the staff.

Carried-Unanimously

5. VIEWS ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

Xander Gopen, Senior Planner, MCIP, RPP, gave a presentation on The Village of McAdam, By-Law #60, Rural Plan By-Law. The Planning Review and Adjustment Committee had no questions on the presentation.

Alex Henderson, Planning Director, gave a presentation for a proposed new subdivision by-law, #13-23, to repeal and replace the existing Town of St. Stephen Subdivision By-Law L-11 with a by-law that can apply to the entire municipal district.

Staff recommends that the Planning Review and Adjustment Committee of the Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission provide its written views to the Council of the Municipal District of St. Stephen on Subdivision by-law 13-23.

The Planning Review and Adjustment Committee are in favor, under terms and conditions that the requirement for land for public use purposes be set at eight percent (8%).

6. PRAC BUSINESS:

None

7. NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 6:30pm at the 33 Wall Street Planning Office or via zoom.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, **it was moved** by R. Hall “that the meeting is adjourned.”

Sam Walsh, Chairperson

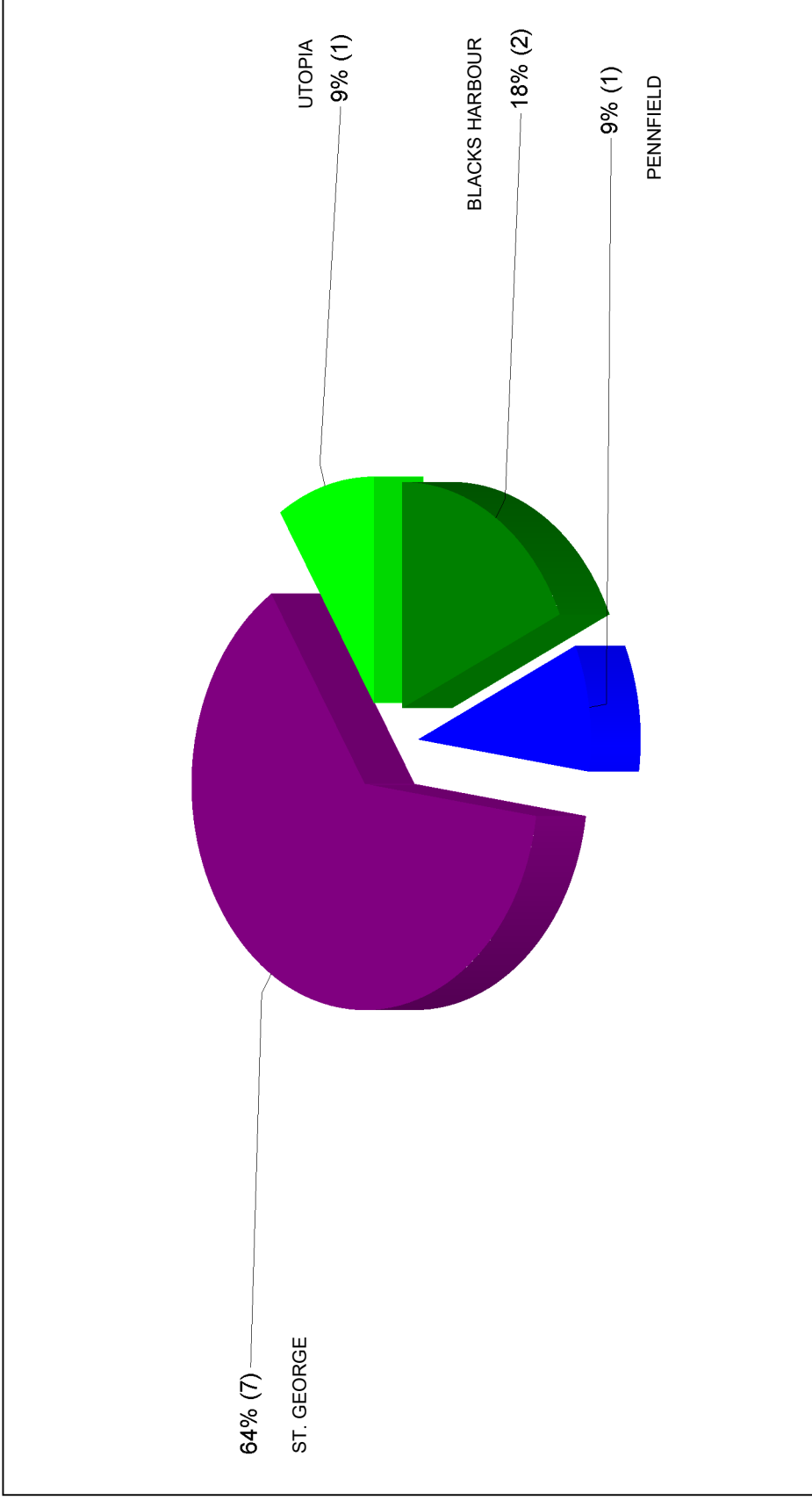
Alex Henderson, Planning Director &
Recording Secretary

Incidents by Type & Department

	SGFD	ECRFS	FBFD
Vehicle Accident [31]	2	1	
Total Rescue or Resuscitation call [30-39]	2	1	0
Public Service – mutual aid [65]	1	1	
Total Public services [60-69]	1	1	0
Alarm No Fire – smoke or steam mistaken [71]	1		
Alarm No Fire – detector activated [73]	3		
Total Alarm no fire – No malicious intent [70-79]	4	0	0
Fire Department – Training [91]		4	
Fire Department – Meeting [92]	1		
Total Incident situation unclassified [90-99]	1	4	0
TOTAL INCIDENTS	8	6	0

Incidents by Community (2023-08-01 - 2023-09-01)

Include Response Codes 91-96 (Training, Meeting, Voluntary, Administrative, Maintenance, On Call): Yes / Oui



Public Works Report, Blacks Harbour

Report Period: Aug, 2023

Prepared By: Richard Leavitt, Public Works Foreman

Public Works continues to do regular checks on our Water and Waste Water treatment system. This includes daily checks and weekly & monthly. All documents are recorded checking for D.O and Ph and temperature. Samples are taken at influent and at the effluent at the lagoon pond #1 and pond #2. Monthly waste water samples are tested by Saint John Lab, also all blowers and pumps. Run times are recorded and float switches are checked and cleaned as needed.

Water treatment and distribution system. Public Works continued to monitor and check for chlorine residual and turbidity levels at several testing sites in accordance with approval to operate with the Province of New Brunswick. Public works noticed the Turbidity levels were starting to increase from our normal operating level and proper steps were followed leading to a Boil Order that was put in place by the Department of Health. After all the needed repairs were completed, Public Works started our flushing program to clean our water main lines. This process was done and monitored for turbidity and chlorine residual along with testing at the Saint John Lab. The criteria required for removal of the Boil Order was met and the interdiction was revoked. The Public Works will continue to monitor and do sampling on a daily schedule in accordance with our approval to operate and report to Department of Health.

Public Works has been busy doing ditching @ Greenlaw Valley & Glennie Court, along with mowing and trimming Main Street, maintaining the Ball Field and Parks and Playgrounds, painting and repairs to picnic tables. Painting @ Public Washroom and the old V.I.C @ the park. Restoration on the road to the Water Tower due to heavy rain.

General Maintenance and checks to all our equipment is ongoing with repairs as needed. Backhoe new hydraulic line. Trackless new oil pressure switch.

TRANSPORTATION

Asphalt patching has continued through the month of August. We are gradually getting the worst spots filled in.

The shoulder of the road had sunk and washed away by the Scammellville Road so it had to be built up around the mail boxes.

A light pole on Main Street had to be repaired due to a car damaging it. The pole needed some welding done and a new light fixture and globe.

We met with Galbraith Construction to get another quote on replacing a section of water line on Riverview Avenue. The hope is to replace the problematic section and try to avoid any further disturbance in that spot. The area that was excavated during the winter has been temporarily patched with asphalt.

A section of bank at the end of Clinch Street gave away and will require some rock or fill to be added to take away the danger of more of the road washing away.

WATER

The month of July saw the total amount of water used at 10,903,800 gallons, with an average of 351,735 gallons per day.

We had two water service lines that had to be repaired due to deterioration of the old copper line, one on L'Etete Road and the other on Carleton Street. We are seeing these sorts of incidences with the aging infrastructure.

We had a couple of water complaints to address over the month of August. After inspection of the residences, it was advised to run an outside tap and allow the water in the lines to flush themselves out.

The monitoring well on a Riverview Avenue property that was drilled for the Well 6 project was filled in as per the agreement with the landowner. It required the ground around the well casing to be dug out to an approximate depth of 5 feet, the casing cut off and then the well filled with bentonite to seal it all up. Then the excavation was filled in and the ground restored.

SEWER

We are waiting on pump repairs/replacement for stations 4 and 5.

RECREATION

The ball field has seen plenty of use this summer and we have been keeping it dug and lined for all to enjoy.

We are still waiting for a replacement sensor for the chlorine metering for the splashpad. As a result, there is still an abnormal amount of chemical being used in an attempt to keep the Ph level in check. We hope to have the new probe shortly. The delay in a new probe coming has not interfered with the splash-pad operation.

We have been experiencing some issues with the Mobi pad at Canal, with complaints from beach users about catching their feet on the sides if not laying flat. It was discovered that some of the anchor rods had been removed and new ones are being sourced.

WATER SAMPLE LAB RESULTS

August 9, 2023

Report #: G321826-23, Analysis of water samples

Eight water samples were received on August 8, 2023 for microbiological testing. The identity of the samples and the results are tabulated below.

RESULTS

Lab ID	Sample Identification	SID	Total Coliforms (cfu/100mL)	E. coli (cfu/100mL)
G321826-1	Well #2B – Pre Cl	26437	0	0
G321826-2	Well #2B – Post Cl	26437	0	0
G321826-3	Well #3 – Pre Cl	16513	4*	0
G321826-4	Well #3 – Post Cl	16513	7*	0
G321826-5	Well #6 – Pre Cl	26448	0*	0
G321826-6	Well #6 – Post Cl	26448	0	0
G321826-7	108 Mount Pleasant	18779	0	0
G321826-8	Birch Grove	16320	0	0

*Please note: Non-coliform bacteria present.

August 23, 2023

Report #: G321996-23, Analysis of water samples

Seven water samples were received on August 22, 2023 for microbiological testing. The identity of the samples and the results are tabulated below.

RESULTS

Lab ID	Sample Identification	SID	Total Coliforms (cfu/100mL)	E. coli (cfu/100mL)
G321996-1	Well #4 – Pre Cl	16557	0	0
G321996-2	Well #4 – Post Cl	16557	0	0
G321996-3	Well #5 – Pre Cl	21067	0	0
G321996-4	Well #5 – Post Cl	21067	0	0
G321996-5	Rainbow Net	18893	0	0
G321996-6	Municipal Building	16397	0	0
G321996-7	4 Henry Lane	23621	0	0

LAGOON SAMPLE RESULTS

August 22, 2023

Report #: G321829-23, Wastewater analysis.

Four samples of wastewater were received on August 8, 2023 for analysis. The identity of the samples and the results are given below:

RESULTS

(All results are in mg/L unless otherwise noted; test methods available upon request)

	Lagoon #1 Influent	Lagoon #1 Effluent	Lagoon #2 Influent	Lagoon #2 Effluent
Sample ID:				
Lab ID:	G321829-1	G321829-2	G321829-3	G321829-4
Parameters				
CBOD ₅	145	10	240	7
BOD ₅	189	17	257	15
TSS	121	17	203	27
FOG	20	5	32	16

Mayor's Statement

Mayor John D. Craig
August, 2023

Minister of Public Safety for New Brunswick, Kris Austin, met with Mayors and public safety committees on September 7th in Saint Andrews to discuss his action plan around crime to our region. It was a good and honest conversation. All Mayors were in attendance from Charlotte County (Denny Cogswell, Fundy Shores: Allan MacEachern, St. Stephen; Harvey Matthews, Campobello; Bonnie Morse, Grand Manan; Ken Stannix, McAdam; Brad Henderson, Saint Andrews) as well Councillors Darrell Tidd, Wayne MacQuarrie and Deputy Mayor Hatt from Eastern Charlotte Council, and James Tubbs representing the LSDs.

The Minister recognized that New Brunswick has less officers to population than the National Average. We have a lower percentage of successful police investigations than the National Average (and it's trend is in wrong direction) and despite the National trend in crime decreasing, crime is increasing in our province. Our provincial policing budget over the last decade has not increased therefore hitting a perfect storm of less police resources for increased police need.

Many questions and comments were asked (repeat offenders, a lenient Justice system, mental health, addiction services).

Use of Provincial public safety for highways instead of RCMP. We have a budget of \$7 million while \$2.2 million of that is for RCMP protection. Therefore, I brought it to the Minister's attention that the RCMP focus has to remain inside the area where crime really happens not catching speeders on a highway we don't own. Minister responded that they are doing some of that now but will look into increasing it to give RCMP the opportunity to focus on crime.

Minister Austin reminded Mayors to keep reminding residents of the SCAN program which is a community-driven complaint system where the names are protected for those reporting drug activities in their neighborhood.

Minister Austin asked Mayors and Councillors to ask our citizens to keep calling the police every time they see something instead of just posting it on social media.

Some regions now have a mobile crisis unit to assist RCMP with mental health and addiction services related calls. Can we explore the possibility of this service in Charlotte County or at least have somebody at the Regional who can take these patients as soon as the officer arrives which will aid in getting our officers back on patrols faster. (Minister will take that back)

The courthouse closure in St. Stephen has significantly increased RCMP time out of our region and decreased communication to the general public on prosecution. We need a court in our area, especially the Islands of Grand Manan and Campobello. (Minister will take that back)

The Government announced \$20.5 million increase in frontline officers. When will we know what that means to our region specifically? Some of these officers may be used for special units to fight the increasing drug trade.

Minister Austin and his Deputy are taking our concerns seriously and will be working on them.

Karate Classes returns to Eastern Charlotte on October 5th in Blacks Harbour at the Arena. Great opportunity for everyone. It will be every THURSDAY EVENING beginning at 6:00 pm. Ages are 5- to 8-year-olds, 9 to 15, and 16 years & up. For anyone who wants to take those classes, the first month is free.

I wish to congratulate Lake Utopia Paper on their celebration of 50 years in the industry on August 25th. I wish to thank Robert Fawcett and especially the Irving family for inviting me to this occasion and to speak at it. Our area here in Eastern Charlotte have been extremely fortunate the last 50 years to have Irving/Lake Utopia Paper part of our community. By being in our area as a corporate and social partner in our community, it has brought significant diversity to our local economy. The employees at this industry make a significant financial contribution to our community year-round.

Congratulations to Sara Matheson Ross of St. George, New Brunswick, and Team Canada for winning Gold over the USA at the World Masters Ball Hockey Championship in Buffalo, New York, on Sunday September 3rd. We are very proud of her.

Fog Festival 2023: A weekend to top off the summer events for all of Eastern Charlotte. Thank you to all that worked, volunteered, and participated in making it a weekend to remember. A huge thank you to this weekends sponsors: Connors Bros. Ltd., Trivium Packaging, Charlotte County Refrigeration, Mowi Canada East, Castle Keith's Building Supplies, and Subway. A special thank you to Cara Hatt, Eastern Charlotte Public Works, Eastern Charlotte Recreation Department, Eastern Charlotte Fire and Rescue, Chief Justin Johnston - fireworks display was the best in all of Charlotte County, The Kitchen-Black's Harbour, Rev. Banks, Blacks Harbour Wesleyan Church, YMCA, Eastern Charlotte Council, Bambi Scott-Leavitt, and our CAO Jason N. Gaudet.

I want to say to all our Public Work crews. Thank you for working that long weekend away from their families. We are fortunate to have dedicated crews working for all of us. Not only were they working on events for Fog Fest but as well they were busy flushing water lines that entire weekend. I want to thank their lead hand, Rick Leavitt, who I know had a lot of extra stress during the water issues.

Touch-A-Truck event on September 9 went extremely well in Blacks Harbour. A big thank you to the RCMP, 98.1 radio station, and of course all those that took the time to participate.

Hurricane Lee. Everything went well this past weekend. I do know that there were many power outages in the area. No loss of life, which far as I'm concerned, the most important. As the Mayor of Eastern Charlotte, I can proudly say we were well taken care of because of having an awesome Fire Department

(Eastern Charlotte Fire Rescue), first rate public works crews based out of St. George and Blacks Harbour who helped outside the old municipal boundaries.

I'm fortunate to have Jason Gaudet as CAO, who all day on Saturday traveled every road of Eastern Charlotte, was on top of every situation and giving me updates.

If you happen to see Jason, our Fire Chief Justin Johnston, any firefighter, or public works crew, take time to thank them for their dedication to the safety of all residents of Eastern Charlotte. We all are fortunate.