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**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 17, 2024  
7:00 p.m.  
Magaguadavic Place Community Center

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jason N. Gaudet, CAO/Clerk  
Chris MacKinnon, Assistant Clerk

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Vicki Hogarth, Florence Mitchell (CHCO-TV)  
Alex Henderson (SNBSC)  
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Minutes of Council meetings are required and described in Eastern Charlotte Bylaw # EC-01, Proceedings of Council:

- a) The minutes shall record, without note or comment:
  - i) The place, date and time of the meeting,
  - ii) The name of the presiding officer and the attendance of Council Members,
  - iii) The reading, if required, correction and adoption of the minutes of prior meetings, and
  - iv) All resolutions, decisions and proceedings of the meeting.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Council for Eastern Charlotte held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 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 July 17, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council.

**Moved by:** Councillor Lee

**Seconded by:** Councillor McKay

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

None

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

**a. June 19, 2024 – Regular Meeting of Council**

**Motion:** To approve the Minutes for the meeting of June 19, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated to members of Council.

**Moved by:** Councillor Thompson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Lee

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**b. July 9, 2024 – Closed Meeting of Council**

**Motion:** To approve the Minutes for the meeting of July 9, 2024, Closed Meeting of Council, as circulated to members of Council.

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Hatt

**Seconded by:** Councillor Thompson

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**c. July 10, 2024 – Public Hearing of Objections**

**Motion:** To approve the Minutes for the meeting of July 10, 2024, Public Hearing of Objections, as circulated to members of Council.

**Moved by:** Councillor Hatt

**Seconded by:** Councillor Thompson

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

None

**6. DELEGATIONS**

Tobi Taylor was unable to attend and asked to reschedule for August.

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

CAO presented the General Government Report for the month of June 2024 (attached).

- Discussion whether the childcare building study will be completed by August.
- Discussion regarding the rescheduling of reviewing and approving the EMO plan.

**b. Building and Planning Report**

Alex Henderson, Planning Director, Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission presented the Building, Planning & Enforcement Report, as prepared by, for the month of June 2024 (attached).

- Discussion regarding a rezoning request for the food truck in Pennfield.

**c. Fire Department Report**

Councillor McKay reviewed the Fire Report as prepared by Cara Hatt, Fire Services Administrator, for the month of June 2024 (attached).

**d. Public Works Report**

Councillor MacQuarrie summarized the Public Works Reports as written for the month of June 2024 (attached). The Public Works Report for Blacks Harbour was prepared by Foreman Richard Leavitt, and the Public Works Report for St. George was prepared by Foreman Ron Groom.

**e. Parks & Recreation Report**

Councillor Hatt read the Parks & Recreation report for the month of June 2024, as prepared by Foreman Drew Dougan (attached).

**f. Committee Reports**

Councillor Tidd offered a report for the Personnel Committee:

- Regarding union negotiations, a meeting was held with CUPE with last week. Union negotiations are ongoing.

**8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Motion:** THAT Council accept the financial report for May 2024.

**Moved by:** Councillor Lee

**Seconded by:** Councillor Tidd

- Discussion regarding the usage of funds allocated for repairs and maintenance at Day Adventure Center, now that buildings have been removed.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. *By-law # EC-12, Building Bylaw: Third and Final Reading, by title only***

CAO advised a public hearing was held and feedback received. A policy accompanying the bylaw is also in New Business, regarding refunds of fees. The policy fulfills what was asked for in the public’s recommendations.

**Motion:** THAT Council table proposed By-Law # EC-12, Building By-Law, until the June Regular Meeting of Council.

**Moved by:** Councillor Hatt

**Seconded by:** Councillor Tidd

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

**Motion defeated.** (6-2)

**b. *Bylaw # Z.2.4, Amending the Rural Plan for the Village of Blacks Harbour: Schedule a Public Hearing***

**Motion:** THAT Council schedule a Public Hearing of Objections to By-Law # Z.2.4, Amending the Rural Plan for the Village of Blacks Harbour, on

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Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 6:30 pm, at the Stella Maris Community Center in Blacks Harbour.

**Moved by:** Councillor Lee

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Hatt

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

**Motion carried.** (7-1)

**c. Bylaw # Z.2.5, Amending the Rural Plan for the Village of Blacks Harbour: Schedule a Public Hearing**

**Motion:** THAT Council schedule a Public Hearing of Objections to By-Law # Z.2.5, Amending the Rural Plan for the Village of Blacks Harbour, on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 7:00 pm, at the Stella Maris Community Center in Blacks Harbour.

**Moved by:** Councillor McKay

**Seconded by:** Councillor Lee

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

**Motion carried.** (7-1)

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Policy 07-2024, Building Permit Refund**

*No longer applicable as Bylaw # EC-12, Building Bylaw, was not passed.*

**b. Municipal Roads**

CAO advised these roads would be made for public use. No motions prior in St. George or Blacks Harbour for these roads. Some are involved in subdivisions being considered.

**i. Birch Lane, St. George****Motion:**

WHEREAS the roadway known as Birch Lane exists on a separate parcel of land (PID 15189251), and

WHEREAS the roadway is accessible to public works maintenance and service,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the ownership and responsibility of Birch Lane in the community of St. George, receiving winter road maintenance, and designate its speed limit as 30 km/h.

**Moved by:** Councillor Thompson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Detorakis

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**ii. Mill Street, Blacks Harbour****Motion:**

WHEREAS the roadway known as Mill Street exists on a separate parcel of land (PID 15214760), and

WHEREAS the roadway is accessible to public works maintenance and service,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the ownership and responsibility of Mill Street in the community of Blacks Harbour, receiving winter road maintenance, and designate its speed limit as 30 km/h.

**Moved by:** Councillor Hatt

**Seconded by:** Councillor Lee

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**iii. Mountain Court, Blacks Harbour****Motion:**

WHEREAS the roadway known as Mountain Court exists on a separate parcel of land (PID 15213465), and

WHEREAS the roadway is accessible to public works maintenance and service,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the ownership and responsibility of Mountain Court in the community of Blacks Harbour, receiving winter road maintenance, and designate its speed limit as 30 km/h.

**Moved by:** Councillor McKay

**Seconded by:** Councillor Lee

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**c. Hospitality Levy – Granite Town Hotel grant**

CAO advised the municipality was approached by a Tourism Levy contributor, the Granite Town Hotel, requesting utilization of funds for their promotions. Their proposal is for the placing of signage on Main Street and along the highway.

**Motion:** THAT Council approve a Grant to the Granite Town Hotel for the repair and/or replacement of signage, in the amount of \$30,000, to be funded by monies received through the St. George Tourism Accommodation Levy.

**Moved by:** Councillor Detorakis

**Seconded by:** Councillor McKay

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**d. Tender Results: Tender # 2024-04, Surplus Fire Truck**

CAO advised this a fire truck from Back Bay declared surplus by Council on June 16. One submission was received, from the department of local government. The minimum bid was \$8,500, which the submission was for.

**Motion:** THAT Council award the fire truck to the Department of Environment and Local Government, for the amount of \$8,500.

**Moved by:** Councillor McKay

**Seconded by:** Councillor Thompson

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**12. PUBLIC PRESENTATION/APPEARANCES**

*Please note: Minutes are not intended to be a complete transcript, but a summary of remarks made.*

- a. Paul Leland (Caithness): Question regarding the amount of the tourism levy. Advised there is a “hipcamp” in Mascarene, “Mouth of the Magaguadavic”.

**13. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

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- a. Mayor Craig: Prior to the meeting, he attended the St. George & Area Food Bank’s annual Garden Party. Read a prepared statement (attached).
- b. Councillor McKay: Explained she voted against the Building Bylaw because she believes there is too much governmental overreach.
- c. Councillor Tidd: Questioned whether Eastern Charlotte not having a building bylaw holds up building projects for incentives in Blacks Harbour and St. George.
- d. Councillor Lee:

**Motion:** THAT Council schedule the Public Hearing of Objections to By-Law # Z.2.4, Amending the Rural Plan for the Village of Blacks Harbour, on **Thursday, August 15, 2024**, at 6:30 pm, at the Stella Maris Community Center in Blacks Harbour.

**Moved by:** Councillor Lee  
**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Hatt  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion:** THAT Council schedule the Public Hearing of Objections to By-Law # Z.2.5, Amending the Rural Plan for the Village of Blacks Harbour, on **Thursday, August 15, 2024**, at 7:00 pm, at the Stella Maris Community Center in Blacks Harbour.

**Moved by:** Councillor McKay  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lee  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

- e. Councillor MacQuarrie: Declined to comment.



- f. Councillor Detorakis: Thank you to St. George Public Works staff. At the next Council meeting she plans to make a motion for Eastern Charlotte to hire a full-time clerk.
- g. Councillor Hatt: Reviewed Recreation Committee report for June. Provided information regarding basketball court fencing and upgrades
- h. Councillor Thompson: Reviewed Recreation Committee report for June. Provided information regarding basketball court fencing and upgrades

**Motion:** THAT an item be added to the Agenda: Funds raised from surplus fire items.

**Moved by:** Councillor Thompson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Lee

- Discussion regarding sending the item to committees.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion:** THAT funds raised from the sale of surplus fire items (653 GM Generator, Ford rescue van, F700 fire truck, old Back Bay fire truck) be used for installing drafting stations at Cripps Brooke (Seeley’s Cove), Second Falls, Magee Brook, Blackman’s Brook, and Back Bay Wharf, for a cost of \$12,000.

**Moved by:** Councillor Thompson

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Hatt

**Motion:** TO table this item until the next meeting of Council.


**Moved by:** Councillor Hatt

**Seconded by:** Councillor Tidd

- Discussion regarding using drafting stations to obtain water from brooks to save time and money.
- Discussion regarding tabling and sending to committees first.
- Discussion regarding timing of using funds

**Vote on the Motion:**

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

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**Motion defeated.** (6-2)

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- Discussion regarding process of sending to committee first.

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

**Motion carried.** (6-2)

- i. Deputy Mayor Hatt: Thanks to all for coming. SummerFest is coming and a lot of work has been done. Positive responses from firefighters for burn unit training.

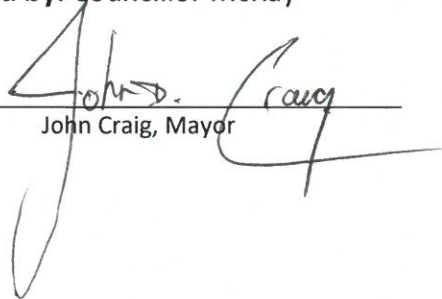
**14. DATE & LOCATION OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**


Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm, at Magaguadavic Place Community Center.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 pm.

**Moved by:** Councillor McKay

  
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 John Craig, Mayor

  
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 Jason N. Gaudet, CAO / Clerk