



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Magaguadavic Place Community Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Craig
Deputy Mayor David Hatt
Councillor Alexa Detorakis
Councillor Adam Hatt
Councillor Alexa Detorakis
Councillor Wayne MacQuarrie
Councillor Lisa McKay
Councillor Michael Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councillor Terry Lee
Councillor Darrell Tidd

STAFF PRESENT: Chris MacKinnon, Assistant Clerk
Amy Carter, Administrative Assistant


GUESTS PRESENT: Alex Henderson (Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission)
Vicki Hogarth, Florence Mitchell (CHCO-TV)
Gallery: 6

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Council for Eastern Charlotte held on Wednesday, March 20, 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 March 20, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council, with the following subtractions: Sections 10.a. and 10.b.


CLERK

MAYOR

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

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

None

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

a. January 17, 2024 – Special Meeting of Council

Motion: To approve the Minutes for the meeting of February 21, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated to members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor MacQuarrie

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

Motion: To amend the Minutes for the meeting of February 21, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council, under Old Business item 9.a.:

“Councillor Detorakis shared her reasons for supporting the motion: the investment of industry in housing for employees, and since the local representative, Councillor Hatt, supports it.”

Moved by: Councillor Detorakis

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

Motion carried unanimously.

(Original Motion)

Motion carried unanimously.

b. February 27, 2024 – Closed Meeting of Council

Motion: To approve the Minutes for the meeting of February 27, 2024, Closed Meeting of Council, as circulated to members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

Motion carried unanimously.

c. March 12, 2024 – Closed Meeting of Council

Motion: To approve the Minutes for the meeting of March 12, 2024, Closed Meeting of Council, as circulated to members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Motion carried unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

None

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. General Government Report

Assistant Clerk presented the General Government Report for the month of February 2024 (attached).

b. Building and Planning Report

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

- Draft of suggested building by-law was not ready and will be included in the next report.
- Discussion regarding 65 Wallace Cove Road requirements and conditions which must be completed prior to development, and how it affects filing with the Land Registry. Staff to prepare a copy of Council's resolution to accompany the rezoning file.
- Discussion whether the building bylaw helps to expedite building in the municipality, and use of incentives or penalties for builders.

c. Fire Department Report

The Fire Report was prepared by Cara Hatt, Fire Services Administrator, for the month of February 2024 (attached).

- Councillor Thompson summarized the Fire Department report.

- Mayor Craig praised the members and volunteers for their commitment to the community and camaraderie amongst them.

d. Public Works Report

Councillor MacQuarrie summarized the Public Works Reports for the month of February 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.

- Discussion regarding the Riverview Avenue project with QM Construction, likely the water line and paving.

e. Parks & Recreation Report

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

f. Committee Reports

Councillor Hatt read a prepared report for the Recreation Committee (attached).

- Discussion regarding fees for the Community Gardens. Assistant Clerk advised no cost except for \$5 key deposit in St. George.

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Motion: THAT Council accept the financial report for February 2024.

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Hatt

Motion carried unanimously.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS (items 10.a. and 10.b. removed from Agenda)

c. By-law # EC-11, Peddler's By-Law

i. First Reading, by title only

Motion: THAT Council accept the First Reading, by Title Only, of By-Law # EC-11, Peddler's By-Law

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor MacQuarrie

- Assistant Clerk advised an existing bylaw is in effect in St. George; this expands the bylaw to all Eastern Charlotte. Gave examples of application to food trucks, some fish and produce sellers. Requires sellers to complete an application and pay a fee. Also requires permission from the landowner when setting up on private land.

Motion carried unanimously.

ii. Second Reading, in its entirety

Motion: THAT Council accept the Second Reading, in its entirety, of By-Law # EC-11, Peddler's By-Law

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Hatt

- Discussion regarding effects of bylaw on garage sales and lemonade stands versus mobile businesses.
- Councillor Detorakis pointed out section regarding self-caught fish and self-grown fruits and vegetables being exempt.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: THAT Council hold a public hearing regarding By-Law # EC-11, Peddler's By-Law, on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm, at the Magaguadavic Place Community Center (11 J.O. Spinney Drive, St. George).

Moved by: Councillor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor Detorakis

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Age Friendly Community Advisory Committee, Terms of Reference

Motion: THAT Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Age-Friendly Community Advisory Committee.

Moved by: Councillor Detorakis

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

- Councillor Detorakis commented that herself and Councillor McKay are on the committee and are looking to get a mandate for what the committee will do.

Motion carried unanimously.

e. Letter to Hon. Mary Wilson, Minister of Service New Brunswick

Mayor Craig read a template letter provided by UMNB for use by municipalities.

Motion: THAT Council send a letter to Hon. Mary Wilson, Minister of Service New Brunswick, outlining Council’s disappointment regarding the insert included by Service New Brunswick in the 2024 property tax bills.

Moved by: Councillor Detorakis

Seconded by: Councillor Hatt

Motion carried unanimously.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Sponsorship – New Brunswick Dart Association

Councillor McKay read a request from the New Brunswick Dart Association for sponsorship to participate at the Canadian Darts Championships in St. Hyacinth, Quebec.

Motion: THAT the letter from the New Brunswick Dart Association be referred to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation.

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Hatt

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Donation – RCAFA Inc.

Councillor MacQuarrie read a request from the 250 (Saint John) Wing, RCAFA Inc., for a donation towards the RCAF 100 Pennfield Air Force Memorial project.

Motion: THAT Council make a donation of \$5,000 to RCAFA Inc. to assist in the RCAF 100 Pennfield Air Force Memorial project.

Moved by: Councillor MacQuarrie

Seconded by: Councillor Hatt

Motion carried unanimously.

12. PUBLIC PRESENTATION/APPEARANCES

None

13. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

- a. Mayor Craig reminded residents that property taxes cannot be paid to the Municipality, but to Service New Brunswick only. He also spoke about Eastern Charlotte being denied the Housing Accelerator Fund along with the rest of the area, and that we are receiving 40% less in funding and equalization payments, making it hard to address housing issues.
- b. Deputy Mayor Hatt spoke about the new ATV By-Law and reiterated that people should be aware of the rules posted. Also, would love to start working to include trails in Blacks Harbour.
- c. Councillor Thompson declined to comment.
- d. Councillor Hatt commented that creating ATV trails continuing to Blacks Harbour would not be an easy task. He also discussed the continued water quality concerns in Blacks Harbour and hopes that there can be a plan to clean the tower and reservoir.
- e. Councillor Detorakis thanked everyone for attending the Day Adventure Center open house and encouraged residents to continue offering suggestions with the reminder that we do not own the land and that it is in a flood zone.
- f. Councillor MacQuarrie declined to comment.
- g. Councillor McKay declined to comment.

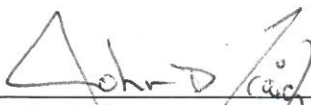
14. DATE & LOCATION OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 7:00 pm, at Magaguadavic Place Community Center.

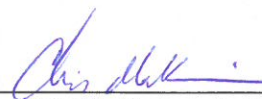
15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Moved by: Councillor McKay



John Craig, Mayor



Chris MacKinnon, Assistant Clerk