



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Wednesday, August 21, 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 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

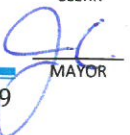
GUESTS PRESENT: Florence Mitchell (CHCO-TV)
Alex Henderson (SNBSC)
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Minutes of Council meetings are required and described in Eastern Charlotte Bylaw # EC-01, Proceedings of Council:

- 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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CLERK


MAYOR

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Council for Eastern Charlotte held on Wednesday, August 21, 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, with the addition of Correspondence from Sea View Full Gospel Church.

Moved by: Councillor MacQuarrie

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Motion carried unanimously.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

None

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

a. July 17, 2024 – Regular Meeting of Council

Motion: To approve the Minutes for the meeting of July 17, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated to members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Lee

Motion carried unanimously.

b. August 13, 2024 – Closed Meeting of Council

Motion: To approve the Minutes for the meeting of August 13, 2024, Closed Meeting of Council, as circulated to members of Council.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor Tidd

Motion carried unanimously.

c. August 15, 2024 – Public Hearing of Objections

Motion: To approve the Minutes for the meeting of August 15, 2024, Public Hearing of Objections, as circulated to members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor Thompson
Seconded by: Councillor McKay
Motion carried unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

None

6. DELEGATIONS

Tobi Taylor was not in attendance for the meeting.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. General Government Report

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

- Discussion regarding the water testing and the situation in Blacks Harbour.

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 July 2024 (attached).

c. Fire Department Report

Councillor McKay reviewed the Fire Report as prepared for the month of July 2024 (attached).

d. Public Works Report

Councillor MacQuarrie highlighted 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.

- Councillor MacQuarrie offered thanks to public works for assistance at the memorial plot to dig holes for trees. A crew of 60 helped with the project.
- Discussion about the increase in coliform levels at Well 2.
- Discussion regarding the turbidity at Well #2.

e. Parks & Recreation Report

The Parks & Recreation report for the month of June 2024, was prepared and submitted by Foreman Drew Dougan (attached).

Councillor Hatt provided the following information:

- A rundown of Fog Festival in Blacks Harbour.
- Summary of rate increases at the Arena.
- Thanks to Parks & Recreation team, cleaning up Canal Beach after Hurricane Debby.
- Museum closing for the season this coming week. Thanks to student workers.
- Pitching mound to be installed at Veteran's Field (Magaguadavic Place).
- Christmas Kickoff will be November 29 to December 1.

Motion: THAT Council update rates for the Arena for the 2024-2025 season to:

- Non-Prime Time = \$167
- Minor Hockey = \$167
- Industrial League = \$180
- Prime Time = \$215
- Private Skate = \$60

Moved by: Councillor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

Motion carried unanimously

Motion: THAT Council set the tentative first day of rentals for the Arena to be September 23, 2024, for the 2024-2025 season.

Moved by: Councillor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor Tidd

Motion carried unanimously

f. Committee Reports

No additional reports presented

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

Moved by: Councillor Lee

Seconded by: Councillor Tidd

- Discussion regarding a “Planet transaction” is.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. ***Bylaw # Z.2.4, Amending the Rural Plan for the Village of Blacks Harbour: Third and Final Reading, by title only***

Motion: THAT Council accept the Third and Final Reading, by Title Only, of By-Law # Z.2.4, Amending the Rural Plan for the Village of Blacks Harbour.

Moved by: Councillor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor Tidd

- CAO advised this bylaw is dealing with the commercial zone in the Central core of Blacks Harbour. Allows residents to apply for building permits in the area.

Motional carried unanimously

- b. ***Bylaw # Z.2.5, Amending the Rural Plan for the Village of Blacks Harbour: Third and Final Reading, by title only***

Motion: THAT Council accept the Third and Final Reading, by Title Only, of By-Law # Z.2.5, Amending the Rural Plan for the Village of Blacks Harbour.

Moved by: Councillor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor Tidd

- CAO advised rezoning of the old Blacks Harbour hospital, allowing development to proceed.

Motion carried unanimously

- c. **Municipal Emergency Response Plan (EMO)**

Motion: THAT Council forward the proposed Municipal Emergency Response Plan (EMO) to the Public Safety Committee for review and recommendation.

Moved by: Councillor Lee

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Seconded by: Councillor MacQuarrie
Motion carried unanimously

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Economic Development – Three Municipality Cooperative Agreement

CAO explained this is something between Eastern Charlotte, Saint Andrews and St. Stephen, one staff member between the three municipalities, to work on the priorities of each Council.

Motion: THAT Council accept the proposed Economic Development Cooperative Agreement, conditional upon the acceptance of the other municipalities named.

Moved by: Councillor Tidd

Seconded by: Councillor MacQuarrie

Motion: THAT Council table the proposed Economic Development Cooperative Agreement until October.

Moved by: Councillor Detorakis

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

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

Motion carried. (6-2)

b. 2024 Road Paving

CAO explained this Gas Tax Plan is previously approved by the former Village of Blacks Harbour and former Town of St. George. Brought before Council to ensure it is aware of the cost involved. (Briefing document attached.)

Motion: THAT Council receive and accept the document entitled, "2024 Road Paving" as provided by the CAO.

Moved by: Councillor Lee

Seconded by: Councillor Detorakis

Motion carried unanimously

c. Variance Extension – Food Truck

CAO advised the food truck is on Route 172, south of Pennfield corner. Has been in operation this summer. Would be an extension of the variance which is expired.

- Alex Henderson (SNBSC) added this was a temporary use authorization in 2023; allows a temporary development to encourage entrepreneurial creativity. Was for 1 year only. Council is asked to consider a rezoning request would provide an extension for however many months Council deems appropriate. If not extending, it would become an enforcement file

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Eastern Charlotte will consider a rezoning application that would permit a takeout restaurant on a permanent basis at 22 Route 176 (PID: 15208804).

Moved by: Councillor Tidd

Seconded by: Councillor MacQuarrie

Motion carried unanimously.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Veronika Skodje: Sidewalks

Councillor Detorakis read the letter in its entirety.

Motion: THAT Council forward the letter from Veronika Skodje to the Public Safety Committee for review and recommendation.

Moved by: Councillor Detorakis

Seconded by: Councillor Hatt

- Discussion regarding asking Public Works to highlight areas to address.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Sea View Full Gospel Church: Funding request

Councillor Thompson read the letter in its entirety.

Motion: THAT Council make a donation in the amount of \$250 to Sea View Full Gospel Church for their "Fall Family Festival" event.

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Hatt

Motion carried unanimously.

12. PUBLIC PRESENTATION/APPEARANCES

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

- a. Sam Rubin (St. George): Spoke on the topics of Building Bylaw; applying for building permits from the Service Commission and difficulties encountered with his project; fencing for the basketball courts.
- b. Karen Kernighan (St. George): Discussed a post on Facebook about our community not looking as it should, and plan for taking down the bandstand, and for Irving to be advised of plans for the area. Discussed post on people not attending Council meetings and it should be posted on Facebook.

13. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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- a. Mayor Craig: Announced changes to committees: Councillor Thompson to chair the Fire Committee, and Councillor McKay to chair the Administration committee. Advised of the events on Saturday: the Summer Night Market in Back Bay, a fundraiser for Maureen and Jason Hooper at Magaguadavic Place; and the Blueberry Festival at Pennfield Lions Club.
- b. Deputy Mayor Hatt: Is getting complaints of abuse of EC-06 bylaw (ATVs). Waiting on HUPs to make connections, clear to Lawrence Station.
- c. Councillor Thompson: declined to comment.
- d. Councillor Hatt: Concern about the water in Blacks Harbour and hope for answers after this weekend.

- e. Councillor Detorakis: Encouraged all residents to complete the Eastern Charlotte Age-Friendly community survey is for everyone to fill out, takes about 10 minutes.
- f. Councillor MacQuarrie: declined to comment.
- g. Councillor Lee: Explained buildings had to be removed from Day Adventure area before starting something new; bandstand is a danger; Council is working on the area.
- h. Councillor Tidd: Thanks to all for coming out. Thanks to Leighanne Hatt and volunteers organizing NB Day in Beaver Harbour; Requests for residents in Beaver for garbage cans; people willing to take the garbage; Lighting needs in Seeley's Cove.
- i. Councillor McKay: declined to comment.

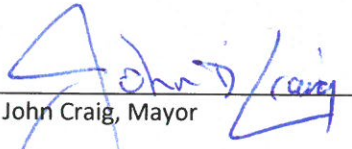
14. DATE & LOCATION OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 7:00 pm, at Magaguadavic Place Community Center.

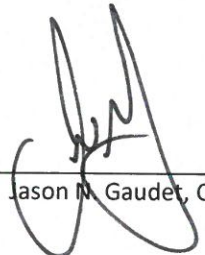
15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Moved by: Councillor McKay



John Craig, Mayor



Jason M. Gaudet, CAO / Clerk