



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 18, 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: 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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CLERK

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MAYOR

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Council for Eastern Charlotte held on Wednesday, September 18, 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 August 18, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council, with the addition of an item to Review Bylaw # EC-06.

Moved by: Councillor Detorakis

Seconded by: Councillor Lee

Motion carried unanimously.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

None

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

a. August 20, 2024 – Closed Meeting of Council

Motion: To approve the Minutes for the meeting of August 20, 2024, Closed Meeting of Council, as circulated to members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Motion carried unanimously.

b. August 21, 2024 – Regular Meeting of Council

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

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor MacQuarrie

Motion carried unanimously.

c. September 3, 2024 – Closed Meeting of Council

Motion: To approve the Minutes for the meeting of September 3, 2024, Closed Meeting of Council, as circulated to members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor Lee

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson
Motion carried unanimously.

d. September 10, 2024 – Closed Meeting of Council

Motion: To approve the Minutes for the meeting of September 10, 2024, Closed Meeting of Council, as circulated to members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor Lee

Seconded by: Councillor Detorakis

Motion carried unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

None

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. General Government Report

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

- Discussion regarding when Auditors can report to Council.

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 August 2024 (attached).

c. Fire Department Report

Councillor Thompson reviewed the Fire Report as prepared for the month of August 2024 (attached).

d. Public Works Report

Councillor MacQuarrie highlighted the Public Works Reports as written for the month of August 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 July/August 2024, was prepared and submitted by Foreman Drew Dougan (attached).

f. Committee Reports

- Councillor Hatt a report for the Recreation Committee for the month of August (attached). Councillor Hatt also commented on the upcoming National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day).

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Motion carried unanimously.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Municipal Emergency Response Plan (EMO)

Motion: THAT Council approve the Municipal Emergency Response Plan for Eastern Charlotte.

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Tidd

Motional carried unanimously

10. NEW BUSINESS

NEW ITEM: Review of Bylaw EC-06

Councillor Detorakis advised there have been issues, mainly operators not obeying the bylaw (with examples). After reviewing the bylaw, we can amend gaps that may exist for the sake of public safety.

Motion: THAT Council send bylaw EC-06 to the public safety committee for review.

Moved by: Councillor Detorakis

Seconded by: Councillor Lee

- Discussion regarding the issue being about enforcement and not the bylaw.
- Discussion that any changes to the bylaw would have to go back to the Minister.
- Discussion about proof that those breaking the bylaw are part of the ATV federation, and would do so regardless of changes

| 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 | |

Motional defeated (5-3).

a. Intersection of Main Street, Riverview Avenue, and L’Etete Road (St. George)

Motion: THAT Council change the traffic pattern at the intersection of Main Street, Riverview Avenue, and L’Etete Road in St. George to a four-way stop, with public advisement beginning September 20, and the change to take effect on Sunday, December 1, 2024.

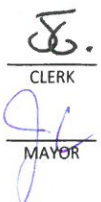
Moved by: Councillor Lee

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Surplus Property

CAO advised this would be a property in the village of Blacks Harbour. Was previously sold, and under land agreement, if it was not developed would be sold back to the municipality for the same cost. Looking for minimum bid to recover the cost of the repurchase in the same fiscal year.



Motion: THAT Council declare as surplus the property of 14 Glennie Court in Blacks Harbour (PID 15001696) and advertise its sale by tender at a minimum bid of \$9,500.

Moved by: Councillor Lee

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Motion carried unanimously

c. Human Resources Support – PHRS Inc

CAO explained this would utilize PHRS for human resources support at the municipality for all staff. Cost is \$4,000 month, and the contract would be until June 27, 2025.

Motion: THAT Council accept the proposal from PRHS Inc. for human resources support, at the cost of \$4,000 per month.

Moved by: Councillor Tidd

Seconded by: Councillor MacQuarrie

- Discussion regarding the dates of the agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Blacks Harbour Elementary School

Mayor Craig read an email from the Blacks Harbour School.

- Councillor MacQuarrie explained the condition of the backstop. The school contacted the superintendent who said to remove it.
- CAO advised the work would be completed during a professional training day so no students would be on the premises, which is November 6.

12. PUBLIC PRESENTATION/APPEARANCES

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

- a. Raymond Hall (St. George):** Commented regarding thanking Jason Hatt for his service. Commented regarding the ATVs and enforcement.
- b. Dave Wilkinson (Breadalbane):** Offered suggestions regarding improving signage for the ATV trail.

- c. Karen Kernighan (St. George): Questioned how the four-way stop will work.

13. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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- a. Mayor Craig: Displayed a wooden fish display provided to all area mayors, and read an explanation of Dyslexia Awareness Day, October 8 (attached). Read a statement regarding the “Take Back the Night” event on September 27 at 6:30 pm, by the Charlotte County Abuse Network, focused on “eradicating sexual violence.”
 - b. Deputy Mayor Hatt: Spoke regarding ATV signage and additional comments on enforcement.
 - c. Councillor Thompson: Commented on a presentation made for Jason Hatt and a plaque given him for his service. Offered thanks for his 36 years of service.
 - d. Councillor Hatt: Comments regarding paved area for recreation next to the Arena. Thanks to Raymond Savoy who started the project. Request to Public Safety Committee to look at flashing crosswalk sign by the Blacks Harbour School, and signage to add for speed limit. Comments and examples regarding ongoing water situation in Blacks Harbour.
 - e. Councillor Detorakis: Responded to Councillor Hatt’s water comments. Offered reporting for the Age-Friendly Committee: A tentative date of October 20 for an open house at the Magaguadavic Place Community Center; hopes to present a draft Action Plan for Council in December; still time to complete the survey online. Is also looking to have a public working session for the Budget.
 - f. Councillor MacQuarrie: Commented regarding school zone in Blacks Harbour and enforcement.
 - g. Councillor Lee: Offered explanation regarding the four-way stop.
 - h. Councillor Tidd: Thanks to all for coming. Response regarding the water in Blacks Harbour, and the need to address it.
 - i. Councillor McKay: Thanks to all for coming. Comments of agreement for Councillor Hatt’s water information and the need for action.
- Mayor Craig advised an update to the Committees of Council (attached)

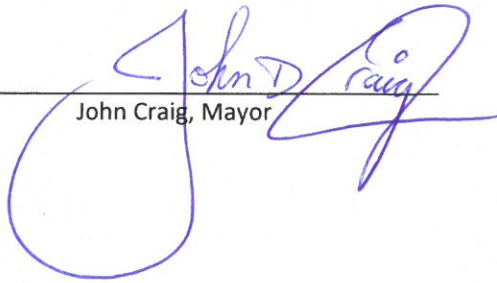
14. DATE & LOCATION OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 7:00 pm, at Magaguadavic Place Community Center.


15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Moved by: Councillor MacQuarrie



John Craig, Mayor



Jason N. Gaudet, CAO / Clerk