



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 3, 2024
Magaguadavic Place, St. George

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

STAFF PRESENT: Jason N. Gaudet, CAO/Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Council for Eastern Charlotte held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at the Magaguadavic Place, St. George, was called to order by Mayor Craig at 7:30 pm.

2. AGENDA

Motion: To accept the Agenda for the meeting.

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Motion carried unanimously.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Budget 2025 – discussion by CAO on new budget items.

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- \$5,000 - Security Camera Reimbursement Program
- \$15,000 - EMO & EMO Initiatives
- \$60,000 - Economic Development
- \$48,000 - HR Outsource (\$4,000 per month)
- \$38,000 - Porter O'Brien Consultation
- \$20,000 - YMCA increase (on top of \$80,000; agreement ends in May)
- \$9,000 - Municipal/Fire Fitness Reimbursement
- \$12,000 - Recreation (J.O. Spinney Drive) - ballfield & basketball court
- \$10,000 - Recreation (Adventure Lane) - upgrades

Items above still in discussion. Additional discussions on streetlights in rural areas and requests from ward areas.

- b. Travel Expense Policy – an updated HR Policy with an update Travel Expense section/schedule will be brought before Council at the December meeting.

Councillor Hatt departed at 8:45pm

4. MOVE TO IN-CAMERA SESSION

Motion: To move the current meeting to in-camera session at 8:55pm

Moved by: Councillor Tidd

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Motion carried unanimously.


5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (CLOSED)

- a. Agreements/LOOs – review existing with LOOs with users.
- b. Past Due Accounts (Blacks Harbour Utility) – letter to account holder to be sent advising of Council decision.
- c. Budget 2025 – discussion on staffing rates for 2025, CPI % to be shared with Council, contracts.
- d. CAO Updates


6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Moved by: Councillor McKay



John Craig, Mayor



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