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## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Tuesday, January 27, 2026  
Magaguadavic Place, St. George

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

**MEMBERS ABENT:** Councillor Wayne MacQuarrie

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

**GUESTS:** 5 gallery attendees

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Council for Eastern Charlotte held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at the Magaguadavic Place, St. George, was called to order by Mayor Craig at 6:30 pm.

### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Motion:** To accept the Agenda for the meeting.

**Moved by:** Councillor Lee

**Seconded by:** Councillor Thompson

Motion carried unanimously.

JG  
CLERK

  
MAYOR

### 3. DISCUSSION

Dave Stevens (Silk Stevens/Atlantic Builders) discussed the ongoing tender and pre-qualification for invite to tender. Mr. Stevens stressed the importances of tender qualifications allowing for more local contractors.

### 4. IN-CAMERA SESSION

**Motion:** To move the current meeting to the closed session at 7:30pm

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Hatt

**Seconded by:** Councillor Thompson

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### 5. DISCUSSION (CLOSED)

By-law # EC-01 - Proceedings of Council, section 4.f.i

- a. Lands & Legal Agreements – discussion on ongoing tender of childcare building and pre-qualifications of tender invitees.
- b. Staffing (Labour/Employment) – Councillor Thompson brought forward several items on the matter such as HR process and mileage reimbursement.

Councillor McKay departed meeting at 8:05pm.

### 6. OPEN SESSION

**Motion:** To move the current meeting to the open session at 8:48pm

**Moved by:** Councillor Tidd

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Hatt

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### 7. DISCUSSION

- a. Terms of Reference for sub-committee of Blacks Harbour Water Projects – draft version distributed to Council. Discussion updating several sections. Updates will be made and redistributed to Council.
- b. CCBD/Gas Tax Fund – updating of 2024-2028 plan; updated plan will be present to Council for February meeting. Plan will focus on Brunswick Street (Blacks Harbour), Prince William Street (St. George), and Cedar Court (Blacks Harbour) for 2026.

**8. UPDATES FROM CAO**

- a. Staffing – offer made to candidate for Administrative Assistant position.
- b. Update on security/alarm system installations – Magaguadavic Place and adding cameras to system for BH Fire Hall.
- c. Riverside Park – resident’s complaint and discussion on additional improvements; no interest in policy relating to park.
- d. Items for February’s Regular Council meeting – amendment to By-Law # EC-03 (Remuneration of Council) pertaining to payment schedule, final process for borrowing for BH Public Works Building project, rental of upper floor of Post Office in St. George for administrative offices and storage.
- e. Reinstallation of St. George War Memorial – provide lower offer to option of lands of Scott Boyd on Main Street.

**9. COUNCILLOR CONCERNS**

- a. Deputy Mayor Hatt – not available from February 3 to 14.

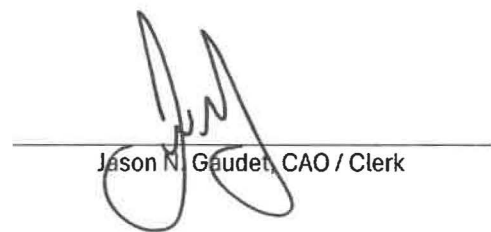
**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** That the meeting be adjourned at 9:38pm.

**Moved by:** Councillor Detorakis



John Craig, Mayor



Jason N. Gaudet, CAO / Clerk