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## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Tuesday, February 24, 2026  
Magaguadavic Place, St. George

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<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Deputy Mayor David R. Hatt Councillor Alexa Detorakis Councillor Terry Lee Councillor Adam Hatt Councillor Michael Thompson
<b>MEMBERS ABENT:</b>	Mayor John Craig Councillor Lisa McKay Councillor Darrell Tidd Councillor Wayne MacQuarrie
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Jason N. Gaudet, CAO/Clerk Lori Kelly, Eco Dev/Project Management
<b>GUESTS:</b>	11 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, February 24, 2026, at the Magaguadavic Place, St. George, was called to order by Deputy Mayor Hatt 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.**

  
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### 3. PRESENTATION

- a) UNB Students enrolled in Leadership Studies - Ella Smith and Sadie Dakai (both resident of Eastern Charlotte), along with students Zoe Edna Landry, Carley Ana Johnstone, and Kierem Gallagher. Discussion their studies on Project Management in Community and understanding the lack of infrastructure to support the needs of local NGOs. Referenced to Lori Kelly for further discussion.

### 4. DISCUSSION

#### a) Paving Plan/Canada Community-Building Fund 2024-2028

- Councillor Lee asked for clarification on plan and the paving of “Brunswick Street” in 2026 being for Blacks Harbour being confused for the Brunswick Street in St. George. Expressed need to focus on main route through St. George.

#### b) Blacks Harbour/Beaver Harbour Water Project

- CAO provided Englobe update (previous shared with Council) and schedule of Englobe to present to Council (March 12); upcoming posting for member applications for the Communication Sub-Committee.

#### c) Childcare Building

- Schedule tender decision for Special Meeting of Council on March 11. Lori Kelly provided update on discussion with Province (regarding increasing funding) and YMCA (fundraising, potential lease agreement); discussion on possible smaller design and commitment on funds from Province given recent announcements on cutbacks.

#### d) NB Medical Education Association

- Councillor Detorakis express interest in support funding the education fund and reviewed December 2025 email from David Ryan of NBMEA outlining the program. With municipal support over 4 years, the fund will provide a new doctor with support in return for a service commitment to the region after their residency Item will be placed on agenda for March 18 Regular Council Meeting.

### 5. UPDATES FROM CAO

- a) Work Order System – reviewing possible work order programs, with early quotes have program around \$6,000-\$8,000 annually.
- b) Capital Renewal Fund – annual allocation for renewal (not new) of municipal asset such as water and wastewater, estimated around \$163,000 annually.

  
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- c) Hydrants Checks – as per the February Meeting, Councillor Detorakis raised the question on fire hydrant checks, the CAO advised that apart from annual flushing programs hydrants were no being checked and is now putting together a formal SOP on hydrant checks (for all hydrants) that will start this spring.
- d) Accountant – CAO and current Accountant met with potential candidate for replacing the current account Mark Porter who is retiring this year.
- e) Meeting with ELG Minister – Councillor Detorakis will provide topics for Min. Kennedy as part of request to meet with the ELG Minister.
- f) Interviews for FTE Public Works position will be done in mid-March due to posting timeline and schedules.

**6. QUESTIONS FROM GALLERY**

- a) Tori Hawkins (Pennfield) – question on Blacks Harbour water project
- b) Sam Rubin (St. George) – questions on CCBF (former Gas Tax Fund) projects
- c) JD Hooper (Blacks Harbour) – questions on recent Fundy Health Center funding announcement
- d) Mia Comeau (Pennfield) – question on work order programs
- e) Ann Middleton (St. George) – question on doctor recruitment, past support for doctors

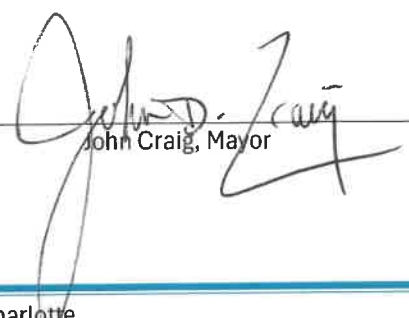
**7. COUNCILLOR CONCERNS**

- Deputy Mayor Hatt – discussed need to Provincial financial for Blacks Harbour Water project and remarked on positive cooperation/discussion with Connors Bros. with filtration project.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**


**Motion:** That the meeting be adjourned at 8:12pm.

**Moved by:** Councillor Detorakis



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John Craig, Mayor



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Jason N. Gaudet, CAO / Clerk