



**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
7:00 p.m.
Magaguadavic Place Community Center

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councillor Adam Hatt
Councillor MacQuarrie

STAFF PRESENT: Jason N. Gaudet, CAO/Clerk
Amy Carter, Assistant Clerk
Lori Kelly, Economic Development/Project Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT: Florence Mitchell, CHCO
Gallery: 17

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

JG
CLERK

JL
MAYOR

iv) All resolutions, decisions and proceedings of the meeting.

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<https://www.youtube.com/@easterncharlotte>.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Council for Eastern Charlotte held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at the Magaguadavic Place in St. George, was called to order by Mayor Craig at 6:30 pm.

2. AGENDA

Motion: To accept the Agenda for the meeting.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Motion carried unanimously.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

4. BUSINESS

4.a. Public Hearing on Proposed By-Law #EC-06-A, a replacement By-Law Respecting All-Terrain Vehicles on Municipal Roads for Eastern Charlotte

- CAO reviewed amendment updates including private roads and industrial areas not covered. Advised changes are currently under review by Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and Department of Safety and Justice.
- Mayor Craig welcomed the gallery to the meeting and opened the floor for comment

Comments:

1. Wayne Avery, 11 main St., St. George-Concerns expressed regarding current enforcement and suggested it be voted on by those affected on the routes.
2. John Calder, Back Bay-Commented that ATV's have to be licensed and registered unlike bicycles and majority of riders obey the rules.
3. Joe Carrier, Pennfield-Believes most riders are following the rules of the road

4.b. Tender-Childcare Building

- CAO reviewed Tender results (attached), cost structure, confirmed funding available and remaining needed up until today.

Motion: I MOVE to table the decision of the Tender for the childcare building until the next Regular meeting of Council on March 18, 2026.

Moved by: Councillor Detorakis

Motion defeated.

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council cancel awarding the contract for Tender 2025-09, Childcare Building Construction (aka St. George YMCA Daycare). Due to lack of Provincial funding.

Moved by: Councillor Lee

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Hatt

- Councillor Detorakis asked if Economic Development officer Lori Kelly would have the opportunity to present what she has been working on so far
- Mayor Craig advised not at this meeting but can ask her questions
- Councillor Detorakis noted there is still a meeting with a potential donor about fundraising and believes it would be negligent to vote down the Tender before knowing this information. Asked Council if the financial commitment was around \$500,000 would they consider moving the project forward.
- Councillor Tidd asked what is the Provincial (RDC) funding commitment
- CAO advised that as of today Province have not changed their funding commitment and have not had written confirmation of the \$500,000.
- Councillor McKay asked if funding becomes available will the project still move forward
- CAO confirmed plans for the building were paid for by the federal funding contribution and if or when things change with funding options, we have an 'out of the box' project ready to go.
- Deputy Mayor Hatt commented that after years of effort we are at 50% of funding and feels that the YMCA as a partner should have been fundraising already.
- Councillor Lee commented that he put this motion forward because we are \$1.3 million short and not willing to put that on taxpayers. Without any more funding support, we may have to look at other options and revisit it.

Vote on the Motion:

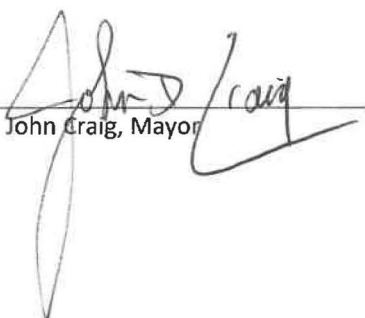
	Councillor Detorakis	Deputy Mayor D. Hatt	Councillor Lee	Councillor McKay	Councillor Thompson	Councillor Tidd	Mayor Craig (tie-breaker)
Aye (in favour)		X	X	X	X	X	n/a
Nay (opposed)	X						

Motion carried.


5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Moved by: Councillor McKay



 John Craig, Mayor



 Jason N. Gaudet, CAO / Clerk