



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
Magaguadavic Place, St. George

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Craig
Deputy Mayor David R. Hatt
Councillor Darrell Tidd
Councillor Alexa Detorakis
Councillor Michael Thompson
Councillor Lisa McKay
Councillor Wayne MacQuarrie
Councillor Adam Hatt (via teleconference)

MEMBERS ABENT: Councillor Terry Lee

STAFF PRESENT: Jason N. Gaudet, CAO/Clerk
Lori Kelly, Economic Development

GUESTS: 9 gallery attendees

1. CALL TO ORDER

The session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Council for Eastern Charlotte held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at the Magaguadavic Place, St. George, was called to order by Mayor Craig at 6:30pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: To accept the agenda for the meeting, with in amendment/adding of “childcare discussion with Della Doucet” to discussion items.

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Motion carried unanimously.

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CLERK
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MAYOR

3. DISCUSSION

- a. Childcare – discussion by Della Doucet
 - Discussion by Della Doucet (St. George) on setting up possible for-profit childcare business; looking for suggestions on funding options and possible space for operation.
- b. Review of Agenda for next Regular Council Meeting (April 15)
 - Draft agenda reviewed and discussed.
- c. Letter concerning Provincial budget announcement on veterinary services
 - Letter being drafted and on agenda for next meeting.

4. UPDATES FROM CAO

- a. Update on actions from resident complaint on St. George Mall garbage dumpsters, letter sent to mall owner requesting remediation/attention.
- b. Medical Center – Dr. Hameed has expressed concerns on roof leak and is request action on repairs. This matter has also been directed to mall ownership.
- c. Financial Auditors onsite this week for 2025 Audit Report; planning on presenting report after April 15 Regular Meeting and prior to end of term for Council.
- d. Update on Blacks Harbour water committee – only 3 application; will reissue call for applications and committee will be approved by new Council.

5. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS - CONCERNING ITEMS DISCUSSED IN THIS MEETING

- a. Tracey Craig (Utopia) – questions on childcare

6. COUNCILLOR CONCERNS

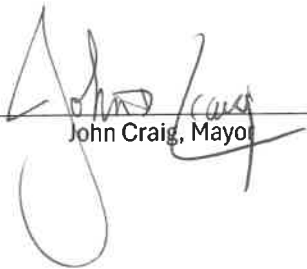
- a. Councillor Detorakis – reiterated the importance of childcare in Eastern Charlotte; requested the NB Medical Funding agreement be added to next Regular Council Meeting.
- b. Councillor Thompson – Tourism RSC, inquiring on status of Exit 56/CBCL, status of piping for Back Bay fire, Municipal Highway program for 2027 and 2028, SOP/SOG and fire response for ECFR,
- c. Councillor Tidd – inquired on status of RDC application for Blacks Harbour Water Project (now submitted by Englobe to the Province/RDC).

- d. Councillor Hatt – request Englobe provide public presentation on update of Blacks Harbour Water and proposed project.
- e. Deputy Mayor Hatt – working on possible ATV poker run for summer festival; reminder of Thursday evening Council event


7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned at 7:35pm.

Moved by: Councillor McKay



John Craig, Mayor



Jason N. Gaudet, CAO / Clerk