COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026
Magaguadavic Place, St. George

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mayor John Craig Deputy Mayor Adam Hatt Councillor Patty Borthwick Councillor Matthew Hall Councillor Logan Martin Councillor Sam Rubin Councillor Lucy Stevens Councillor Michael Thompson Councillor David R. Hatt
STAFF PRESENT:	Jason N. Gaudet, CAO/Clerk Cara Hatt, Parks & Recreation Coordinator Lori Kelly, Economic Development
GUESTS:	8 gallery attendees

1. CALL TO ORDER

The session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Council for Eastern Charlotte held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at the Magaguadavic Place, St. George. Mayor Craig called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: To accept the agenda for the meeting.
Moved by: Councillor Rubin
Seconded by: Councillor Borthwick
Motion carried unanimously.

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3. DISCUSSION

a. Festivals (Parks & Recreation)

- Cara Hatt provided recap of recent summer festival event held in St. George, reviewing wins and opportunities for next year as well as budget review. Also provide update of September festival being held in Blacks Harbour.

b. Fundy Community Fund (FCF) - St. George Fund

- Discussion on possible recipients; Council consensus on splitting 2026 funds, $300 to local Army Cadets and $300 for Charlotte County Dial-A-Ride.

c. Code of Conduction Bylaw (EC-02-A)

- CAO reviewed several changed to drafted update to Code of Conduct of Council Bylaw. Deputy Mayor Hatt provided some input on possible changes to several section include need to language on avoid slanderous statements and formalizing the processing of complaints.

d. Capital Funds

- CAO provided updates on Capital Projects approved at July 2026 Regular Meeting; sidewalk/curb work pending scheduling, maybe delayed to 2027.

4. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS - CONCERNING ITEMS DISCUSSED IN THIS MEETING

a. Karen Kernighan (St. George) – compliments on summer festival.

5. IN-CAMERA SESSION

Motion: To move the current meeting to the closed session at 7:40pm
Moved by: Councillor Hall
Seconded by: Councillor Thompson
Motion carried unanimously. Gallery/public departs.
Please note: This closed session was made under Local Governance Act 2017, c.18 under sections 68(1)a & 68(1)c.

6. DISCUSSION (CLOSED)

a. Dangerous & Unsightly Properties – Vern Faulkner (SNBSC, Enforcement Officer) provides Council with the following files pertaining to enforcement of By-Law # EC-05 - Dangerous & Unsightly Bylaw:

- DAUP 2026-001 – PID# 15143290, Brians Lane, Pennfield
- DAUP 2026-002 – PID# 01326875, Johnson Lane, Utopia
- DAUP 2026-003 – PID#15002983, Route 780, Utopia

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These files will be decided upon at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

7. RETURN FROM IN-CAMERA SESSION

Motion: To move the current meeting back to open session at 8:43pm
Moved by: Councillor Rubin
Seconded by: Councillor Borthwick
Motion carried unanimously. Gallery/public returns to room.

8. UPDATES FROM CAO

a. Reviewed option to acquire surplus properties from Province; three properties selected out of six properties being offered for disposal by Province, estimated cost of $7,600, on agenda from next Council meeting.

b. Upcoming Garbage Collection contract and upcoming tendering of collection services. – Deputy Mayor asked for a cost analyst of maintaining collection of garbage by municipal staff in Blacks Harbour with including collecting for St. George, cost of leasing compactor truck.

c. Dog Control Bylaw – after recent meeting with NB-SPCA, need for amendment of dog control bylaw. Currently awaiting examples from NB-SPCA on municipal bylaws.

d. Future use/opportunities for small building in Blacks Harbour Main Street Park – CAO raise opportunity to rent out unused building to public, will revisit over winter.

9. COUNCILLOR CONCERNS

a. Councillor Thompson – SNBSC draft report on upcoming Community Plan.

b. Councillor Martin – question on cleaning of Magaguadavic Place floors, still rooms left to be cleaned.

c. Deputy Mayor Hatt – Blacks Harbour Water Communication Sub-Committee, asked to confirm speed in school zones.

d. Mayor Craig – Health Care Committee (recruitment of health professions).

e. Councillor Rubin – Canal Beach, light at entrance to J.O. Spinney Drive – CAO to set up time to review area, reach out to NB Power, asked about update on Clinch Street Water Renewal.

f. Councilor Stevens – status of Blacks Harbour playground – application with province, question on Provincial Roads (authority, speed limits).

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g. Councillor Borthwick – inquiry on drafting noise bylaw citing issues in Utopia, asked about update on repairs to Granite Court Senior Complex, questions on Regular Meeting Procedure.

h. Councillor Hall – batting cages at J.O. Spinney, asked a post can be made on newly installed basketball hoops at Blacks Harbour, status of stone skirting for Blacks Harbour courts and new gazebo at Second Falls – CAO will reach out to contractors on schedule, possible posting on new paving in Blacks Harbour, questions on bringing in new accommodations under Tourism Levy.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned at 9:55pm.
Moved by: Councillor Borthwick

John Craig, Mayor

Jason N. Gaudet, CAO / Clerk