



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Magaguadavic Place, St. George

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Craig
Deputy Mayor Adam Hatt
Councillor Sam Rubin
Councillor David R. Hatt
Councillor Patty Borthwick
Councillor Michael Thompson
Councillor Lucy Stevens
Councillor Logan Martin
Councillor Matthew Hall

STAFF PRESENT: Jason N. Gaudet, CAO/Clerk

GUESTS: 3 gallery attendees

1. CALL TO ORDER

The session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Council for Eastern Charlotte held on Tuesday, September 8, 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, with the addition of reviewing the draft agenda for September Regular Meeting of Council to the agenda, as 3.E.

Moved by: Councillor Borthwick

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Motion carried unanimously.


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3. DISCUSSION

a. RCMP Quarterly Report - Review

- S/Sgt. Peters and S/Sgt. Henderson, RCMP, reviewed the RCMP Quarterly Report and took questions on the report and operations.
- Highlights shared were that cooper theft is major issue in area; staff numbers at St. George Detachment are all full, zero vacancies.
- Interest in doing presentations on fraud and scams.
- Lisa Williams, Community Liaison Officer is transferring from St. George.
- Council asked about enforces of e-bike/e-scooter usage, procedure of responding to mental health calls, traffic speed enforcement.

b. Skate Park Relocation

- Skate park will be relocated within J.O. Spinney Drive area, to site of old recreation building (“tin can”) outside of center-right field of the baseball field but CAO will send out some area mapping of possible options of location and layout.

Motion: skate park to be relocated to area outside of center-right field outfield fence, footprint yet to be determined.

Moved by: Councillor Hatt

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Vote 7-1 in favour (opposed, Deputy Mayor Hatt)

Motion carried.

c. Dog Control Bylaw (EC-13-A)

- Some discussion on Fee/Fines Schedule. By-law requires 3rd and final motion for enactment, on agenda for next Regular Meeting.

d. Donations/Sponsorship – request from local Chamber of Commerce for sponsorship of golf tournament.

Motion: bring the matter of sponsorship forward for Council decision at next regular meeting, September 16, 2026.

Moved by: Councillor Borthwick

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Hatt

Motion carried unanimously.

e. Review of Agenda for next Regular Meeting, September 16th, 2026

4. UPDATES FROM CAO

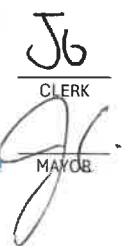
- a. Draft Policy #10-2026 Private Sewage Systems – draft copies provided to Council. CAO provided background on policy, particularly for the Blacks Harbour Utility. Four(4) homes in Blacks Harbour with private septic systems that are managed by the municipality, along with four(4) homes on Farm Road using a communal septic system. Policy would have the private systems turned over to homeowners.
- b. Official photos of Council schedule for October 6, 2026.
- c. Donation to Seaview Gospel for use of bus for Council tour on August 29.
- d. Main Street (St. George) Improvements being undertaken by 2-3 volunteers, sites include parks and areas in front of Magaguadavic Place.
- e. Water projects updates – upcoming Clinch Street project and addition of wastewater flow meters for Blacks Harbour and St. George. Access road for Blacks Harbour well exploration project to start next week.
- f. Housing projects updates – Project Village Housing: municipal engineer to conduct pre-build assessment of Lewis Connors Drive, Willow Court work ongoing.
- g. Work Order System – lower cost option with MaintainX, small monthly rate versus larger implementation cost and set up of others.

5. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS - CONCERNING ITEMS DISCUSSED IN THIS MEETING

- a. none

6. COUNCILLOR CONCERNS

- a. Mayor Craig – question on changes with YMCA Recreation Programming in Blacks Harbour, lack of Friday events is concern.
- b. Councillor Thompson – question on status of gazebo at Second Falls. CAO is exploring other option as original contractor citing schedule issues. Tourism signage at lower bridge. CAO is awaiting meeting with RSC tourism Steven MacDougall to discuss possible regional initiatives.
- c. Deputy Mayor Hatt – question on status of decorative lights on St. George Bridges. CAO advised that DTI is approving lights on lower bridge as a “pilot program”. Item will be discussed at future meeting with DTI Minister. Question on the status of access road for well exploration. Question on plan for drainage of right-field in baseball field; CAO will discuss next steps with Parks & Rec foreman.


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- d. Councillor Stevens – asked about whether response from letter of support for Beaver Harbour Post Office (no response received). Awaiting reports on Speed Radar Sign in Beaver Harbour. Discussed status of Beaver Harbour recreation field project by community group.
- e. Councillor Martin – interest in walk trail for Blacks Harbour, question on status of school zone lights for Blacks Harbour, CAO said that items have been ordered. Asked about inclusive communication boards and accessible equipment for playgrounds, will seek funding options and quotations.
- f. Councillor Borthwick – question on the status of the War Memorial in front the Post Office in St. George. CAO said that the old foundation still needs to be removed, awaiting delivery of granite base from Smet Monuments, still planning to have back in place before Remembrance Day.
- g. Councillor Hatt – asked Mayor Craig about Mayor's Levy for next year, having list of award recipients in advance. Garbage at Pea Point Lighthouse entrance, CAO will get BH public works to check out and clean up.
- h. Councillor Rubin – asked for weekly update on Childcare Building project, CAO will have Lori Kelly provide Council with weekly update. Question on past commitment of fence around Community Garden, CAO will review but no complaints or concerns raising during this year.
- i. Councillor Hall – asked whether municipality was aware of any changes to dam or water levels on Digdequash Lake. CAO said that no information was provided to municipality, matter of Province (Dept. of ERD or MLA).

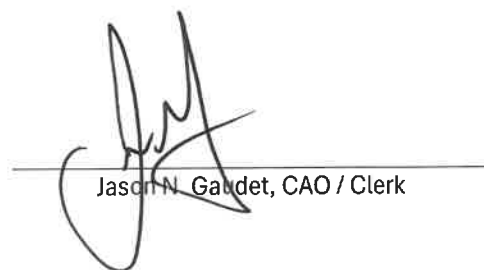
7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned at 9:15pm.

Moved by: Councillor Rubin



John Craig, Mayor



Jason N. Gaudet, CAO / Clerk