# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
# MINUTES

Tuesday, October 6, 2026
Magaguadavic Place, St. George

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| **MEMBERS PRESENT:** | Mayor John Craig<br>Deputy Mayor Adam Hatt<br>Councillor David R. Hatt<br>Councillor Patty Borthwick<br>Councillor Matthew Hall<br>Councillor Michael Thompson<br>Councillor Sam Rubin<br>Councillor Logan Martin<br>Councillor Lucy Stevens |
| **STAFF PRESENT:** | Jason N. Gaudet, CAO/Clerk<br>Cara Hatt, Parks & Recreation Coordinator<br>Lori Kelly, Economical Development/Project Manager |
| **GUESTS:** | 4 gallery attendees |

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Council for Eastern Charlotte held on Tuesday, October 6, 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 Borthwick
**Seconded by:** Councillor Hall
**Motion carried unanimously.**

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## 3. DISCUSSION

a. Events/Festivals

- Cara Hatt provided post event wrap-up for Fog Festival, input/feedback provided by Council.
- Future Events/Festivals – Christmas Parade on November 27. New Year's Eve fireworks with Mayor's Levy on January 1, with list of Hometown Heros being shared with Council prior to event. Discussion on 2027 events and planning with continuation of two summer festivals.

b. Town – Rural Community

- CAO provided feedback from recent UMNB discussions; item on agenda for October Regular Meeting. At least two Public Information must be provide prior to Ministerial Approval of change of government type.

c. Policy #10-2026 Private Sewage Systems

- CAO provided current draft of policy; item on agenda for October Regular Meeting (old business).

d. Update on Multi-Use Childcare Building project

- Lori Kelly provided update on project and background on YMCA operational agreement; item to be moved to Special Meeting next week, October 13.

e. Update on Blacks Harbour Water Projects

- CAO provided update on Operational Review Project (planned for November delivery); status of Access Road and Exploration Drilling; upcoming flushing; status of grant application for first phase of renewal project (est. $23m, will finish draft this week).

## 4. UPDATES FROM CAO

a. Propose from resident(s) on purchase and installation of a community banners initiative.

b. Second Falls Gazebo/Cabana – structure will be delivered in 4-6 weeks.

c. Fire Trucks – repair of #451 Truck (est. $47,000 plus tax) and delivery of new support pickup truck; discussion around budget/costing of new pickup. CAO will look at total cost, allocation from previous Capital Reserve transfer with remainder from 2026 ECFR budget.

d. Both the Exit 52 lot Culvert Extension and the removal/filling of the old boat landing at Riverside Park is deadline to be finished this week as per requirement of WAWA permit for both sites.

## 5. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS - CONCERNING ITEMS DISCUSSED IN THIS MEETING

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a. Aldena Higgins-Harris (Blacks Harbour) – questions on pending policy #10-2026.

b. Dexter Hanley (Back Bay) – comments on fireworks for events/festivals.

## 6. COUNCILLOR CONCERNS

a. Deputy Mayor Hatt – concerns on draft policies and bylaws being shared outside of municipality/council. Discussion on intranet Sharepoint for Council use versus printing material.

b. Councillor Thompson – recommends wording in upcoming Community Plan pertaining to data centers in Eastern Charlotte. Comments on possible royalties sharing with municipalities legislation being proposed/recommended by UMNB to the Province.

c. Councillor Martin – inquiry on status of school zone lights for Blacks Harbour (CAO stated that lights have been received but not exact timeline on installation).

Councillor Rubin – requested move to Closed Session to discussion YMCA Operational Agreement.

**Motion:** To added Closed Session to agenda, after Councillor Concerns.
**Moved by:** Councillor Rubin
**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Hatt
**Motion carried unanimously.**

d. Councillor Borthwick – question on scheduling meeting with Pickleball Players group, will schedule small meeting onsite with players and some Councillors.

## 7. IN-CAMERA SESSION

**Motion:** To move the current meeting to the closed session at 8:17pm
**Moved by:** Councillor Rubin
**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)c & 68(1)g.

## 8. DISCUSSION (CLOSED)

a. Staffing – Economic Development/Project Manager

b. Multi-Use Childcare Building – Operational Agreement

## 9. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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**Motion:** To move the current meeting back to open session at 8:55pm
**Moved by:** Councillor Borthwick
**Seconded by:** Councillor Stevens
**Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting is reopened to public.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** That the meeting be adjourned at 8:56pm.
**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Hatt

John Craig, Mayor

Jason M. Gaudet, CAO / Clerk