COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES

Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Magaguadavic Place, St. George

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Deputy Mayor Adam Hatt Councillor Sam Rubin Councillor David R. Hatt Councillor Patty Borthwick Councillor Michael Thompson Councillor Lucy Stevens Councillor Logan Martin (via video conference) Councillor Matthew Hall
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Mayor John Craig
STAFF PRESENT:	Jason N. Gaudet, CAO/Clerk Amy Carter, Assistant Clerk
GUESTS:	5 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 13, 2026, at the Magaguadavic Place, St. George. Deputy Mayor Adam Hatt called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

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3. DISCUSSION

a. Presentation by JD Irving Woodlands

- Andrew Willett and Robert Fawcett from JDI Woodlands provided Council with a presentation on JDI operations and the forest sector.
- Presentation highlights: 9% of municipal tax revenue in NB comes from forest sector; 34 million trees were planted by JDI in 2026; 20 storey recovery boiler building being constructed in Saint John, "Project Next Gen" estimated at $1.5B. Investments continue at Lake Utopia Mill.

b. Agenda for Regular Meeting of October 21, 2026

c. Update on Blacks Harbour Water Projects

- CAO provided update on Access Road work, culvert should be installed this week. Deputy Mayor asked about where estimates on gravel for road were calculated, concerned on not enough road gravel estimated due to wet area. CAO will reach out to Englobe.

4. UPDATES FROM CAO

a. Still awaiting estimate for streetlight/lamp for entrance to J.O. Spinney

b. School Zone Lights for Blacks Harbour – lights are in Blacks Harbour, awaiting dig clearance for steel poles.

c. Appeal for Dangerous & Unsightly Order – awaiting discussion with Alex Henderson on next steps.

d. Drainage for right-field (St. George baseball field) – Drew Dougan has talked with contractors on install of drainage.

e. 2027 Paving Estimates – CAO is approaching paving companies for estimates on several streets in Blacks Harbour and St. George; Council will review plan in February.

f. Discussion on announcement from DTI regarding stopping allocation of public sand supply for winter.

g. Update on YMCA Recreational Programming – Councillor Hall requested CAO to send out copy of current agreement.

h. Garbage Collection – work still pending on cost analyst for garbage collection; CAO is posting a Garbage Collection Tender with request for several quotation options.

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i. Update on multi-use childcare building – announcement planned for Friday, October 15 at 11:00am; skatepark fixtures have been removed by Public Works, storage at St. George lagoon area.

j. Status of sign request for 'Hidden Driveway' sign for Carleton Street from August 2026 Council meeting; consensus on too many signs, driveways not new and there is reduced speed limit (35kmph) on street. CAO will advise resident who requested.

k. Inquiry on use of RSC funds and grants.

5. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS - CONCERNING ITEMS DISCUSSED IN THIS MEETING

a. none

6. COUNCILLOR CONCERNS

a. Councillor Borthwick – inquiry on replacement status of monument at post office; CAO said deadline is Remembrance Day but will reach out to Smet Monuments.

b. Councillor Hatt – concern with curb at corner of Portage & Carleton Street and traffic getting around curb (when turning from lower Portage onto Carleton); CAO said it was installed in 2018 and will review.

c. Councillor Thompson – concern of ECFR members not wearing safety vest at traffic accident (Letete Corner accident). CAO will pass along to Chief. Ask about status of rear of Magaguadavic Place parking, especially will limit parking now. CAO will reach out to contractor(s).

d. Councillor Hall – ask Council about thoughts on tree donation initiative being proposed by residents, CAO advised that municipality has a Tree – Bench Donation program and recommended that the initiative matches existing program. Request copy of MOU for Coastal Link Trail and copy of YMCA Recreational Programming agreement. CAO will send copies. Inquiry on ditching concern by resident of Greenlaw Valley Road. CAO will arrange meeting with Public Work Foreman, Resident and Councillor, ditching was completed 2025 and is recommended for drainage; should avoid work on private property to level lawn of resident.

e. Deputy Mayor Hatt – provide some details on funeral procession for Sid Kernighan and thanked ECFR for support with traffic with a number of motorcycles and semi-trucks planning to attend.

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7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned at 7:52pm.
Moved by: Councillor Borthwick

John Craig, Mayor

Jason N. Gaudet, CAO / Clerk