



**Village of Blacks Harbour Council**  
 Council Chambers – 65 Wallace Cove Road

Present: Mayor John D. Craig, Deputy Mayor Adam Hatt, Councillor Amber Libby, Councillor Jordan Thompson, Councillor Gerald Welles

Staff: CAO Jason N. Gaudet, Assistant Clerk Cara Hatt

Guests: Patrick Watts, Vicki Hogarth, Dale Welles – CHCO  
 Merven Hanselbacher - YMCA

Absent: Councillor Ashley Ritchie

1. Call to order	6:34pm
2. Recording of Attendance	
3. Business Arising	
<p>4. Approval of Agenda</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOVED BY: Councillor Libby                  SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles</p> <p>Be it resolved;                  That the agenda for December 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted as presented</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p>12212022-01</p>
5. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest on Agenda Items	

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## 6. Approval: Council Minutes

### 6.1 Regular Council Meeting November 16, 2022

MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles

Be it resolved;

That the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council on November 16, 2022, as pre-circulated be approved and filed.

CARRIED 12212022-02

### 6.2 Special Meeting November 24, 2022

MOVED BY: Councillor Welles  
SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt

Be it resolved;

That the Minutes from the Special Meeting on November 24, 2022, as pre-circulated be approved and filed.

CARRIED 12212022-03

## 7. Staff Reports

### 7.1 Fire Department Reports

MOVED BY: Councillor Libby  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Thompson

Be it resolved:

That the Fire Department Report for the month of November 2022 be approved and filed.

CARRIED 12212022-04

### 7.2 Building Inspector's Report

MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson  
SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt

Be it resolved:

That the Building Inspector's Report for the month of October & November 2022 be approved and filed.

CARRIED 12212022-05

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<p><u>7.3 Public Works Report</u></p> <p>MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt SECONDED BY: Councillor Thompson</p> <p>Be it resolved: That the Public Works Report for the month of November 2022 be approved and filed.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	12212022-06
<p><u>7.4 CAO's Report</u></p> <p>MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby</p> <p>Be it resolved: That the CAO's Report for the month of November 2022 &amp; to date for December 2022 be approved and filed.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	12212022-07
<p><u>7.5 Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission</u></p> <p>MOVED BY: SECONDED BY:</p> <p>Be it resolved; That the Planning and Development Report and Zoning Reviews be approved and filed.</p>	<b>DID NOT RECEIVE A REPORT</b>
<p><u>7.6 YMCA</u></p> <p>MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby</p> <p>Be it resolved; That the YMCA report for the month of November &amp; to date for the month of December 2022 be approved and filed.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	12212022-08

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<p>8. <u>Accounts</u>              <u>8.1 Budget Figures</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Libby          SECONDED BY: Councillor Thompson</p> <p>Be it resolved:          That Council approve the Budget Figures for the period ending November 30, 2022.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	12212022-09
<p>8.2 <u>Accounts Payable</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson          SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles</p> <p>Be it resolved:          That Council approve the total of Accounts Payable paid and or payable for the Month of November 2022 in the amount of \$228 484.49 and Payables to date for the month of December 2022 in the amount of \$73 257.30.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	12212022-10
9. <u>Reading of Petitions/Presentations/Proclamations</u>	
10. <u>Communications – Correspondence, Community Contacts</u>	
10.1 <u>Correspondence for Action</u>	
10.2 <u>Correspondence for Information</u>	
11. <u>Approval of Committee Minutes and Recommendations</u>	
12. <u>Business arising from minutes</u>	
13. <u>Unfinished Business</u>	

Mayor Craig – Good evening and welcome to the December 2022 Regular Council meeting for the Village of Blacks Harbour. This is our last official Council meeting for the Village of Blacks Harbour  
 Welcome and Thank you CHCO for being here tonight, Dale Welles, Patrick Watt and of course the star Vicki Hogarth.

Read obituaries for Mr. Leon Joseph Babineau, Mr. Edward Jean Comeau and Ms. Marlene Shirley Justason.

I wish to congratulate my partner Heather Dewars sister – Meghan Coates originally from St. Stephen on being promoted to commander in the Canadian Navy on the Halifax class frigate HMCS Regina. Her husband is a Captain in the Navy as well, to note there have been only a handful of women who have commanded a major warfare such as a frigate and its awesome to see someone from St. Stephen rise to that point.

I wish to congratulate the New Eastern Charlotte Council -Mike Thompson, Terry Lee, Alexa Detorakis, Adam Hatt, Wayne MacQuarrie, Darrell Tidd, David Hatt and Lisa McKay who were all sworn in this past Monday evening and officially take over December 31<sup>st</sup> at midnight.

This past month, I helped hot not one but two telethons, the first raised in excess of \$16, 000. and the other over \$70, 000. For the families of Eastern Charlotte.

I attended the Christmas dinner at the Pennfield Lions Club, Eastern Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Christmas dinner and social. Glad to see so many new members of the Chamber including ones from Blacks Harbour.

I attended the informal meeting and supper for Southwest NB Service Commission in which I brought up them opening an office in Eastern Charlotte, the good news its being worked on for the next year. Our area deserves to have an office since now we have Fundy Bay, ourselves and Grand Manan all deserve better service. As well I was able to have most of

the meetings taken out of Lawrence Station and moved down closer to our areas to make central, they all agreed to move it to different municipalities.

I attended the first Blacks Harbour girl guides meeting and spoke to the girls and answered many questions. Big shout out to Claudette Melanson for reviving the Sparks, Brownies and Guides back to Blacks Harbour.

I also, attended the 2022 graduation of the Workplace Essential Skills Program in St. George and spoke to the graduates and presented their certificates.

I attended the tree lighting ceremony in St. George a couple weeks ago. A cold night but awesome music but awesome music put on by the Filipino Choir and Hot Chocolate from the Town of St. George.

I attended a Christmas dinner yesterday for the Community Living Center. Great food and wonderful people to share the afternoon with.

This past year Blacks Harbour has lost many people who have passed away. I send out tonight again our sympathies to all the families, Christmas will be a challenging time when a loved one isn't there. Blacks harbour has lost an icon this year His Worship ken Hooper who served as Mayor of Blacks Harbour for an unprecedented 18 years.

Tonight, as this council term comes to an end, I have mixed feelings. I am going to miss working with a great council who has only begun and we will never be able to see what else we will be able to complete and I know it could have been a lot more. I am honored and proud to have been able to be part of this council. Deputy Mayor Adam Hatt, Councillor Gerald Welles, Councillor Jordan Thompson, Councillor Amber Libby, Councillor Ashley Ritchie. It was a short ride but truly successful.

Saying that I am excited to begin the next step and working with another great council as 2023 begins. It will be the biggest challenge of my political career but the people of Eastern Charlotte have sent me a remarkable Council that just got sworn in on Monday evening.

As we close, I cannot thank Cara Hatt and Bambi Scott-Leavitt enough. I am so fortunate that these two will be part of the new team of Eastern Charlotte. I want to express mine and councils thanks to a wonderful and dedicated public works crew, who are Jamie Melanson, Frank Richard, Drew Dougan, Neil Leakvold, Norman Lambert, and of course their leader Ricky Leavitt.

Everyone of these gentlemen, I am proud to say will be part of the new Municipality of Eastern Charlotte.

I thank our CAO Jason N. Gaudet for coming on board these last few months and making sure we get across the finish line. As well, Jason will be part of the new Eastern Charlotte team-I know we are in good hands moving ahead with Jason and the CAO of Eastern Charlotte.

I as well have to thank every citizen of Blacks harbour for putting their faith in me as Mayor and our Councils for it is all of you – we serve faithfully – to the best of our ability and with limited time.

Lastly, Merry Christmas and Happy New year everyone!

Deputy Mayor Hatt – Spoke on Christmas Eve – Santa will be in the Village December 24, 2022. He will be making a stop at the Fundy Nursing Home and going to Main Street Park from 2-3pm, if the weather doesn't cooperate, he will be at the arena.

Each Monday, the weeks events will be posted to the village facebook page including the Free Skating and Public Skating schedule.

We are hosting a New years Eve Free Skating Party at the arena December 31, 2022 from 2-4pm.

It's bitter sweet this week, I was sworn in this past Monday night as part of the New Eastern Charlotte council and this is the last meeting of the Village of Blacks harbour. This last couple of years we have had a great crew and it has been great seeing the direction of the Village, we should all be proud. I want to say thank you to the Mayor and Council.

Councillor Libby – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It has been a very interesting term and I am proud of that but I am excited to see what Eastern Charlotte will do and be. I encourage the community to engage and get out there.

Councillor Welles – Thanks to Mayor and Council. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Councillor Thompson – Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. It has been a pleasure to work with each and everyone of you. It is bitter sweet but I have good optimism for the future, I know we will continue to do good things for the village, we are well represented with the Mayor and a Councillor from Blacks Harbour and our CAO/Manager.

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17. Question Period	
18. Next Meeting/s:	
19. Adjournment  MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson  Be it resolved: That the meeting be adjourned at 7:04pm.  CARRIED	12212022-11



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Mayor John Craig

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CAO Jason N. Gaudet