

# Village of Blacks Harbour Council Council Chambers - 65 Wallace Cove Road

Present: Mayor John Craig, Councillor Amber Libby, Councillor Jordan Thompson, Councillor **Gerald Welles** 

Staff: Stacey Frost, CAO, Cara Hatt, Assistant Clerk

Guests: Florence Mitchell, CHCO, Dale Welles, CHCO, Vicki Hogarth, CHCO, Chief Dale Shaw,

**ECRFS** 

Absent: Deputy Mayor Adam Hatt, Councillor Ashley Ritchie

1. Call to order	6:35pm	
2. Recording of Attendance		
3. Business Arising - nil		
4. Approval of Agenda		
MOVED BY: Councillor Welles SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby		
Be it resolved; That the agenda for May 18, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted as presented with the addition of Form 3 – Statement Disclosing of Conflict of Interest, in accordance with the Local Governance Act.		
CARRIED	05182022-01	
5. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest on Agenda Items - nil		

6. Approval: Council Minutes

6.1 Regular Council Meeting - April 20,2022

MOVED BY: Councillor Libby

SECONDED BY: Councillor Thompson

Be it resolved:

That the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council on April 20, 2022, as pre-circulated be approved and filed.

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7. Staff Reports

7.1 Fire Department Reports

MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles

Be it resolved:

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

CARRIED 05182022-03

7.2 Building Inspector's Report

MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby

Be it resolved:

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

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7.3 Public Works Report

MOVED BY: Councillor Welles

SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby

Be it resolved:

That the Public Works Report for the month of April 2022 be approved and filed.

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10.2 Correspondence for Information

- (a) RCMP Quarterly Report January-March 31, 2022
- (b) CCBF Allocation 2022

MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles

Be it resolved:

That the Correspondence for Information be approved and filed.

CARRIED 05182022-10

11. Approval of Committee Minutes and Recommendations

11.1 Regional Service Commission Annual General Meeting – April 2021

> MOVED BY: Councillor Libby SECONDED BY: Councillor Thompson

Be it resolved:

That the pre-circulated Regional Service Commission AGM report for April 2021 be approved and filed.

CARRIED

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11.2 PAC Recommendations

a. Setbacks in Rural Zone

As per PAC Recommendation on May 9<sup>th</sup>;

MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles

Be it resolved:

That the recommended changes in regards to setbacks in the rural zone, be made to the pre-circulated planning report entitled: 'Z.2 Planning Report,' which outlines the purposes for consolidating past changes to the Blacks Harbour Rural Plan into a new by-law adopted under the current Community Planning Act; prior to the second reading.

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b. Notification necessary for changes to zoning in Rural Plan.	
As per PAC Recommendation on May 9 <sup>th</sup> ;  MOVED BY: Councillor Libby SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles	
Be it resolved; That the property owner be notified of a change in zoning in regards to their property.	
CARRIED	05182022-13
12. Business arising from minutes - nil	
13. Unfinished Business - nil	
14. New Business, Motions and Notices of Motion  14.1 Adjustment for Mileage Rate	
MOVED BY: Councillor Libby SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles	
Be it resolved; That council has increased the municipal mileage rate to \$ 0.50 per kilometer, effective May 19, 2022.	
CARRIED	05182022-14
15. Consideration of By-Laws  a. Give second reading to Rural Plan By-law Z.2	
As per the pre-circulated planning report entitled: 'Z.2 Planning Report,' which outlines the purposes for consolidating past changes to the Blacks Harbour Rural Plan into a new by-law adopted under the current Community Planning Act;	
MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles Be it resolved; That Council give the second reading, by title, to By-law No. Z.2., a By-law to Adopt the Village of Blacks Harbour Rural Plan.	
CARRIED	05182022-15

## 15.2 Amendment to Rural Plan By-Law Z.2.1

a. Give second reading of Amending By-law Z.2.1

As per the pre-circulated report entitled: 'Z.2.1 Planning Report,' which outlines the considerations for rezoning a portion of PID 15152374, Willow Court, from Commercial (C) Zone to a Multi-unit Residential (R-3) Zone, under the Village of Blacks Harbour Rural Plan, to accommodate a 12-unit apartment development proposal;

MOVED BY: Councillor Welles SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby

Be it resolved:

That council give the second reading, by title, to By-law No. Z.2.1., a By-law to Amend By-law No. Z.2, being the Village of Blacks Harbour Rural Plan.

**CARRIED** 

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### 15.3 PAC Repeal By-Law A.1.1

a. Give second reading to PAC repeal by-law A.1.1

Through the signing of a planning and development services contract with the Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission, the Village of Blacks Harbour has agreed to work with the Planning Review & Adjustment Committee (PRAC). Once Council repeals its Planning Advisory Committee By-law A.1, the Village's effective committee for planning and development matters will automatically default to PRAC, per the Regional Services Delivery Act;

MOVED BY: Councillor Libby SECONDED BY: Councillor Thompson

Be it resolved;

That Council give the second reading, by title, to By-law No. A.1.1., a By-law to Repeal the Planning Advisory Committee By-Law.

**CARRIED** 

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## b. Give third reading to PAC repeal by-law A.1.1

MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby

Be it resolved:

That Council give the third reading, by title, to By-law No. A.1.1., a By-law to Repeal the Planning Advisory Committee By-Law.

CARRIED

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## 16. Councillor's Concerns

Mayor Craig – Entity 53 transition team met last week with Greg Lutes as the new facilitator at the Pennfield Fire Hall. We have narrowed down the names for Entity 53 to the following 3 names:

Eastern Charlotte

Coastal Charlotte

Charlotte East

Please take time to vote on your preference as the transition team will choose, with the most votes. You can go into the village's Facebook page site and it will direct you to the page to cast your vote. The transition team is working on deciding whether our area will be a rural area or Town. The facilitator will try to get more information on the distinctions of what the plus and minuses are for each, and then the transition team will then decide. The next meeting is set for May 25<sup>th</sup>.

A teacher from Pennfield, NB is the first Canadian educator to be inducted into the Jostens Renaissance Hall of Fame. Jostens has announced that Kennebacasis Valley High School teacher, Melissa Wright has been selected for induction into the Jostens Renaissance Hall of Fame. Ms. Wright and other Jostens Renaissance award winners will be honoured at the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Jostens Renaissance Global Conference in Orlando, Florida from July 17-20, 2022. Ms. Wright grew up in Pennfield, NB and currently lives in Grand Bay-Westfield, NB with her family.

I have a letter here that I will read out tonight:

Good Morning Tammy Surette,

I am writing to inform you that you have been nominated and chosen to be a recipient of the annual Elementary Council Teacher Recognition Award! Congratulations! You will receive your certificate and honorarium in the mail soon.

We will be recognizing this accomplishment at the virtual AGM on Council

Day, as well as in the next publication of the NBTA News.

Congratulations and thank you for your years of dedication to the teaching profession!

Misty Campbell

Misty Campbell Awards Chair NBTA Elementary Council

#### This leads me into the second letter:

Dear Blacks Harbour School Families, Community Members, and Students, It was with mixed emotions that I am writing to inform you that after thirty-four years of teaching in four different ADS-S schools as a resource teacher, classroom teacher, Vice Principal and the Principal of Blacks Harbour School for the past eleven years, I have decided to retire effective June 30, at the end of the school year. I look forward to new opportunities, adventures, travel and more time spent with family and friends.

It has been an amazing journey of learning and growing as a person and an educator alongside so many students, their families, colleagues, community partners, and staff to whom I will be forever grateful.

I would like to personally thank everyone and express my gratitude for your support during my twenty-five years at Blacks Harbour School. It has been an honour and a privilege to be a part of a community that has been so supportive, engaged, and caring. A special thank you to the many parents and community members who have served on the Parent School Support Committees, Home and School groups, and to the village and our community partners who have played an integral role in enhancing the students' learning experience, well-being, and sense of belonging to our community. Without the tremendous support of our partners, our Breakfast Program, Backpack Program, After School Program, Summer Slide, mentorships, playground, basketball court, outside playground, technology and so much more would not be possible.

I am pleased to announce that a new Principal, Mrs. Tammy Surette, has been selected to lead our amazing school. Tammy has deep connections to Blacks Harbour School and brings with her impressive educational background, along with passion for our students, our school, and the community of Blacks Harbour. Mrs. Surette will assume her role as Principal of Blacks Harbour School effective July1, 2022.

Mrs. Surette is excited to take on this leadership role and looks forward to a new challenge and being part of the success that Blacks Harbour School is known for. Blacks Harbour School will always be a part of my heart, but I am confident Tammy will serve our school well.

With our strong team at Blacks Harbour School, we look forward to a positive last part of the school year and a successful transition supporting the

new Principal to prepare for 2022-23. Sincere regards, Jo-Ann Schwartze

I was honoured to attend the Anglophone South "Turnaround Achievement Awards" on Thursday evening. The awards recognize youth who have made significant improvements in their school experience and learning. I want to congratulate all recipients for being recognized as positive change leaders at their respective schools. Every community is proud of you! I especially wish to recognize Selena Bennett originally from Blacks Harbour who was one of the recipients. Everyone if very proud of her especially her mother Jamie Babineau. Mayor Craig continued to read the names of all recipients.

Tonight, I wish to congratulate Eastern Charlotte Waterways on their major announcement last Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Atlantic Canada's Opportunity Agency. Funding from ACOA's Community Revitalization Fund will help beautify Blacks Harbour.

This project announcement includes installing charging stations for electric vehicles, design and landscape a gathering space for everyone, a Wi-Fi hotspot for everyone in the community to use, not just 1, not 2, not just 3 but 4 accessible washrooms, a wall mural that will be co-designed with the community and professionally done by the famous Geoff Slater-who has done many local murals including the water tower in Saint Andrews and many more famous murals. As well, there are other plans yet to be announced with this project. Again Congratulations and thank you to ECW for investing in Blacks Harbour.

I got a letter yesterday for the official launch of the Village Car Share. Dear Community partners and leaders, Good Afternoon!

Project: Village car share started its development last year to provide and affordable transportation service option to Charlotte County. We encountered unforeseen challenges – mostly with insurance and lack of charging infrastructure in Charlotte county – that required a longer resolution process, hindering us to launch the service sooner as planned. Even then, we would like to thank you for your continuous support and patience.

Today, we would like to share good news with you. We have successfully completed our preparation and secured full rideshare insurance for two (2) electric vehicles, which will be stationed in St. Stephen and Saint Andrews. This means any member of the public who registers with us through

SAUVer platform will be able to use these vehicles. We have also successfully secured two charging stations for Blacks Harbour, which will be installed this summer. The current lead time for these is 8-10 weeks so again, we ask for your patience eastern Charlotte. These electric vehicles will be used to start the project: Village Car Share Pilot Program where we will have volunteer members test and share their experience of the new transportation service.

We will open our volunteer member's registration on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. You may express your interest to join the pilot program by sending us an email at carshare@projectvillage.ca to receive the membership registration packet. All registered members are required to take the car share pilot program orientation. More details to follow.

Please feel free to circulate this announcement to any person you feel might want to participate in this program. For more information, you may contact us via email at rumlas@ecw.ngo or call us at (506) 456-6001.

Thank you for your support and participation in this project.

Rose Beltran Umlas

Project: Village car Share

This past Sunday, I was honoured to attend the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Sunday Music Jam at Stella Maris Hall here in Blacks Harbour. What a wonderful way of people leaving their home and getting out to enjoy not only great local music and talent, but as well the opportunity to socialize and see people with the same interests. This event isn't just about good music... it's about people. As we have seen these last 2 years with a world pandemic, it is now more important just for the mental health to have these events so that people have the opportunity to get out and reconnect with their friends and neighbours. We shouldn't take this event for granted.

So, on behalf of Councillor Thompson, Councillor Libby, Councillor Ritchie, Councillor Welles and Deputy Mayor Hatt, I want to congratulate you on 15 years and wish you many, many more years on this wonderful community event.

As you see, May and June are busy months for the Mayor's office. Upcoming events, I will be speaking at is the Provincial Kick Off to Disability Awareness Week on May 29<sup>th</sup> in St. George where I will be honouring Karen Campbell and David Boudreau. In June I will be presenting certificates to all Blacks Harbour graduates from the Blacks Harbour School and Fundy Middle High School.

I am looking for a motion from council to declare May 29-June 4 Disability Awareness Week in Blacks Harbour.

#### **Disability Awareness Week**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles** 

Be it resolved;

That council to declare May 29-June 4 Disability Awareness Week in Blacks Harbour.

CARRIED

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June 2, 1962 Leo and Marion Richard were married. That makes 60 years married. Congratulations Marion and Leo.

Tonight I extend sympathies to the family of Thomas Wilkins, who passed away April 20, 2022. Thomas is survived by his beloved spouse: Gladys Holt of St. George, NB; Children: Jessica (Jonathan) Innes of Cornwall PE, Nathan Holt (Marlena) of St. George, NB and Mallory Holt of Blacks Harbour, NB; Chosen Children: Derek Gaudet and Josh Gaudet both of St. George, NB; his mother Carol Wilkins of Saint John, NB; one brother: Jason Wilkins of Saint John, NB; sisters: Christine (Sonny) Babineau of Pennfield, NB Debbie Wilkins of Saint John, NB and Deanna (Stephen) Gaudet of Blacks Harbour, NB.

Prior to illness, Thomas worked in the maintenance department for Connors Brothers for 26 years before he went out west to work from 2012 to 2015. An avid outdoorsman, Thomas loved camping and four wheeling and was a member of Charlotte County ATV Club #39 where he served as treasurer. Active in his community, Thomas also served on the board of Adult Learning Center in St. George and held this position close to his heart as he truly loved to help people reach their goals. He loved his family greatly and could often be found playing with his kids and keeping them entertained and he loved to attend all family functions that were held.

On behalf of the Village of Blacks Harbour, I wish to extend our sympathies out to the family of Janet Mary (Godin) Blanchard, wife of the late Arsene Joseph Blanchard formerly of Blacks Harbour NB, who passed away at the Fundy Nursing Home, Blacks Harbour, NB on May 10, 2022. Janet is survived by two sons: Joseph (Junior) Blanchard.

Councillor Libby – I have a couple quick things. We have a few events to announce coming up this month. Tuesday May 31, 2022 we will be hosting a Bicycle Safety Rodeo, The YMCA will also be there to get some feedback for what you want to see in Eastern Charlotte. You could also win some Y swag.

Another exciting event coming in June. Frank Richard and Cara Hatt have been working hard to put this together, it has been a while since we have

been able to have an event like this. We are announcing Arena Fest on June 11, 2022. Doors will open at 8pm and the event will go until 2am. This is a licensed event, so you must be 19 years of age or older. There is a \$20 cover charge and we will be having music from 3rd Wheel and Off the Cuff. Sponsored by CCM Towing & Recovery, East Coast Smoke and The Village of Blacks Harbour. We will have food trucks, cash bar and we have limited tickets available.

Councillor Thompson – I would like to extend happy Retirement to Principal Schwartze. Happy Retirement it's well deserved. Joanne taught me almost 30 years ago in grade 3. She taught me how to tell time. All the best to Jo-Ann.

We are all very keen on getting the basketball nets up at the school and some other initiatives around the community.

We have a couple RFP's going out soon. We are looking for developers interested in creating housing units in our village; we will have these posted on our Facebook and website once things are ready. Also, I am really keen on getting an inventory on our capital infrastructure needs for the remainder of this year and working with our engineers to get things estimated and scheduled before the end of this year.

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18. Next Meeting/s: Special Meeting – June 1, 2022 Regular Meeting - June 15, 2022

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19. Adjournment

MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles

Be it resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:23pm.

CARRIED | 05182022-21

Mayor John Craig

CAO Stacey Frost