

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 – 3:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE
31C MAIN STREET, SACKVILLE NB**

In attendance were Mayor Andrew Black, Deputy Mayor Matt Estabrooks and Councillors, Josh Goguen, Barry Hicks, Greg Martin, Bruce Phinney, Michael Tower and Debbie Wiggins-Colwell. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Borne, Director of Financial Services Michael Beal, Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Eppell, Director of Active Living & Culture Matt Pryde, Director of Community & Corporate Services Jeff Taylor, Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin, Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Hartling, Manager of Tourism & Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles and Communications Officer Jeremy McLaughlin.

Also, in attendance was one member of the Public.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Andrew Black called the meeting to order.

Mayor Andrew Black acknowledged that we are located within the territory of Mi'kma'ki, the unceded, ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

1.1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2025, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

1.2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Mayor Andrew Black asked if there were any disclosure of interest. There were none.

2. COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUEST

2.1. BY-LAW NO. 2025-20 BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA LEVY – B. GOODWIN

A copy of the report can be found on page 2 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

2.2. DORCHESTER ATV PARADE OF LIGHTS – M. PRYDE

A copy of the report can be found on page 5 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 2.2 – DORCHESTER ATV PARADE OF LIGHTS BE SENT TO

CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Departmental reports can be found on pages 8-30 of the September 2025 Committee of the Whole [package](#).

The following reports were presented to Council as information items only:

- 3.1. Active Living and Culture – M. Pryde
- 3.2. Community and Corporate Services – J. Taylor
- 3.3. Engineering and Public Works – J. Eppell
- 3.4. Protective Services
- 3.5. Financial Services – M. Beal
- 3.6. Administration
 - a) Legislative Services – B. Goodwin
 - b) Chief Administrative Officer – J. Borne
 - c) Southeast Regional Service Commission – Plan360 Development Activity Report
- 3.7. Mayor's Report – A. Black

4. QUESTION PERIOD

Bruce Wark asked if residents should still be concerned about water usage, given that the Municipality will continue with the flushing program. Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Eppell responded that it is prudent for residents across Tantramar to continue to monitor their water consumption. Sackville well 3 is showing water levels are sufficient for flushing to continue.

Bruce Wark asked if the letter from MTI (Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn Inc.) is available to the public. Mayor Andrew Black responded that he would check but was confident the letter had already been released publicly.

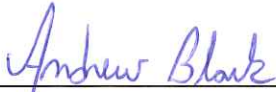
Bruce Wark asked for additional information from the phone call Mayor Andrew Black had with Premier Susan Holt, primarily focusing on the proposed NBPower/ProEnergy gas plant. Mayor Andrew Black responded and noted that the Premier would not allow NBPower/ProEnergy to fast track through the EIA process.

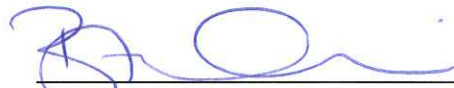
Bruce Wark asked for additional information regarding the response from Minister LePage on the request for a comprehensive EIA for the proposed NBPower/ProEnergy gas plant. Mayor Andrew Black responded that the letter only laid out the differences between a deterministic EIA and a comprehensive one.

Bruce Wark after how Mayor Black would characterise the correspondence, he has been receiving regarding the propose NBPower/ProEnergy gas plant. Mayor Andrew Black responded that most were in opposition of the project and laying out their reasoning.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.



MAYOR

ASSISTANT CLERK