



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE
31C MAIN STREET, SACKVILLE NB**

In attendance were Mayor Andrew Black, Deputy Mayor Matt Estabrooks and Councillors Allison Butcher, 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 Community & Corporate Services Jeff Taylor, Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Eppell, Director of Active Living & Culture Matt Pryde, Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin, Communications Officer Jeremy McLaughlin, Dorchester Fire Chief Greg Partridge, Dorchester Deputy Fire Chief Dan Dupuis and Dorchester Fire Captain Dennis Reid.

Also, in attendance were seventy-six (76) members of the public.

1. CALL 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

#25-126 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2025, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

1.2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

2. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

2.1. PROENERGY CANADA – J. MacIsaac

To view the presentation to Council, please visit our [website](#).

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#25-127 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

#25-128 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2025. MOTION CARRIED

#25-129 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

#25-130 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA OF OCTOBER 14, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

RFD 2025-078 – DORCHESTER PARADE OF LIGHTS

That Council approve the route of the Dorchester ATV Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 13, 2025, as presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 22, 2025, with the understanding that Dorchester Fire Department will escort the parade.

5. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

5.1. SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION – BUDGET 2026

Stephanie Thorne, Chief Financial Officer for Southeast Regional Service Commission (SERSC) presented on the proposed 2026 SERSC budget. A copy of the presentation can be found on our [website](#).

5.2. 2026 CAPITAL RENEWAL FUNDING – M. BEAL

A copy of the report can be found on page 16 of the Regular Council Meeting [package](#).

#25-131 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE USE OF THE 2026 CAPITAL RENEWAL FUNDING FROM THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$525,841.00 TOWARDS THE NEW DORCHESTER FIRE STATION BUILD, AND ALSO APPROVE AN EXTRA ON THE DORCHESTER FIRE STATION CONTRACT WITH RICE CONTRACTING LIMITED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A STANDING SEEM METAL ROOF WITH SNOW RETENTION SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$239,348.46 PLUS HST. MOTION CARRIED.

5.3. BAYVIEW ESTATES SANITARY SEWER – J. EPELL

A copy of the report can be found on page 19 of the Regular Council Meeting [package](#).

#25-132 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE STAFF TO RETAIN MACARTHUR'S

PAVING & CONSTRUCTION AND JRD ENGINEERING TO REPLACE APPROXIMATELY 47M OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,652.00 WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000.00 CONTINGENCY FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$28,652.00 PLUS HST. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK, DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, JOSH GOGUEN, GREG MARTIN AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTES RECORDED BY COUNCILLORS BARRY HICKS, BRUCE PHINNEY AND DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL. MOTION CARRIED.

5.4. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL REQUEST STAFF TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY STUDY, SPECIFICALLY ALONG ROUTE 106 AT THE INTERSECTION OF WOODLAWN ROAD AND CAPE ROAD, DORCHESTER AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL WITH FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

#25-133 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL AMEND THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR. MOTION CARRIED.

#25-134 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL REQUEST STAFF TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY STUDY WITHIN DORCHESTER AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL WITH FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

6. BY-LAWS

6.1. BY-LAW NO. 244-V A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 244 TOWN OF SACKVILLE ZONING BY-LAW

#25-135 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL GIVE THIRD AND FINAL READING TO BY-LAW NO. 244-V, A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 244 TOWN OF SACKVILLE ZONING BY-LAW. MOTION CARRIED.

6.2. BY-LAW NO. 2025-20 A BY-LAW RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA LEVY

#25-136 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING IN NAME ONLY TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-20, A BY-LAW RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA LEVY. MOTION CARRIED.

#25-137 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL GIVE SECOND READING IN ITS ENTIRETY TO BY-LAW NO. 2025-20 A BY-LAW RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA LEVY.

Pursuant to Section 5(1) of the *Business Improvement Areas Act* R.S.N.B 2014, c. 102, be it enacted by the Council of Tantramar as follows:

1. A Special Business Improvement Area Levy in the amount of twenty cents per one hundred dollars (.20/100) of assessment for the year beginning January 1, 2026, is hereby imposed on all business properties within the area described in By-Law No. 128 being *A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE AND ESTABLISH A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE* enacted on December 14, 1987.
2. Proceeds from the levy in the amount of twenty-nine thousand and ten dollars (\$29,010.00) may be remitted following receipt by Tantramar to Mainstreet Redevelopment Sackville Inc. for the purposes contained in the budget submitted by Mainstreet Redevelopment Sackville Inc. and approved by Tantramar Council on November __, 2025.
3. Upon passing of this By-Law, Tantramar By-Law No. 2024-16 is hereby repealed.
MOTION CARRIED.

7. MAYOR & COUNCILLOR STATEMENTS & INQUIRIES

Mayor Andrew Black congratulated Councillor Allison Butcher on being the recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education – Certificate of Achievement. Councillor Butcher was one of five recipients of this award in Early Childhood Education in 2025.

Councillor Debbie Wiggins-Colwell congratulated Nicole Porter, Cultural Coordinator at Amlamgog on her 2025 Molly Kool Award. Councillor Bruce Phinney also congratulated Ms. Porter.

Councillor Barry Hicks asked about lighting around the Main Street and Mallard Drive intersection. Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Eppell responded and will look into the concern.

Mayor Andrew Black congratulated local educator Mme. Julie Beyea on being the recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence – Certificate of Achievement. Mme. Beyea is one of only two recipients in the Maritimes, and the only French Immersion teacher recognized.

Mayor Andrew Black congratulated the U15 Sackville Hurricanes Competitive Baseball team on their second place finish at Provincials.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

#25-138 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT THE NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK REGARDING RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT ON THE PROPOSED RIGS NATURAL GAS PROJECT BE PERMITTED TO COME FORWARD FOR CONSIDERATION AT THIS MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.2(B) OF BY-LAW NO. 2022-03 MEETING PROCEDURE BY-LAW. MOTION CARRIED.

#25-139 MOVED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL SEND FORMAL LETTERS TO PREMIER SUSAN HOLT, MP DOMINIC LEBLANC, MINISTER LEPAGE, MINISTER KENNEDY, CEO OF NBPOWER LORI CLARK, AND JOHN MACISAAC OF PROENERGY CANADA URGING OPEN, TRANSPARENT, FULSOME AND CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT WITH THE RESIDENTS OF TANTRAMAR ABOUT THE PROPOSED RIGS PROJECT IN CENTREVILLAGE; AND THAT A FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT BE COMPLETED AND MADE PUBLICALLY AVAILABLE TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND INFORMED DECISION-MAKING. MOTION CARRIED.

9. ADJOURNMENT

#25-140 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.


MAYOR
ASSISTANT CLERK