

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025 – 3:00 P.M.**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 31 MAIN STREET, SACKVILLE NB**

In attendance were Mayor Andrew Black, Deputy Mayor Matt Estabrooks and Councillors Allison Butcher, Josh Goguen, 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 Active Living & Culture Matt Pryde, Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin, Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Hartling, Manager of Active Living & Culture Jamie Ferguson, Communications Officer Jeremy McLaughlin, Manager of Tourism & Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles, Superintendent of Public Works Michelle Sherwood, Sackville Fire Chief Craig Bowser and Dorchester Fire Chief Greg Partridge.

There was one (1) member of the public present.

**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 GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF NOVEMBER 3, 2025, AS CIRCULATED, AND MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 68 (1)(J) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT. MOTION CARRIED.

**1.2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

Mayor Andrew Black asked if there were any Disclosures of Interest. There were none.

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

**2.1. HR-2025-09**

**3. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**3.1. 2026 DRAFT BUDGET – M. BEAL**

Director of Financial Services Michael Beal presented the draft 2026 Budget for Tantramar. Discussions occurred and items were clarified and addressed by the Director. A copy of the draft 2026 Budget Presentation can be found on our [website](#).

#25-141 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER

TAX AUTHORITY	678.00	SACKVILLE TOWN	1.5350
TAX AUTHORITY	678.02	DORCHESTER VILLAGE	1.5350
TAX AUTHORITY	678.03	DORCHESTER LSD	0.6911
TAX AUTHORITY	678.04	SACKVILLE LSD	0.6125
TAX AUTHORITY	678.05	POINT DE BUTE LSD	0.8137

I MOVE THAT THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025, THE COUNCIL OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF TANTRAMAR RESOLVED THAT THE SUM OF \$18,288,471 BE THE TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THAT THE SUM OF \$16,989,036 BE THE WARRANT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF THE ENSUING YEAR, AND THAT THE TAX RATE (\$) FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BE AS LISTED ABOVE. THE COUNCIL ORDERS AND DIRECTS THE LEVYING BY THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF SAID AMOUNT ON REAL PROPERTY LIABLE TO TAXATION UNDER THE ASSESSMENT ACT WITHIN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF TANTRAMAR. AYE VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTES RECODED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK, DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, JOSH GOGUEN, GREG MARTIN, MICHAEL TOWER AND DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL. MOTION DEFEATED.

#25-142 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN

TAX AUTHORITY	678.00	SACKVILLE TOWN	1.5350
TAX AUTHORITY	678.02	DORCHESTER VILLAGE	1.5350
TAX AUTHORITY	678.03	DORCHESTER LSD	0.7411
TAX AUTHORITY	678.04	SACKVILLE LSD	0.6625
TAX AUTHORITY	678.05	POINT DE BUTE LSD	0.8552

I MOVE THAT THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025, THE COUNCIL OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF TANTRAMAR RESOLVED THAT THE SUM OF \$18,385,659 BE THE TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THAT THE SUM OF \$17,090,224 BE THE WARRANT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF THE ENSUING YEAR, AND THAT THE TAX RATE (\$) FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BE AS LISTED ABOVE. THE COUNCIL ORDERS AND DIRECTS THE LEVYING BY THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF SAID AMOUNT ON REAL PROPERTY LIABLE TO TAXATION UNDER THE ASSESSMENT ACT WITHIN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF TANTRAMAR. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK, DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, JOSH GOGUEN, GREG MARTIN, MICHAEL TOWER AND DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

#25-143 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025 THE COUNCIL OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF TANTRAMAR RESOLVED THAT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 117(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT, THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE WATER & WASTEWATER UTILITY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR WOULD CONSIST OF TOTAL REVENUES OF \$2,879,791 AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF \$2,879,791. ADOPTED THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025 BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF TANTRAMAR. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK, DEPUTY

MAYOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, JOSH GOGUEN, GREG MARTIN, MICHAEL TOWER AND DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

#25-144 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR TANTRAMAR FOR PRIVATE HYDRANTS BE SET AT \$516 PER YEAR, FOR PRIVATE SPRINKLERS BE SET AT \$599 PER YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK, DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, JOSH GOGUEN, GREG MARTIN, MICHAEL TOWER AND DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF NOVEMBER 3, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

  
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MAYOR

  
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ASSISTANT CLERK