



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE
31C MAIN STREET, SACKVILLE NB**

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#25-160 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2025, AS CIRCULATED AND MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 68 (1) (C) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT. MOTION CARRIED.

#25-161 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE SETTLEMENT OF TANTRAMAR WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNT AS DISCUSSED UNDER FILE NO. P-2025-04 AT THE CLOSED SESSION OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#25-162 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2025, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

#25-163 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF NOVEMBER 24, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

#25-164 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 24, 2025. MOTION CARRIED

#25-165 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF DECEMBER 3, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

#25-166 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA OF DECEMBER 9, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

RFD 2025-094 – EOS ECO-ENERGY EXPENSES: CREATION OF CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN

That Council approve EOS Eco-Energy to conduct work on the Climate Change Adaptation Plan for Tantramar in the total amount of \$41,100.00.

RFD 2025-095 – CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the members of the climate change advisory committee as follows:

Jean Nye – Amlamgog Elder 3-year term January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028

Andrew Knickle – MTA Student Representative 1-year term January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Brittany Cormier – EOS Executive Director 3-year term January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028
Cyle Sheppard – Architectural Sustainability Consultant 3-year term January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028

RFD 2025-089 – LICENSE OF OCCUPATION: RAIL TRAIL

That Council authorize Staff to apply for a License of Occupation with the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development for the section of the former rail line within Tantramar Boundaries.

RFD 2025-096 – 2026 WINTERFEST

That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal an agreement with MAC Fireworks and authorize the Sackville Fire Chief to sign the application to purchase with MAC Fireworks for Winterfest 2026.

That Council approves the closure of Ford Lane, Sackville from Bill Johnstone Memorial Park to Lansdowne Street on February 6, 2026 from approximately 7:30-8:30 p.m. with a poor weather date of February 7, 2026 from approximately 6:30-7:30 p.m. to accommodate the fireworks display.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

CAPITAL BUDGET 2026

#25-167 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE BREAKDOWN OF CAPITAL OUT OF REVENUE IN THE 2026 BUDGET FOR TANTRAMAR IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNTS AS FOLLOWS:

SHALE AND GRAVEL VARIOUS LOCATIONS	\$50,000
STORM SEWER- CULVERTS VARIOUS LOCATIONS	\$60,000
RESURFACING (SAMANTHA COURT - SACKVILLE)	\$60,000
RESURFACING (WOODLAWN ROAD – DORCHESTER)	\$100,000
SIDEWALK (KING STREET)	\$50,000
VARIOUS SIDEWALK RENEWALS	\$45,000
EQUIPMENT (SIDEWALK PLOW)	\$275,000
EQUIPMENT (2 – ½ TRUCKS)	\$160,000
TOOLS – BOOM FLAIL MOWER	\$75,000
TOOLS – HEAVY EQUIPMENT CODE READER	\$20,000
TOOLS – PLATE TAMPER FOR BACKHOE	\$20,000
BUILDINGS – SACKVILLE LIBRARY FRONT ENTRANCE	\$29,000
BUILDINGS – PUBLIC WORKS SECURITY UPGRADES	\$14,000
BUILDINGS – PUBLIC WORKS FLOOR GRATES	\$60,000
BUILDINGS – PUBLIC WORKS SALT SHED DOOR	\$75,000
TVMCC MURAL	\$10,000
TVMCC CONDENSOR	\$125,000
TVMCC ZAMBONI AREA IMPROVEMENTS	\$15,000
TVMCC FLOORING	\$105,000
GENERAL FACILITY REPAIRS	\$40,000
TRAILS WORK	\$25,000
LILAS PARK BOAT LAUNCH	\$65,000
MEMORIAL PARK UPGRADE	\$15,000

BJMP SPLASHPAD IMPROVEMENTS	\$17,000
PPE REPLACEMENT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$70,000
SCBA COMPRESSOR SACKVILLE STATION	\$125,000
EXTRACATION TOOLS – SACKVILLE	\$32,000
PORTABLE PUMP - DORCHESTER	\$18,000
GAS DETECTION – POINT DE BUTE/SACKVILLE	\$28,000
BUILDINGS – UPGRADE AT VISITOR INFO CENTRE	\$22,000
MUNICIPAL SIGNAGE (DIGITAL)	\$40,000

TOTAL \$1,845,000. MOTION CARRIED.

#25-168 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANTRAMAR SUBMIT TO THE MUNICIPAL CAPITAL BORROWING BOARD, AN APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW OR GUARANTEE THE REPAYMENT OF MONEY BORROWED FOR A CAPITAL EXPENSE FOR THE TERMS AND AMOUNTS AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN THE SAID DOCUMENT.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

REPLACEMENT OF 1997 FIRE DEPARTMENT AERIAL	\$ 4,000,000	10 YEARS
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

LIFT STATION UPGRADES CHARLES STREET	\$ 60,000	5 YEARS
LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT SQUIRE STREET	\$ 400,000	10 YEARS
VARIOUS LIFT STATION CAPITAL UPGRADES	\$ 60,000	5 YEARS
MIDDLE SACKVILLE LAGOON UPGRADES	\$ 50,000	5 YEARS
WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES	\$ 110,000	5 YEARS
PIPELINE INSPECTION TOOL	\$ 20,000	5 YEARS

TOTAL \$ 700,000

GRAND TOTAL \$ 4,700,000. MOTION CARRIED.

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND RDC FUNDING

#25-169 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL APPROVE RICHARD SAILLANT TO CREATE A HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR TANTRAMAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,000.00 PLUS HST AND APPROVE THE CONTRIBUTION OF \$15,000.00 FROM THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL THE LETTER OF OFFER. MOTION CARRIED.

EMERGENCY DISPATCH PAGERS: DORCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

#25-170 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TEN (10) MOTOROLA MINITOR VII PAGERS FROM CHANDLER ALARM & COMMUNICATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,769.23 PLUS HST. MOTION CARRIED.

ARTICULATED SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL UNIT

#25-171 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A 2025 MV6 MACLEAN SIDEWALK PLOW WITH ALL OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS LISTED IN RFP TAN-2025-10 FROM ATLANTIC COASTAL EQUIPMENT IN

THE AMOUNT OF \$354,106.05 HST INCLUDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED.

BIRD FRIENDLY CITY DESIGNATION

#25-172 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL FORMALLY SUPPORTS MUNICIPAL STAFF AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN THEIR WORK TOWARDS PREPARING AND SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO NATURE CANADA FOR BIRD FRIENDLY CITY CERTIFICATION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESERVE TRANSFERS FOR 2025

#25-173 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER, FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2025, OF \$410,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET TO THE GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. MOTION CARRIED.

#25-174 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER, FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2025, OF \$430,000.00 FROM THE UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET TO THE UTILITY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. MOTION CARRIED.

#25-175 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER, FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2025, OF \$30,000.00 FROM THE UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET TO THE UTILITY OPERATING RESERVE FUND. MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR & COUNCILLOR STATEMENTS & INQUIRIES

#25-176 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL WRITE A LETTER TO THE PREMIER STATING WE ARE AGAINST THE GAS PLANT, ASKING FOR THE GAS PLANT PROJECT PROCESS TO BE SUSPENDED UNTIL TANTRAMAR HAS A PUBLIC MEETING WITH NB POWER AND OUR CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ASK THE PREMIER AND MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT TO MEET WITH COUNCIL TO DISCUSS OUR CONCERNS. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY COUNCILLORS JOSH GOGUEN, GREG MARTIN, BRUCE PHINNEY, MICHAEL TOWER AND DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL. NAY VOTES RECORDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS. MOTION CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

#25-177 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT THE NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ESTABROOKS REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO POLICY NO. 2025-17 TANTRAMAR VETERANS MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTRE BANNER POLICY COME FORWARD FOR CONSIDERATION AT THIS MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.2(B) OF BY-LAW NO. 2022-03 MEETING PROCEDURE BY-LAW. AYE VOTES BY DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND COUNCILLORS JOSH GOGUEN, BARRY HICKS, GREG MARTIN, MICHAEL TOWER AND DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION DEFEATED.



ADJOURNMENT

#25-178 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.