



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026 – 3:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE
31C MAIN STREET, SACKVILLE NB**

In attendance were Mayor Andrew Black, Deputy Mayor Debbie Wiggins-Colwell and Councillors Allison Butcher, Matt Estabrooks, Josh Goguen, Barry Hicks, Greg Martin, Bruce Phinney and Michael Towerl. 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, Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Eppell, TFS Manager of People & Culture/Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin, Manager of Active Living & Culture Jamie Ferguson, Sackville Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Dorchester Fire Chief Greg Partridge, Plan360 Planning Manager Lori Bickford and Plan360 Planners Sam Gerrand and Caleb Babin.

Also, in attendance were seven (7) members 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 GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2026, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

1.2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Mayor Andrew Black asked if there were any disclosure of interest. Councillor Josh Goguen noted his involvement with the local Scouts organization but will not be stepping out during the Community Development Grant discussion.

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1. PUBLIC HEARING – SACKVILLE MUNICIPAL PLAN & ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO MODIFY THE BOUNDARY OF THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT – C. BABIN

Plan360 Planner Caleb Babin held the Public Hearing for the proposed amendment to the Sackville Municipal Plan & Zoning By-Law. A copy of the report can be found on page 3 of the Committee of the Whole package.

2.2. TANTRAMAR CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2025 YEAR-END REPORT – D. BLISS

Climate Change Advisory Committee Chair Doug Bliss provided a year-end report to Council. A copy of the report can be found on page 13 of the Committee of the Whole package.

2.3. SNOW CLEARING PROCESS OVERVIEW – J. EPELL

Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Epell provided details on Tantramar’s snow clearing processes. A copy of the report can be found on page 16 of the Committee of the Whole package.

3. COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUEST

3.1. VARY REZONING CONDITIONS: FRESHWINDS ECO-VILLAGE HOUSING – S. GERRAND

A copy of the report can be found on page 19 of the Committee of the Whole package.

3.2. AGE- FRIENDLY COMMUNITY – J. FERGUSON

A copy of the report can be found on page 22 of the Committee of the Whole package .

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-002 – AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

3.3. 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS – M. PRYDE

A copy of the report can be found on page 24 of the Committee of the Whole package.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-003 – 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026.

3.4. TOUCH A TRUCK STREET CLOSURE

A copy of the report can be found on page 28 of the Committee of the Whole package.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-004 – TOUCH A TRUCK STREET CLOSURE BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026.MOTION CARRIED.

3.5. MOUNT ALLISON CONVOCATION STREET CLOSURE – M. PRYDE

A copy of the report can be found on page 30 of the Committee of the Whole package.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-005 – MOUNT ALLISON CONVOCATION STREET CLOSURE BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

3.6. SARAH'S WALK STREET CLOSURE – M. PRYDE

A copy of the report can be found on page 32 of the Committee of the Whole package.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-006 – SARAH'S WALK STREET CLOSURE BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

3.7. BY-LAW NO. 2025-19A, A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2025-19 A CODE OF CONDUCT BY-LAW FOR THE COUNCIL OF TANTRAMAR – B. GOODWIN

A copy of the report can be found on page 34 of the Committee of the Whole package.

3.8. BY-LAW NO. 2026-21, A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF FIRES AND BURNING IN TANTRAMAR – C. BOWSER

A copy of the report can be found on page 40 of the Committee of the Whole package.

3.9. ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM: SALEM PROPERTIES – J. TAYLOR

A copy of the report can be found on page 50 of the Committee of the Whole package.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-008 – ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM: SALEM PROPERTIES BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

3.10. ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM: FRESHWINDS ECO-VILLAGE HOUSING – J. TAYLOR

A copy of the report can be found on page 59 of the Committee of the Whole package.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-009 – ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM: FRESHWINDS ECO-VILLAGE HOUSING BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Departmental reports can be found on pages 67-87 of the January 2026 Committee of the Whole package.

- 4.1. Active Living and Culture – M. Pryde
- 4.2. Community and Corporate Services – J. Taylor
- 4.3. Engineering and Public Works – J. Eppell
- 4.4. Protective Services – Chief Craig Bowser, Chief Greg Partridge, A/Sgt. Mathieu Daigle
- 4.5. Financial Services – M. Beal
- 4.6. Chief Administrative Officer – J. Borne
 - i. SERSC – Plan360 Development Activity Report
- 4.7. Mayor's Report – A. Black
 - a) Black History Month Proclamation

WHEREAS: The celebration of Black History Month originates from the U.S. Professor Carter G. Woodson's 1926 declaration of Negro History Week, a week in February which marked the birthdates of civil rights activists Fredrick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS: 2025 marks the 29th year of the national recognition of February as Black History Month in Canada; and

WHEREAS: Black History Month sought to level the imbalance in historical perspective and has become an important part of multicultural and anti-racism programs; and

WHEREAS: Black History Month in Canada is essential since it educates Canadians that slavery once existed in Canada, that many of the British Loyalists who came here after the American Revolution were Black, and that our Black History is Canadian History; and

WHEREAS: Black History Month is a call to each and every citizen of our great land to reflect on the cultural, scientific, political, and economic contributions of Black people to the development of Canada and the world; and

WHEREAS: This year's theme, "Black History Matters: Listen, Learn, Share and Act," not only highlights the challenges Black people still face today but also the solution to ending racism

THEREFORE: I, Andrew Black, Mayor of Tantramar, do hereby proclaim FEBRUARY 2026 "Black History Month" in Tantramar.

5. QUESTION PERIOD

Meredith Fisher asked questions relating to the Bayview Estates Project. Mayor Andrew Black responded.

Meredith Fisher asked if Tantramar has an idling By-Law. Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin responded.

Councillor Josh Goguen asked clarification on behalf of Garth Zwicker with the community grants process, including the steps from application to award and the vetting procedures in place. Director of Active Living & Culture Matt Pryde responded.

Bruce Wark asked why the Climate Change Advisory Committee meeting dates are not advertised. Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Borne responded.

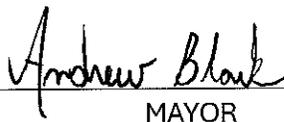
Bruce Wark asked if there were any next steps as it relate to snow and ice control standards. Mayor Andrew Black responded

Bruce Wark asked if there are signs posted for the new surveillance cameras at the library. Director of Active Living & Culture Matt Pryde responded.

To view the full question period, please see the Committee of the Whole meeting [video](#) at the 2:42mark.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.


MAYOR


ASSISTANT CLERK