



**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026 – 4:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 31 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 Tower. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Borne, Director of Community & Corporate Services Jeff Taylor and Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin.

There were no members 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 COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF JANUARY 12, 2026 AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

1.2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

2. ASSISTANT CLERK APPOINTMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 68 (1) (J) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT.

Public

#26-001 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL APPOINT JEFF TAYLOR AS ASSISTANT CLERK OF TANTRAMAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 71 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT FOR A TEMPORARY TERM ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2026. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK, DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, MATT ESTABROOKS, JOSH GOGUEN, BARRY HICKS, GREG MARTIN AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 68 (1) (J) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT. MOTION CARRIED.

3. CLOSED SESSION

Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin left the meeting

3.1. HR-2026-02

Public

Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin returned to the meeting.

#26-002 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE TANTRAMAR SALARY SCALE 2026-01 NON-SCHEDULE EMPLOYEE ADJUSTMENT AS PRESENTED AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL (CLOSED SESSION HR-2026-02) OF JANUARY 12, 2026. MOTION CARRIED. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK, DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, MATT ESTABROOKS, JOSH GOGUEN, BARRY HICKS, GREG MARTIN AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 68 (1) (J) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT. MOTION CARRIED.

Director of Community & Corporate Services Jeff Taylor left the meeting.

3.2. HR-2026-01

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF JANUARY 12, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.



MAYOR



ASSISTANT CLERK