

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

In attendance were Mayor Andrew Black and Councillors Matt Estabrooks, Barry Hicks, Greg Martin, Bruce Phinney and Michael Tower. Also in attendance were Director of Financial Services Michael Beal, 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 Tourism & Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles, Sackville Fire Chief Craig Bowser and Dorchester Fire Chief Greg Partridge.

Also, in attendance were five (5) 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 MARCH 2, 2026, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

1.2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

2. COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUEST

2.1. ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN – M. BEAL

A copy of the report can be found on page 2 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-013 – ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2026. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND COUNCILLORS MATT ESTABROOKS, GREG MARTIN AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTES RECORDED BY COUNCILLORS BARRY HICKS AND BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

2.2. NEW COUNCIL TECHNOLOGY – M. BEAL

A copy of the report can be found on page 14 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-014 – NEW COUNCIL TECHNOLOGY BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2026.

2.3. BILL JOHNSTONE SPLASHPAD IMPROVEMENT – M. PRYDE

A copy of the report can be found on page 16 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-015 – BILL JOHNSTONE SPLASHPAD IMPROVEMENT BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

2.4. TVMCC PLAYER'S ENTRANCE FLOORING – M. PRYDE

A copy of the report can be found on page 18 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-016 – TVMCC PLAYER'S ENTRANCE FLOORING BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

2.5. TVMCC CONDENSER – M. PRYDE

A copy of the report can be found on page 20 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-017 – TVMCC CONDENSER BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

2.6. 2026 SHIRETOWN FESTIVAL – M. PRYDE

A copy of the report can be found on page 22 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-018 – 2026 SHIRETOWN FESTIVAL BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Departmental reports can be found on pages 24-43 of the February 2026 Committee of the Whole [package](#).

- 3.1. Active Living and Culture – M. Pryde
- 3.2. Community and Corporate Services – R. Kelly Spurles
- 3.3. Engineering and Public Works – J. Eppell
- 3.4. Protective Services – Chief Craig Bowser, Chief Greg Partridge, A/Sgt. Daigle
- 3.5. Financial Services – M. Beal
- 3.6. Chief Administrative Officer
- 3.7. Mayor’s Report – A. Black

4. QUESTION PERIOD

Bruce Wark asked several questions regarding Sackville Fire & Rescue. Mayor Andrew Black responded.

Bruce Wark asked questions regarding the Asset Management Plan for Tantramar. Mayor Andrew Black and Director of Financial Services Michael Beal responded.

Kenneth Hicks asked questions regarding Sackville Fire & Rescue. Mayor Andrew Black responded.

To view the full question period, please see the Committee of the Whole meeting [video](#) at the 1:25 mark.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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


MAYOR


ASSISTANT CLERK