



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026 6:00 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 Tower. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Borne and TFS Manager of People & Culture/Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin.

1. CALL 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

#26-012 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026, 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

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

2. CLOSED SESSION

2.1. HR-2026-01

Public – 7:00 p.m.

Director of Community & Corporate Services Jeff Taylor, Director of Active Living & Culture Matt Pryde, Director of Financial Services Michael Beal, Sackville Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Dorchester Fire Chief Greg Partridge and Dorchester Fire Deputy Chief Dan Dupuis joined the meeting.

Also, in attendance were forty-one (41) members of the public.

3. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

- 3.1. SACKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY – M. FULLERTON
- 3.2. ACCESSIBILITY CONCERNS IN TANTRAMAR – M. HICKS
- 3.3. TOURISM: ART & ARTISTS – S. GOURLEY
- 3.4. SENIORS FOR CLIMATE TANTRAMAR: ALTERNATIVES TO GAS COMBUSTION – T. HICKS
- 3.5. MRS. JULIETTE BULMER (2-MINUTE)
- 3.6. MS. SABINE DIETZ (2-MINUTE)

To view all the presentations to Council, please visit our [website](#).

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#26-013 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF JANUARY 12, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-014 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-015 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF JANUARY 16, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-016 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2026. MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSENT AGENDA

#26-017 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 10, 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.

RFD 2026-002 – AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

That Council support the municipality and the Age Friendly Working Group to make application to be designated under the New Brunswick Age Friendly Community recognition program.

RFD 2026-003 – 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

That Council approve the Operational Grants in the amount of \$83,000.00 in accordance with Tantramar's 2026 Operational Budget.

That Council approve the Special Events/Projects Grants in the amount of \$31,850.00 in accordance with Tantramar's 2026 Operational Budget.

That Council approve the Small Capital Grants in the amount of \$21,150.00 in accordance with Tantramar's 2026 Operational Budget.

That Council approve the Sponsorship Grants in the amount of \$500.00 in accordance with Tantramar's 2026 Operational Budget.

RFD 2026-004 – TOUCH A TRUCK STREET CLOSURE

That Council authorize the closure of Harrop Avenue, Dorchester from Highway 106, School Street from Cape Road to Dorchester Consolidated School, and access to School Street from Church Street to regular traffic from 1:00pm to 4:30pm on Monday, February 16, 2026 to accommodate the Dorchester Beavers Touch-a-Truck event.

RFD 2026-005 – MOUNT ALLISON CONVOCATION STREET CLOSURE

That Council authorize the closure of York Street, Sackville from Lansdowne to Salem on May 11, 2026 from 9:05-9:25 am and again from 2:05-2:25 pm to accommodate the Mount Allison Convocation.

RFD 2026-006 – SARAH'S WALK STREET CLOSURE

That Council approve a staggered road closure of the following road sections in Sackville – Donald Harper to Folkins Drive, Folkins Drive from Donald Harper to Church Street, Church Street from Folkins Drive to Main Street and Main Street from Church Street to Donald Harper on Sunday, April 12, 2026 beginning at 2:00 p.m. to accommodate the Mile for Sarah's Smile Memorial Walk and waive the rental fees for municipally owned street barricades with the understanding that the organizers would be responsible for any lost or damaged property.

RFD 2026-008 – ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM: SALEM PROPERTIES

That Council approve the Economic Development Incentive Program application from Salem Properties Inc. for a multi-building residential development at 112 Queens Road (PID 00892497).

RFD 2026-009 – ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM: FRESHWINDS ECO-VILLAGE HOUSING

That Council approve the Economic Development Incentive Program application from Freshwinds Eco-Village Housing Co-Operating Ltd. for a multi-building residential development located at PID 00892786.

6. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

6.1. VARIATION OF REZONING CONDITIONS: FRESHWINDS ECO-VILLAGE HOUSING

#26-018 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT WHEREAS FRESHWINDS ECO-VILLAGE HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE INC. IS THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS CIVIC ADDRESS 64 FAIRFIELD RD, SACKVILLE BEING PID NUMBER 00892786;

AND WHEREAS THE PROPERTY IS ZONED URBAN RESIDENTIAL 3 (R3), WITH TERMS AND CONDITIONS IMPOSED UNDER A RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNDER BY-LAW NO 244-S, PASSED ON DECEMBER 16TH, 2024, AND REGISTERED AS REGISTRY NO 45673465;

AND WHEREAS COUNCIL HAS CONSIDERED AN APPLICATION FROM FRESHWINDS ECO-VILLAGE HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE TO VARY THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED IN THE RESOLUTION OF BY-LAW NO 244-S, TO AMEND THE SITE PLAN ATTACHED TO THE RESOLUTION;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TANTRAMMAR DIRECTS THAT THE APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION BE PREPARED AS PER THE PROPOSED CHANGE; THAT THE NOTICE OF INTENTION REQUIREMENTS OF THE *COMMUNITY PLANNING ACT* BE FULFILLED WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION, AND SETS THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON **MARCH 10TH, 2026** AT 7:00 PM, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 31 MAIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR, SACKVILLE NB AS THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR THE **PUBLIC HEARING** OF CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS TO THE VARIATION OF THE RESOLUTION AND AMENDMENT OF THE SITE PLAN ON PID 00892786. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK, DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, MATT ESTABROOKS, JOSH GOGUEN, GREG MARTIN AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTES RECORDED BY COUNCILLORS BARRY HICKS AND BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

6.2. TVMCC SPECTATOR SEATING – M. PRYDE

A copy of the report can be found on page 25 of the Regular Council Meeting [package](#).

#26-019 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO HUNDRED 20” SEATS AT THE TANTRAMMAR VETERANS MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTRE FROM CREATIVE SPORTS SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,900 PLUS HST. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK, DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, MATT ESTABROOKS, JOSH GOGUEN, BARRY HICIS, GREG MARTIN AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

6.3. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY

#26-020 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT FROM THIS DATE FEBRUARY 10, 2026, THE COUNCIL OF TANTRAMMAR ALONG WITH THE CAO WILL BE DOING THE HIRING AND FIRING OF EMPLOYEES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANTRAMMAR. THIS WILL UNITE THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CAO AND COUNCIL. IT WILL GREATLY BENEFIT THE MUNICIPALITY BECAUSE IT WILL REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF STRESS AND PRESSURE THAT WE HAVE BEEN CONSTATLY REMINDED OF, THAT THE CAO IS EXPERIENCING. THIS MOTION EXEMPLIFIES HOW THE HIRING AND FIRING OF THE MUNIPALITY EMPLOYEES WAS DONE IN THE PAST. AS WELL, IT CREATES A TRUSTING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CAO AND THE COUNCIL. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. NAY 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. MOTION DEFEATED.

6.4. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS

#26-021 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO ISSUE A TENDER TO BE CALLED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2026 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELEVATOR AT THE TANTRAMMAR VETERANS MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTRE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. BY-LAWS

#26-022 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING IN NAME ONLY TO BY-LAW NO. 243-F, A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 243 THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE MUNICIPAL PLAN. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-023 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL GIVE SECOND READING IN ITS ENTIRETY TO BY-LAW NO. 243-F, A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 243 THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE MUNICIPAL PLAN.

The Council of Tantrammar under the authority vested in it by Section 24 and in accordance with Section 111 of the *Community Planning Act*, SNB 2017, c.19 amends By-Law No. 243, the Town of Sackville Municipal Plan and enacts as follows:

1. By-Law No. 243, the Town of Sackville Municipal Plan, is amended by changing the boundary of the Downtown Business District on the Future Land Use Map, Figure 2, as shown on “Schedule A-1” attached hereto and forming part hereof. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-024 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING IN NAME ONLY TO BY-LAW NO. 244-W, A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 244 THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE ZONING BY-LAW. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-025 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL GIVE SECOND READING IN ITS ENTIRETY TO BY-LAW NO. 244-W, A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 244 THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE ZONING BY-LAW.

The Council of Tantrammar under the authority vested in it by Section 53 and in accordance with Section 111 of the *Community Planning Act*, SNB 2017, c.19 amends By-Law No. 244, the Town of Sackville Zoning By-Law and enacts as follows:

1. By-Law No. 244, the Town of Sackville Zoning By-Law, is amended by changing the boundary of the Downtown Business District on the Zoning Map, Figure 1 as shown on “Schedule A-1” attached hereto and forming part hereof. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-026 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING IN NAME ONLY TO 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 TANTRAMMAR. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-027 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL RESOLVE TO CONDUCT SECOND READING OF 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 TANTRAMMAR SECTION BY SECTION. 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.

#26-028 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING IN NAME ONLY TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-21, A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF FIRES AND BURNING IN TANTRAMAR. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-029 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL RESOLVE TO CONDUCT SECOND READING OF BY-LAW NO. 2026-21, A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF FIRES AND BURNING IN TANTRAMAR SECTION BY SECTION. MOTION CARRIED.

8. MAYOR & COUNCILLOR STATEMENTS & INQUIRIES

Michael Tower requested a follow-up letter be sent to Premier Holt in secure a meeting with Tantramar Council on the proposed gas plant.

Deputy Mayor Debbie Wiggins-Colwell thanked Active Living & Culture staff for the work done on the outdoor rink in Dorchester.

Deputy Mayor Debbie Wiggins-Colwell requested an update on the municipal building in Dorchester. Chief Administrative Officer Jenn Borne responded.

Councillor Barry Hicks asked for an update on the Pecks Cove Bridge in Rockport. Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Borne responded.

To watch the full Statement and Inquiries portion of the meeting, please see the Regular Council Meeting [video](#) at the 2:15 mark.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

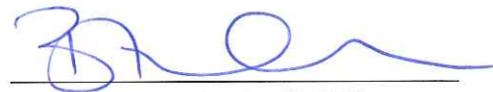
Mayor Andrew Black asked if there were any notice of motion. There were none.

10. ADJOURNMENT

#26-030 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.



MAYOR



ASSISTANT CLERK