



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE
31C MAIN STREET, SACKVILLE NB**

In attendance were Mayor Andrew Black and Councillors Allison Butcher, Barry Hicks, Greg Martin, Bruce Phinney and Michael Tower. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Borne, Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Eppell and Director of Community & Corporate Services Jeff Taylor.

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

#26-031 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2026, AS CIRCULATED AND MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 68 (1) (C) & (D) 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. P-2026-01

2.2. PA-2026-01

Deputy Mayor Debbie Wiggins-Colwell joined the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Public – 7:00 p.m.

Manager of Active Living & Culture Jamie Ferguson, Director of Financial Services Michael Beal, Dorchester Fire Chief Greg Partridge and Dorchester Fire Captain Dennis Reid joined the meeting.

Also, in attendance were fifty-three (53) members of the public.

#26-032 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE SUBLEASE AGREEMENT WITH KEAGAN HAWTHORNE OF GASPAREAU PRESS EFFECTIVE MARCH 10, 2026 AT THE RATE OF \$9,600.00 PER YEAR PLUS HST AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL THE SUBLEASE AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

3. PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

- 3.1. PUBLIC HEARING: VARIATION OF REZONING CONDITIONS FRESHWINDS ECO-VILLAGE HOUSING – S. GERRAND
- 3.2. PROPOSED GAS PLANT: CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS – S. CULLEN
- 3.3. HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR TANTRAMAR – T. JONES
- 3.4. SENIORS FOR CLIMATE TANTRAMAR: POWER IN YOUR HANDS – P. HIGHAM
- 3.5. MOUNTIE DAY PROCLAMATION

GIVEN THE MANY OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MOUNT ALLISON ATHLETICS I AM HEREBY DECLARING MARCH 26, 2026 AS OUR TWELFTH ANNUAL “MOUNTIE DAY”, IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION THAT MOUNT ALLISON ATHLETICS MAKES TO OUR COMMUNITY.

IN DOING SO, I ENCOURAGE OUR COUNCIL, OUR STAFF AND THE ENTIRE TANTRAMAR COMMUNITY TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR MOUNT ALLISON ATHLETICS ON MARCH 26th AND WEAR YOUR GARNET AND GOLD, SHOW YOUR SUPPORT IN YOUR HOME AND BUSINESS WINDOWS AND MOST OF ALL, TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR ATHLETICS AND THEIR VARIOUS ATHLETIC PROGRAMS. TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT, THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANTRAMAR WILL PROUDLY FLY THE MOUNT ALLISON ATHLETICS FLAG ON MARCH 26th.

- 3.6. 2-MINUTE PRESENTATION – MEGHAN HICKS
- 3.7. 2-MINUTE PRESENTATION – ALYSSA GREEN

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#26-033 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-034 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

#26-035 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA OF MARCH 10, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

RFD 2026-013 – ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

That Council approve PSD Citywide to perform the Tantramar Asset Management Plan in 2026 at a cost of \$43,200 plus hst.

RFD 2026-014 – NEW COUNCIL TECHNOLOGY

That Council approve the purchase of nine (9) new laptops/tablets for the incoming Mayor and Councillors at a maximum price of \$18,000 plus HST from Dell on top of any regular computer purchases normally made for operations.

RFD 2026-015 – BILL JOHNSTONE SPLASHPAD IMPROVEMENT

That Council approve ABC Recreation to supply and install the new Ombrello No1 feature at the Bill Johnstone Memorial Park Splashpad at a cost of \$12,333.33 plus HST.

RFD 2026-016 – TVMCC PLAYERS ENTRANCE FLOORING

That Council approve F.R.S. Flooring Solutions to supply and install MaxFlor + 10 mm rubber tile flooring inside the Player's Entrance of the Tantrammar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre at a cost of \$25,644 plus HST.

RFD 2026-017 – TVMCC CONDENSER

That Council award RFP TAN-2026-03 to CIMCO to supply and install a new adiabatic condenser at the Tantrammar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre at a cost of \$219,995.00 plus HST.

RFD 2026-018 – 2026 SHIRETOWN FESTIVAL

That Council waive the rental fees for a variety of municipally owned property, such as barricades, picnic tables and chairs.

That Council approve the closure of Woodlawn/Cape Road from Ladysmith Manor (22 Woodlawn Road) to School Street and School Street from Cape Road to Harrop Avenue on Saturday, June 13, 2026 from approximately 1:00-2:00pm to accommodate a parade.

That Council permit the organizers to install an across the street banner on the existing infrastructure near 3515 NB-935, Dorchester for a maximum of 21 days, using a licensed installer.

6. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

6.1. 2025 CAPITAL BORROWING – M. BEAL

A copy of the report can be found on page 39 of the Regular Council Meeting [package](#).

#26-036 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TREASURER BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AND SELL TO THE NEW BRUNSWICK MUNICIPAL FINANCE CORPORATION A MUNICIPALITY OF TANTRAMMAR DEBENTURE IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$549,000 ON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE NEW BRUNSWICK MUNICIPAL FINANCE CORPORATION, AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANTRAMMAR AGREE TO ISSUE POST-DATED CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THE NEW BRUNSWICK MUNICIPAL FINANCE CORPORATION

AS AND WHEN THEY ARE REQUESTED IN PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST CHARGES ON THE ABOVE DEBENTURE. MOTION CARRIED.

6.2. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: DORCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT – D. REID

A copy of the report can be found on page 41 of the Regular Council Meeting [package](#).

#26-037 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) SETS OF SWIFT WATER RESCUE PPE AND THREE (3) SETS OF FIREFIGHTING GLOVES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,373.00 PLUS HST FROM SAFETY SOURCE FIRE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. BY-LAWS

#26-038 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY 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 ROAD, 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 16, 2024, AND REGISTERED AS REGISTRY #45673465;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TANTRAMMAR, PURSUANT TO SECTION 59 OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING ACT, HEREBY VARIES THE RESOLUTION REGISTERED AS REGISTRY #45673465 IN THE WESTMORLAND REGISTRY OFFICE BY REPLACING THE SITE PLAN IN SCHEDULE B WITH AN AMENDED SITE PLAN ATTACHED HERETO. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK, DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, GREG MARTIN, BRUCE PHINNEY AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-039 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL GIVE THIRD AND FINAL READING TO BY-LAW NO. 243-F, A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 243 THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE MUNICIPAL PLAN. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-040 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL GIVE THIRD AND FINAL READING TO BY-LAW NO. 244-W, A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 244 THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE ZONING BY-LAW. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-041 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL GIVE SECOND READING SECTION BY SECTION 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.

SECTION 6 – COMPLAINTS

SECTION 7 – COUNCIL DECISIONS

SCHEDULE "A" – FORMAL COMPLAINT PROCESS TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT
AYE VOTES RECORDED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK, DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL
AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, BARRY HICKS, GREG MARTIN AND MICHAEL TOWER.
NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-042 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR
GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL GIVE THIRD AND FINAL READING 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. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK, DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE
WIGGINS-COLWELL AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, BARRY HICKS, GREG MARTIN AND
MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

8. MAYOR & COUNCILLOR STATEMENTS & INQUIRIES

Councillor Michael Tower congratulated the Tantrammar Heritage Trust for their screening of the 1979 film Sand Dance and talk by filmmaker Janet Crawford on the Enterprise Foundry.

Councillor Michael Tower commented on the Petition to the House of Commons in Parliament assembled, submitted by MP Elizabeth May regarding the proposed gas plant.

Deputy Mayor Debbie Wiggins-Colwell asked for an update on the water drainage concerns in front of the Sackville Legion. Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Eppell responded.

Deputy Mayor Debbie Wiggins-Colwell asked if the Dorchester Veterans Community Centre would be part of the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service program. Mayor Andrew Black responded that Staff would inquire.

Councillor Bruce Phinney asked a question about water drainage from the roof of the Tantrammar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre. Mayor Andrew Black responded that Staff would respond back to Council.

Deputy Mayor Debbie Wiggins-Colwell asked for an update on proposed renovations at Memorial Park in Sackville. Manager of Active Living & Culture Jamie Ferguson responded.

To watch the full Statement and Inquiries portion of the meeting, please see the Regular Council Meeting [video](#) at the 1:58 mark.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

9.1. COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS

#26-043 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT THE NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR
BARRY HICKS REGARDING THE MONTANA REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS COME FORWARD FOR
CONSIDERATION AT THIS MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.2(B) OF BY-LAW NO.
2022-03 MEETING PROCEDURE BY-LAW. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-044 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 68 (1) (J) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT. MOTION CARRIED.

Return to Public Session

#26-045 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL, PENDING LEGAL ADVICE, AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE MONTANA REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE SACKVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH AN UPDATE OF ACTIONS ON EACH RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED BY THE CAO. MOTION CARRIED.

10. ADJOURNMENT

#26-046 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.


MAYOR


ASSISTANT CLERK