

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026 – 3:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE
31C MAIN STREET, SACKVILLE NB**

In attendance were Mayor Andrew Black 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, Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Epell, TFS Manager of People & Culture/Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin, Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Hartling, Manager of Tourism & Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles, Manager of Active Living & Culture Jamie Ferguson, Sackville Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Dorchester Fire Chief Greg Partridge and Dorchester Fire Captain Dennis Reid. Deputy Mayor Debbie Wiggins-Colwell attended virtually.

Also, in attendance were three (3) 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 MICHAEL TOWER MARCH 23, 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. INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1. WILDLIFE SENSITIVE AREAS IN TANTRAMAR: CCAC – D. BLISS

A presentation from the Climate Change Advisory Committee and NatureNB on Wildlife Sensitive Areas in Tantramar. To view a copy of the presentation, please visit our [website](#).

2.2. ACCESSIBILITY UPDATE – M. PRYDE

Manager of Active Living & Culture Jamie Ferguson provided an Accessibility Update. A copy of the report can be found on page 3 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

3. COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUEST

3.1. BY-LAW NO. 2026-21 FIRE PREVENTION BY-LAW – C. BOWSER

A copy of the report can be found on page 5 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

3.2. 2026 FALL FAIR – M. PRYDE

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

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-021 – 2026 FALL FAIR BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

3.3. 2026 FRIDAY NIGHT CRUISE STREET CLOSURE – M. PRYDE

A copy of the report can be found on page 25 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-022 – 2026 FRIDAY NIGHT CRUISE STREET CLOSURE BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

3.4. 2026 LEVEE ON THE LAKE – M. PRYDE

A copy of the report can be found on page 27 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-023 – 2026 LEVEE ON THE LAKE BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

3.5. 2026 SANDPIPER FESTIVAL – M. PRYDE

A copy of the report can be found on page 29 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-024 – 2026 SANDPIPER FESTIVAL BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

3.6. 2026 SAPPYFEST – M. PRYDE

A copy of the report can be found on page 31 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-025 – 2026 SAPPYFEST BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

3.7. KAYAK RENTAL AGREEMENT – M. PRYDE

A copy of the report can be found on page 33 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-026 – KAYAK RENTAL AGREEMENT BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

3.8. PORTABLE PUMP: DORCHESTER FIRE – D. REID

A copy of the report can be found on page 39 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-027 – PORTABLE PUMP DORCHESTER FIRE BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

3.9. TENDER TAN-2026-01: ASPHALT RESURFACING AND PATCHING – J. EPELL

A copy of the report can be found on page 43 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-028 – TENDER TAN-2026-01 ASPHALT RESURFACING AND PATCHING BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

3.10. RFP TAN-2026-02: SUPPLY OF TWO ¾ T TRUCKS – J. EPELL

A copy of the report can be found on page 46 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-029 – RFP TAN-2026-02 SUPPLY OF TWO ¾ TON TRUCKS BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

3.11. CULVERT REPLACEMENT FAIRFIELD ROAD 2 – J. EPELL

A copy of the report can be found on page 49 of the Committee of the Whole [package](#).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT CDR-2026-030 – CULVERT REPLACEMENT FAIRFIELD ROAD 2 BE SENT TO CONSENT AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2026. 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.

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Departmental reports can be found on pages 51-69 of the March 2026 Committee of the Whole [package](#).

- 4.1. Active Living and Culture – J. Ferguson
- 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 – E. Hartling
- 4.6. Chief Administrative Officer – J. Borne
- 4.7. Mayor’s Report – A. Black

5. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from members of the Public.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.



MAYOR



ASSISTANT CLERK