

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026 – 3:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 31 MAIN STREET, SACKVILLE NB**

In attendance were Deputy Mayor Debbie Wiggins-Colwell and Councillors Josh Goguen, Barry Hicks, Greg Martin, Bruce Phinney and Michael Tower. Also in attendance was Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Borne, Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Epell, Director of Community & Corporate Services Jeff Taylor, Director of Active Living & Culture Matt Pryde, Director of Financial Services Michael Beal, Manager of Active Living & Culture Jamie Ferguson, Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Hartling, Manager of Corporate Compliance, Risk & Safety, Sackville Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Dorchester Fire Chief Greg Partridge and Dorchester Deputy Fire Chief Dan Dupuis.

There were five (5) 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**

#26-058 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF APRIL 27, 2026 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

**1.2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

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

**2. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2.1. SERSC INFRASTRUCTURE COST SHARING**

Marc Landry from Southeast Regional Service Commission spoke with Mayor & Council regarding the proposed Infrastructure Cost Sharing Model. To watch the full presentation, please see the Special Meeting of Council [video](#) at the 1:50 mark.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#26-059 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2026, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-060 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF APRIL 16, 2026, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-061 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF APRIL 20, 2026, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 4. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

##### 4.1. 2025 AUDIT – M. BEAL

A copy of the report can be found on page 10 of the Special Meeting of Council [package](#).

#26-062 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2025 AUDIT FOR TANTRAMAR AS PREPARED BY ANDREW BOUDREAU OF BAKER TILLY GMA LLP OUT OF RIVERVIEW, NB AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL THE AUDIT. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-063 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL APPOINT ANDREW BOUDREAU OF BAKER TILLY GMA LLP OUT OF RIVERVIEW, NB AS OUR MUNICIPAL AUDITOR FOR THE AUDIT YEAR 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

##### 4.2. 2026 BY-LAW SUMMER STUDENTS – M. BEAL

A copy of the report can be found on page 18 of the Special Meeting of Council [package](#).

#26-064 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN THAT WHEREAS COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED VARIOUS BY-LAWS; AND WHEREAS THE MUNICIPALITY WISHES TO ENSURE THE PROPER ENFORCEMENT OF ITS BY-LAWS BY HIRING AN APPROPRIATE PERSON TO SUCH POSITION;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DESIGNATED TO ACT FOR AND ON COUNCIL'S BEHALF IN ORDER TO PROPERLY ENFORCE ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S BY-LAWS PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPALITY'S AUTHORITY OUTLINED BELOW: KYLER PAQUETTE, JUNIOR SAMATY AND OLIVER CYR EFFECTIVE JUNE 8, 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE ABOVE-NOTED AUTHORIZATION AND DESIGNATION IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

SECTIONS 133, 134, 135 AND 136 OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING ACT, IN ORDER TO ENTER UPON PROPERTY, ISSUE ORDERS, SEEK ORDERS FROM THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH AND COMMENCE PROCEEDINGS IN PROVINCIAL COURT;

SECTIONS 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 72, 80, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135, 139, 144, 150, 151, 153 AND 195 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT, IN ORDER TO SERVE TICKETS,

COMMENCE PROCEEDINGS IN PROVINCIAL COURT, ENTER UPON PROPERTY AND ISSUE NOTICES FOR DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES, AND

SECTION 14 OF THE POLICE ACT IN ORDER TO SERVE TICKETS AND PROPERLY EXECUTE THEIR ROLE AS A BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE ABOVE-NOTED AUTHORIZATION AND DESIGNATION SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL THE PERSON CEASES TO BE EMPLOYED BY THE MUNICIPALITY, OR UNTIL THE APPOINTMENT IS LIMITED OR RESCINDED BY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED.

4.3. UPDATE ON FCM GROWING CANADA'S COMMUNITY CANOPIES: TREE PLANTING GRANT – J. FERGUSON

A copy of the report can be found on page 20 of the Special Meeting of Council [package](#).

#26-065 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE UPDATED LETTER OF SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR TANTRAMAR IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION TO THE FCM – GROWING CANADA'S COMMUNITY CANOPIES – TREE PLANTING GRANT. MOTION CARRIED.

4.4. FCM GROWING CANADA'S COMMUNITY CANOPIES: URBAN FORESTRY PLAN AND STUDIES GRANT – J. FERSUON

A copy of the report can be found on page 23 of the Special Meeting of Council [package](#).

#26-066 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE LETTER OF SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR TANTRAMAR IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION TO THE FCM – GROWING CANADA'S COMMUNITY CANOPIES - URBAN FORESTRY PLAN AND STUDIES GRANT. MOTION CARRIED.

4.5. BY-LAW NO. 2026-21 A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF FIRES AND BURNING IN TANTRAMAR – C. BOWSER

A copy of the report can be found on page 27 of the Special Meeting of Council [package](#).

#26-067 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL GIVE SECOND READING SECTION BY SECTION TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-21, A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF FIRES AND BURNING IN TANTRAMAR.

SECTION 1 – SHORT TITLE  
SECTION 2 – DEFINITIONS  
SECTION 3 – FIRE PREVENTION OFFICERS  
SECTION 4 – OUTSIDE FIRES  
SECTION 5 – FIREWORKS  
SECTION 6 – DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS  
SECTION 7 – OUTDOOR BURNING APPLIANCES  
SECTION 8 – PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

SECTION 9 – PENALTY

SECTION 10 – REPEAL

SECTION 11 – ENACTMENT

SCHEDULE “A” – GUIDELINES FOR ISSUING BURNING PERMITS FOR TREATING EXISTING BLUEBERRY FIELDS

SCHEDULE “B” – MAP OF TANTRAMAR

SCHEDULE “C” – ZONING MAPS

AYE VOTES RECORDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND COUNCILLORS BARRY HICKS, GREG MARTIN AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTES RECORDED BY COUNCILLORS JOSH GOGUEN AND BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

#26-068 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL GIVE THIRD AND FINAL READING TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-21 A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF FIRES AND BURNING IN TANTRAMAR. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND COUNCILLORS BARRY HICKS, GREG MARTIN AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTES RECORDED BY COUNCILLORS JOSH GOGUEN AND BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

4.6. TVMCC AMMONIA RELIEF SYSTEM UPGRADES – M. PRYDE

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

#26-069 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE SUPPLY AND INSTALL OF AN AMMONIA RELIEF SYSTEM AT THE TANTRAMAR VETERANS MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTRE FROM CIMCO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,105.00 PLUS HST. MOTION CARRIED.

4.7. MOUNT ALLISON CONVOCATION STREET CLOSURE UPDATE – M. PRYDE

A copy of the report can be found on page 43 of the Special Meeting of Council [package](#).

#26-070 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF YORK STREET, SACKVILLE FROM SALEM STREET TO LANSDOWNE STREET ON SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026 FROM APPROXIMATELY 1:00-1:30 PM TO ACCOMMODATE THE GRACE ANNIE LOCKHART CELEBRATION EVENT. MOTION CARRIED.

5. ADJOURNMENT

#26-071 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF APRIL 27, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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ASSISTANT CLERK