

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026 – 4:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 31 MAIN STREET, SACKVILLE NB**

In attendance were Mayor Andrew Black, Deputy Mayor Debbie Wiggins-Colwell and Councillors Matt Estabrooks, Josh Goguen, Barry Hicks, Greg Martin, Bruce Phinney and Michael Tower. Also in attendance was Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Borne, Director of Community & Corporate Services Jeff Taylor and TFS Manager of People & Culture Becky Goodwin.

There were no 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

#26-072 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MAY 4, 2026 AS AMENDED AND MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 68 (1)(J) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT. MOTION CARRIED.

1.2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

2. CLOSED SESSION

- 2.1. HR-2026-01
- 2.2. HR-2026-05
- 2.3. HR-2026-04

Councillor Allison Butcher joined the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

3. PUBLIC

#26-073 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL APPOINT CHRIS HILL AS ASSISTANT CLERK OF TANTRAMAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 71 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 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.

3.1. CODE OF CONDUCT 2026-03

A copy of the Code of Conduct complaint can be found under the Council Documents page of the Special Meeting of Council portion of the [website](#).

#26-074 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL HEREBY DISMISSES THE CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT NO. 2026-03 DATED MAY 2, 2026 AGAINST COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE COMPLAINT DOES NOT BREACH BY-LAW NO. 2025-19 A CODE OF CONDUCT BY-LAW FOR THE COUNCIL OF TANTRAMAR AND THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO THIS COMPLAINT. MOTION CARRIED.

3.2. CODE OF CONDUCT 2026-04

A copy of the Code of Conduct complaint can be found under the Council Documents page of the Special Meeting of Council portion of the [website](#).

Councillor Josh Goguen left the meeting.

#26-075 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL HEREBY DISMISSES THE CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT NO. 2026-04 DATED MAY 4, 2026 AGAINST COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE COMPLAINT DOES NOT BREACH BY-LAW NO. 2025-19 A CODE OF CONDUCT BY-LAW FOR THE COUNCIL OF TANTRAMAR AND THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO THIS COMPLAINT. MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Josh Goguen rejoined the meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

#26-076 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MAY 4, 2026. MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR

ASSISTANT CLERK