

**COUNCIL MEETING OF  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022 7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL**

In attendance were Mayor Shawn Mesheau, Deputy Mayor Andrew Black and Councillors Sabine Dietz, Matt Estabrooks, Kenneth Hicks and Bruce Phinney. Also, in attendance were CAO Jamie Burke, Clerk Donna Beal, Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin, Treasurer Michael Beal, Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Senior Manager of Corporate Projects Kieran Miller, Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Hartling, Town Engineer Dwayne Acton, Manager of Recreation Programs and Events Matt Pryde, Manager of Tourism and Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles and Planner Lori Bickford

Attending virtually were Councillors Allison Butcher, Bill Evans and Michael Tower.

There were also four (4) residents in attendance.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Shawn Mesheau called the meeting to order.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Shawn Mesheau acknowledged that we are located within the territory of Mi'kma'ki, the unceded, ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#22-011 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2022, AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

4. QUESTIONS PERIOD

Keith Carter asked for clarification on the proposed amendments to By-Law No. 284, A By-Law Respecting the Duties and Powers of the Chief Administrative Officer, and how it impacts future hiring for the Municipality. Clerk Donna Beal responded that the recommendations were presented to Council at the Special Meeting of Council on February 7, 2022 and additional information would be provided during the Policy/By-Law Report. CAO Jamie Burke responded on the two main recommendations within the By-Law and provided additional details on the proposed Hiring Policy. Mayor Shawn Mesheau responded that if Mr. Carter had additional questions, to reach out to the Clerk's Office.

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Mayor Shawn Mesheau asked if there were any Disclosures of Interest to Declare. Councillor Matt Estabrooks will leave the meeting during the Community Development Grant motions.

## 6. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – January 10, 2022

#22-012 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2022 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of Council – February 7, 2022

#22-013 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF FEBRUARY 7, 2022 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

## 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mayor Shawn Mesheau asked if there was any business arising from the minutes. There was none.

## 8. SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICES

i) Regional Service Commission

Mayor Shawn Mesheau noted that the Report could be found on page 13 of the Council Package.

ii) Planning

Planner Lori Bickford noted that the Report could be found on page 15 of the Council Package.

#22-014 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT WHEREAS COUNCIL HAS CONSIDERED AN APPLICATION FROM ANDREW FRASER AND MIKE WILSON TO AMEND BY-LAW 244, THE “TOWN OF SACKVILLE ZONING BY-LAW” BY CHANGING THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL PERMITTED INDUSTRIAL USES ARE REQUIRED TO CONNECT TO MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO ALLOW DEVELOPMENT IN THE UNSERVICED INDUSTRIAL AREA OFF EXIT 500;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE DIRECTS THAT THE APPROPRIATE BY-LAW BE PREPARED TO AMEND BY-LAW NO 244, THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE ZONING BY-LAW AS IT PERTAINS TO THE ABOVE NOTED CHANGE; THAT THE PROPOSED BY-LAW BE REFERRED TO THE SOUTHEAST PLANNING REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE FOR THEIR VIEWS; THAT THE NOTICE OF INTENTION REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING ACT BE FULFILLED WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS,

AND SETS THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2022, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE TOWN HALL, 31 MAIN STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, SACKVILLE NB AS THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING OF CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED BY-LAW. MOTION CARRIED.

Planner Lori Bickford left the meeting.

## 9. REPORTS

### A) MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shawn Mesheau provided highlights of his report noting that the report could be found on page 19 of the Council Package.

Councillor Sabine Dietz provided an update on the Tantramar Rural Health Action Group.

Deputy Mayor Andrew Black provided an update on the Affordable Housing Seminar he attended hosted by UMNb.

### B) CAO'S REPORT

CAO Jamie Burke noted that the CAO Report could be found on page 20 of the Council Package and provided a summary noting that full details could be found in Department Reports.

### C) Finance & Administration

#### i) BILLS AND PAYROLL – JANUARY

#22-015 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BILLS AND PAYROLL FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2022 AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL GOVERNMENT \$976,320.82; GENERAL CAPITAL \$498,499.67; UTILITY GOVERNMENT \$51,732.27; UTILITY CAPITAL \$9,957.16; AND SALARIES \$221,570.40. MOTION CARRIED.

#### ii) Report from Finance and Administration

Councillor Bill Evans noted that the Finance Report could be found on page 25 of the Council Package and gave details of the Report and noted that the Animal Control Reports were also included.

### D) Tourism & Business Development

#### a. Report from Tourism & Business Development

Councillor Kenneth Hicks gave a summary of the Tourism & Business Development report found on page 33 of the Council Package.

#22-016 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KENNETH HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE CRAFT GALLERY/VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD IDENTIFIED IN THE CONTRACT (MAY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022; MAY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023; AND MAY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024) AT THE RATE OF \$1,100.00 PER MONTH AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL THE AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-017 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KENNETH HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ROBERT LYON/VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD IDENTIFIED IN THE CONTRACT (MAY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022; MAY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023; AND MAY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024) AT THE RATE OF \$145.00 PER MONTH AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL THE AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-018 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KENNETH HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$4,000.00 TO RENAISSANCE SACKVILLE FROM THE TOWN'S 2022 OPERATIONAL BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING ONE APPLICATION: HARDSCRABBLE PRESS. MOTION CARRIED.

E) Public Property & Facilities

Councillor Matt Estabrooks provided a brief overview of the Public Property and Facilities report found on page 35 of the Council Package.

F) Recreation Programs & Events

Councillor Allison Butcher provided an overview of the Recreation Programs & Events report found on page 37 of the Council Package.

Councillor Matt Estabrooks left the meeting.

#22-019 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE FOLLOWING GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWN'S 2022 OPERATIONAL BUDGET.

OPERATIONAL GRANTS

<u>681 AIR CADET SQUADRON</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
<u>BOB EDGETT BOXING CLUB</u>	<u>\$ 3,100.00</u>
<u>CHMA ATTIC BROADCASTING</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
<u>LIVE BAIT THEATRE</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
<u>OWEN'S ART GALLERY</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

<u>PERFORMER'S COMPANY</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
<u>RR RURAL RIDES LTD.</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
<u>SACKVILLE BASKETBALL BOOSTERS</u>	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
<u>SACKVILLE CITIZEN'S BAND</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
<u>SACKVILLE COMMONS</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
<u>SACKVILLE MINOR BASEBALL</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
<u>SACKVILLE MINOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
<u>SACKVILLE MINOR HOCKEY</u>	<u>\$ 8,500.00</u>
<u>SACKVILLE SKATING CLUB</u>	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>
<u>SACKVILLE SWIM CLUB</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
<u>SACKVILLE YOUTH SOCCER</u>	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
<u>STRUTS AND FAUCETT GALLERY</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
<u>TANTRAMAR HERITAGE TRUST</u>	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>
<u>TANTRAMAR WETLANDS CENTRE</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
<u>TANTRAMAR MARSH LACROSSE</u>	<u>\$ 1,400.00</u>
<u>TANTRAMAR OUTDOOR CLUB</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
<u>TRHS BOYS HOCKEY</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
<u>TRHS LADIES HOCKEY</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

SPECIAL EVENTS/PROJECTS GRANTS

<u>CENTRE FOR ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT</u>	<u>\$ 3,800.00</u>
<u>EOS ECO-ENERGY</u>	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
<u>ANGLOPHONE EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
<u>FESTIVAL BY THE MARSH</u>	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
<u>INTANGIBLE CULTURE AND HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NB</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
<u>PLAYWRIGHTS ATLANTIC</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
<u>SACKVILLE GOLF CLUB JUNIOR PROGRAM</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
<u>SAPPYFEST INC</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

SMALL CAPITAL GRANTS

<u>STRUTS &amp; FAUCET</u>	<u>\$ 4,500.00</u>
<u>SACKVILLE CEMETARY CO.</u>	<u>\$ 1,400.00</u>
<u>TANTRAMAR HERITAGE TRUST</u>	<u>\$ 1,100.00</u>
<u>OPEN SKY</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00.</u>
<u>MOTION CARRIED.</u>	

Councillor Matt Estabrooks returned to the meeting.

#22-020 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE INTANGIBLE CULTURE AND HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NEW BRUNSWICK TO HOST A MEAL INCLUDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOL IN A SECURED AREA IN LILLAS FAWCETT PARK ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022 SUBJECT TO PROVINCIAL LIQUOR AND SAFETY LAWS, AND OBTAINING LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE

AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000 NAMING THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE AS CO-INSURED. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-021 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL GRANT THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MAIN STREET FROM MORICE DRIVE TO CHURCH STREET ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022 FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSES OF AN EVENT SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE THE LEVEE ON THE LAKE FESTIVAL; WITH A POOR WEATHER DATE FOR THE SAME TIMES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-022 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL WAIVE THE RENTAL FEES OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY SUCH AS TABLES, CHAIRS, KIOSKS, PICNIC TABLES, AND OTHER SIMILAR ITEMS FOR THE INTANGIBLE CULTURE AND HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NEW BRUNSWICK FOR USE AT THE LILLAS FAWCETT PARK FESTIVAL LOCATION AUGUST 18, 2022 TO AUGUST 21, 2022 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE INTANGIBLE CULTURE AND HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NEW BRUNSWICK WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST OR DAMAGED EQUIPMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-023 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL WAIVE THE RENTAL FEES FOR USE OF THE FIRE BOAT FOR THE INTANGIBLE CULTURE AND HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NEW BRUNSWICK FROM APPROXIMATELY 12:00 PM TO 6:00 PM ON SATURDAY AUGUST 20, 2022. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BOAT WILL BE USED FOR WATER RESCUE PURPOSES ONLY AND ITS AVAILABILITY IS CONTINGENT ON ADEQUATE FIRE VOLUNTEERS TO OPERATE THE VESSEL AND SHOULD THERE BE ANOTHER EMERGENCY CALL WHERE THE BOAT IS NEEDED, IT WILL REPEND ACCORDINGLY. A POOR WEATHER DATE WOULD BE THE SAME TIMES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-024 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE INTANGIBLE CULTURE AND HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NEW BRUNSWICK TO OPERATE A BEER GARDEN IN A SECURED AREA IN LILLAS FAWCETT PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022, OR A POOR WEATHER DATE OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022, SUBJECT TO PROVINCIAL LIQUOR AND SAFETY LAWS, AND OBTAINING LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000 NAMING THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE AS CO-INSURED. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-025 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE INTANGIBLE CULTURE AND HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NEW BRUNSWICK TO EXTEND THE NOISE BY-LAW AT LILLAS FAWCETT PARK ON SATURDAY AUGUST

20, 2022 UNTIL MIDNIGHT FOR THE PURPOSE OF A MUSIC CONCERT. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-026 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KENNETH HICKS THAT COUNCIL GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE INTANGIBLE CULTURE AND HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NEW BRUNSWICK TO EXTEND THE NOISE BYLAW AT THE SACKVILLE MUSIC BARN ON THURSDAY AUGUST 18, 2022 UNTIL MIDNIGHT FOR THE PURPOSE OF A MUSIC CONCERT. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-027 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KENNETH HICKS THAT COUNCIL WAIVE THE RENTAL FEES OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY SUCH AS TABLES, CHAIRS, PICNIC TABLES, THE FIRE BOAT AND OTHER SIMILAR ITEMS FOR THE SACKVILLE TRIATHLON ON AUGUST 20, 2022 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SACKVILLE SWIM CLUB WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST OR DAMAGED EQUIPMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-028 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF MAIN STREET FROM DONALD HARPER ROAD TO STATION ROAD, AS WELL AS CHURCH STREET FROM MACPHEE LANE TO MAIN STREET ON SATURDAY AUGUST 20, 2022 FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. NOON TO FACILITATE THE SACKVILLE SWIM CLUB TRIATHLON. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-029 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KENNETH HICKS THAT COUNCIL WAIVE THE RENTAL FEES FOR USE OF THE FIRE BOAT FOR THE SACKVILLE SWIM CLUB TRIATHLON FROM APPROXIMATELY 8:30 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON ON SATURDAY AUGUST 20, 2022; IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BOAT WILL BE USED FOR WATER RESCUE PURPOSES ONLY AND ITS AVAILABILITY IS CONTINGENT ON ADQUATE FIRE VOLUNTEERS TO OPERATE THE VESSEL AND SHOULD THERE BE ANOTHER EMERGENCY CALL WHERE THE BOAT IS NEEDED IT WILL RESPOND ACCORDINGLY. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-030 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KENNETH HICKS THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF AS PART OF THE POSTPONED WINTERFEST EVENTS, TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE FROM MAC FIREWORKS, TO PROVIDE A COMMERCIALY ORGANIZED FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BE HELD AT THE BILL JOHNSTONE MEMORIAL PARK ON THURSDAY MARCH 10, 2022 WITH A RAIN DATE OF FRIDAY MARCH 11, 2022. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY DEPUTY ANDREW BLACK AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, MATT ESTABROOKS, KENNETH HICKS, BRUCE PHINNEY AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTES RECORDED BY COUNCILLORS SABINE DIETZ, BILL EVANS AND MICHAEL TOWER. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-031 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE CLOSURE OF FORD LANE FROM THE ENTRANCE TO BILL JOHNSTONE MEMORIAL PARK TO LANSLOWNE STREET ON THE EVENING OF THURSDAY MARCH 10, 2022 WITH FROM APPROXIMATELY 4:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M. WITH A RAIN DATE OF FRIDAY MARCH 11, 2022 TO ACCOMMODATE THE POSTPONED WINTERFEST FIREWORK'S SHOW. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, MATT ESTABROOKS, BILL EVANS, KENNETH HICKS, BRUCE PHINNEY AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ. MOTION CARRIED.

G) Public Safety

Deputy Mayor Andrew Black provided an overview of the Public Safety report found on page 39 of the Council Package.

H) Policy/By-Law

Councillor Bruce Phinney noted that the Policy/By-Law report could be found on page 42 of the Council Package.

#22-032 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING IN NAME ONLY TO BY-LAW NO 284, A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COUNCIL, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND THE EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, SABINE DIETZ, MATT ESTABROOKS, BILL EVANS, KENNETH HICKS AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

I) Human Resources

Councillor Sabine Dietz noted that the Human Resources Report could be found on page 49 of the Council Package.

#22-033 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK THAT COUNCIL APPROVE POLICY NO. 2022-02 HIRING POLICY. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, SABINE DIETZ, MATT ESTABROOKS, BILL EVANS, KENNETH HICKS AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-034 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL REPEAL THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION DATED JULY 12, 2010. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY



DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, SABINE DIETZ, MATT ESTABROOKS, BILL EVANS, KENNETH HICKS AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-035 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL APPROVE POLICY NO. 2022-03 HEALTH AND FITNESS ALLOWANCE. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-036 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL RATIFY THE DECISION OF COUNCIL MADE AT THE IN-CAMERA MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2022, DEALING WITH HUMAN RESOURCES FILE NO. HR-2022-02. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, SABINE DIETZ, MATT ESTABROOKS, BILL EVANS, KENNETH HICKS AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

J) Corporate Affairs & Strategic Development

Councillor Michael Tower provided a brief overview of key points within the Corporate Affairs and Strategic Development Report found on page 58 of the package.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. MUNICIPAL REFORM

#22-037 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ WHEREAS THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IS FORCING THIS AMALGAMATION ON THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE AGAINST THE WILL OF ITS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WHO BELIEVE THAT THE RESULT WILL BE BAD FOR SACKVILLE AND ITS RESIDENTS, AND

WHEREAS THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HAS THE AUTHORITY TO FORCE THIS ON US AGAINST OUR WILL, AND

WHEREAS THIS IS A SHAM PROCESS IN WHICH COUNCIL MAY PARTICIPATE BUT WILL HAVE NO CONTROL OVER IT AND IN WHICH THE MINISTER WILL ONLY ACCEPT ADVICE THAT THE MINISTER WANTS TO RECEIVE OR ON MATTERS IN WHICH HE HAS NO INTEREST, AND

WHEREAS, BY COLLABORATING IN THIS PROCESS, COUNCIL WILL BE HELD TO ACCOUNT FOR IT,

THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE REFUSES TO BE COMPLICIT IN DOING SOMETHING THAT IT BELIEVES IS BAD FOR THE MUNICIPALITY THAT IT REPRESENTS. COUNCIL WILL NOT APPOINT

REPRESENTATIVES FROM SACKVILLE TO SERVE ON THIS SO-CALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, COUNCIL WILL NOT PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN THIS PROCESS AND COUNCIL WILL INSTRUCT THE CAO TO INSTRUCT TOWN STAFF NOT TO ASSIST WITH THIS FORCED AMALGAMATION. THE ONLY PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROCESS SHOULD BE TO CONDEMN IT, WORK WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN REFUSING TO ENGAGE IN IT AND ENCOURAGE OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO PROTEST AGAINST IT TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. IN THIS WAY, IF THIS AMALGAMATION DOES TAKE PLACE, IT WILL BE SEEN FOR WHAT IT WAS, SOMETHING THAT WAS FORCED ON US, AND NOT DONE WITH OUR COLLABORATION. AYE VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS. NAY VOTES RECORDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, SABINE DIETZ, MATT ESTABROOKS, KENNETH HICKS, BRUCE PHINNEY AND MICHAEL TOWER. MOTION DEFEATED.

#22-038 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL CONTINUE PAST THE DEADLINE OF A COUNCIL MEETING AS DEFINED IN BY-LAW NO. 272, A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL.

#22-039 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS WHEREAS THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE IS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROCESS TOWARDS AMALGAMATION THAT IS UNDEMOCRATIC AND LACKS CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE REALITY OF COMMUNITIES;

WHEREAS THE DESIGN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE LACKS DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATION, AND LACKS RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS RIGHTS, SINCE FORT FOLLY FIRST NATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PROCESS AT ALL;

WHEREAS THE TIMELINE IS EXTREMELY AGGRESSIVE AND IS BOUND TO CREATE MASSIVE PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES ALL ALONG;

WHEREAS THE PROCESS IS NOT TRANSPARENT, DISCUSSIONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE TO COUNCILLORS, AND DECISIONS ARE MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE, WHO HAS NO EXPERIENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, WHICH ARE NORMALLY DECISIONS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS;

AND WHEREAS THE TIMELINE AND PROCESS DO NOT ALLOW FOR ANY MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITIES AROUND THE TYPE OF SYSTEM (WARDS OR AT LARGE) AND THE NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS FOR THE FUTURE MUNICIPALITY;  
THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE DIRECTS ITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES TO REQUEST THE FOLLOWING:

1. THAT THE ELECTED CHIEF OF FORT FOLLY FIRST NATION BE INVITED TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE;
2. THAT REPRESENTATION ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE BASED ON POPULATION;
3. THAT REPRESENTATION ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE MORE FLEXIBLE;
4. THAT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPOSITION REFLECT WHO HAS BEEN DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED, AND THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF LSDS BE SELECTED THROUGH A TRANSPARENT SELECTION PROCESS;
5. THAT THE TOWN BE PRESENTED WITH A REASONABLE TIMELINE THAT LAYS OUT, IN DETAIL, THE STEPS WITHIN THE PROCESS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE;
6. THAT THE TIMELINE FOR THE WORK OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH IS LIMITED TO 3 THINGS ONLY, DETERMINING WARDS OR AT LARGE, THE SIZE OF THE FUTURE COUNCIL, AND THE NAME OF THE COMMUNITY, BE EXTENDED TO ALLOW FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO ENGAGE MEANINGFULLY WITH THE AFFECTED AREAS;
7. THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE ADDED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, AND EVEN IF THAT IS DENIED, THAT REPORTING TO COUNCIL IS ESTABLISHED WITH A CLEAR TIMELINE AND PROCESS;
8. THAT THERE IS A CLEAR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE AND PRESENTED TO COUNCIL WHICH USES A VARIETY OF MEANS TO ENGAGE, AND THAT EXPLAINS THE ON-GOING PROCESS AND ITS IMPLICATIONS TO THE AFFECTED AREAS.

AYE VOTES RECORDED BY COUNCILLORS SABINE DIETZ, BILL EVANS, KENNETH HICKS AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTES RECORDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, MATT ESTABROOKS AND BRUCE PHINNEY. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY MAYOR SHAWN MESHEAU. MOTION DEFEATED.

## 11. QUESTION PERIOD

Bruce Wark asked when the Public could expect to be advised of any council composition decisions made at the Advisory Committee Meeting on February 15, 2022. Mayor Shawn Mesheau responded that the committee will be told the communication plan at the meeting and will respond accordingly.

Bruce Wark asked what complaints were received about snow clearing following the most recent storm. Town Engineer Dwayne Acton responded that complaints were received indicating a believe that the Parks and Trails network should be considered at a higher priority with the Town.

Erica Butler asked for clarification on the deadline for Council Composition. Deputy Mayor Andrew Black responded that the advisory committee was meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

Erica Butler asked was considerations would be brought forward to the Advisory Committee on council composition. Mayor Shawn Mesheau responded that a combination of at large and ward systems have been looked into with most feedback from Council being that Sackville could be the at-large system, with wards making up the remaining areas of Entity 40 but indicated there are multiple options on the table. Deputy Mayor Andrew Black indicated that he did not see it being a completely at large composition. Ms. Butler asked if there are wards, when would the mapping be completed. Mayor Shawn Mesheau responded that boundaries for wards may not be determined right away but the focus of the Advisory Committee meeting is on council composition.

#22-040 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL MOVE INTO IN-CAMERA. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Shawn Mesheau indicated there would be a brief recess while Staff and members of the public left Council Chambers.

Senior Manager of Corporate Projects Kieran Miller, Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Manager of Recreation Program and Events Matt Pryde and Manager of Tourism and Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles left the meeting.

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12. ADJOURN

#22-041 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2022. MOTION CARRIED.

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Clerk

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Assistant Clerk