

**COUNCIL MEETING OF
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL**

In attendance were Mayor Shawn Mesheau, and Councillors Allison Butcher, Matt Estabrooks, Bill Evans, Kenneth Hicks, Bruce Phinney and Michael Tower. Also, in attendance were CAO Jamie Burke, Clerk Donna Beal, Treasurer Michael Beal, Town Engineer Jon Eppell, Senior Manager of Corporate Projects Kieran Miller, Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin, and Deputy Fire Chief Mike Green.

Councillor Sabine Dietz attended virtually.

Also, in attendance were two (2) members of the public.

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.

Mayor Shawn Mesheau provided a statement marking the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. A moment of silence was held, to remember Her Majesty.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**#22-167 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION
CARRIED.**

4. QUESTIONS PERIOD

Bruce Wark asked why a motion was passed that was recorded differently in the minutes regarding the suspension of Councillor Bruce Phinney's remuneration. CAO Jamie Burke responded that after speaking with a legal representative, the work remuneration includes benefits. Mr. Burke noted that although the wording in the minutes was done in error, the intent of the motion does not change and that the minutes could be amended should Council wish to make that change.

Bruce Wark asked if Councillor Bruce Phinney was notified of the sanctions given. CAO Jamie Burke responded that any sanctions given to a Councillor under the Code of Conduct is an item for Council and Staff do not get involved.

Erica Butler asked if in past sanctions given to any Councillors if benefits were suspended. Mayor Shawn Mesheau responded that all sanctions are of public record, however noted that remuneration has not been part of a previous sanction.

Erica Butler asked if an employee takes an unpaid leave of absence, would their benefits be suspended. Treasurer Michael Beal responded that if an employee takes an unpaid leave, they are required to pay their benefit costs.

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Mayor Shawn Mesheau asked if there were any Disclosures of Interest to Declare. CAO Jamie Burke disclosed that he is a resident of St. James Street, noting that Council will be considering a motion for trail work to the property adjacent to his property.

6. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – August 9, 2022

#22-168 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2022 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of Council – September 6, 2022

#22-169 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KENNETH HICKS THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF SEPTEMBER 6, 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. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shawn Mesheau noted the report could be found on page 14 of the Council Package.

9. CAO REPORT

CAO Jamie Burke noted that the CAO Report could be found on page 16 of the Council Package and provided a summary noting that full details could be found in Department Reports.

10. SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICES

i) Regional Service Commission

Mayor Shawn Mesheau noted that his report from the Regional Service Commission meeting could be found on page 18 of the Council Package.

ii) Planning

Mayor Shawn Mesheau noted that the report could be found on page 20 of the Council package.

11. PROCLAMATION

A) RAIL SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS RAIL SAFETY WEEK IS TO BE HELD ACROSS CANADA FROM SEPTEMBER 19 TO 25, 2022;

WHEREAS IT IS IN THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST TO RAISE CITIZENS' AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF IGNORING SAFETY WARNINGS AT LEVEL CROSSINGS AND TRESPASSING ON RAIL PROPERTY TO REDUCE AVOIDABLE DEATHS, INJURIES AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY INCIDENTS INVOLVING TRAINS AND CITIZENS.

WHEREAS OPERATION LIFESAVER IS A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WHOSE AIM IS TO WORK WITH THE PUBLIC, RAIL INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENTS, POLICE SERVICES, MEDIA AND OTHERS TO RAISE RAIL SAFETY AWARENESS;

WHEREAS CN HAS REQUESTED TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ITS ONGOING EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS, SAVE LIVES AND PREVENT INJURIES IN COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING OUR MUNICIPALITY;

THEREFORE, I MAYOR SHAWN MESHEAU ON BEHALF OF SACKVILLE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTS CN ONGOING EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS, SAVE LIVES AND PREVENT INJURIES IN COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING OUR MUNICIPALITY AND THEREBY PROCLAIM RAIL SAFETY WEEK TO BE HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 19 TO 25, 2022.

B) PRIDE WEEK

WHEREAS SACKVILLE'S TWO SPIRIT, LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, ASEXUAL, PLUS (2SLGBTQA+) COMMUNITY IS A VIBRANT AND PROUD GROUP WITHIN THE SACKVILLE COMMUNITY AT LARGE; AND

WHEREAS THE QUADRUMVIRATE THAT COLLABORATES TO MAKE SACKVILLE A POSITIVE, SAFE TOWN FOR 2SLGBTQA+ PERSONS: THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE, MOUNT ALLISON STUDENTS' UNION, THE MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY'S CATALYST GROUP, AND THE SACKVILLE QUEER ROOM; AND

WHEREAS THE 2SLGBTQA+ COMMUNITY AIMS TO ESTABLISH POSITIVE EDUCATIONAL FORUMS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND CELEBRATE THE DIVERSITY OF OUR CITIZENS; AND

WHEREAS THE 2SLGBTQA+ COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES A GAY/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE IS IMPERATIVE TO THE WELLBEING OF BOTH SOCIETIES; AND

WHEREAS THE 2SLGBTQA+ COMMUNITY ENCOURAGES DIALOGUE AS A TOOL TOWARDS A TOLERANT AND ACCEPTING SOCIETY IN THE SACKVILLE AREA;

THEREFORE, I, SHAWN MESHEAU, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE, HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 15 - 24, 2022 PRIDE WEEK IN SACKVILLE, RECOGNIZING THAT EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN CONDITIONS OF DIGNITY, RESPECT AND PEACE, REGARDLESS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER DIVERSITY.

12. REPORTS

A) Finance & Administration

i) BILLS AND PAYROLL – AUGUST

#22-170 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KENNETH HICKS THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BILLS AND PAYROLL FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2022 AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL GOVERNMENT \$483,026.12; GENERAL CAPITAL \$226,816.54; UTILITY GOVERNMENT \$61,202.92; UTILITY CAPITAL \$141,970.86; AND SALARIES \$280,820.70. MOTION CARRIED.

ii) Report from Finance and Administration

Councillor Bill Evans noted that the Finance Report could be found on page 23 of the Council Package and gave details of the Report and noted that the Animal Control Reports were also included.

B) Tourism & Business Development

a. Report from Tourism & Business Development

Councillor Kenneth Hicks noted that the Tourism & Business Development report found on page 32 of the Council Package.

#22-171 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KENNETH HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$4,330.00 FROM THE 2022 OPERATING BUDGET TO RENAISSANCE SACKVILLE TO FUND ONE APPLICATION: SIP EXPRESS BEVERAGES. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, SABINE DIETZ, MATT ESTABROOKS, BILL EVANS, KENNETH HICKS AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

C) Public Property & Facilities

Councillor Matt Estabrooks provided a brief overview of the Public Property and Facilities report found on page 33 of the Council Package.

#22-172 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE BULK SALT SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH WINDSOR SALT FOR THE 2022/2023 WINTER SEASON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79.09 PER METRIC TON FOR APPROXIMATELY 800 TO 1200 TONS OF ROAD SALT AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL THE AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-173 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE NEW TRAIL WORK AT THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE/DUCKS UNLIMITED COMPOUND ON ST. JAMES STREET AND AWARD THE WORK TO BEACH HILL LANDSCAPING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,250.00 PLUS H.S.T. MOTION CARRIED.

D) Recreation Programs & Events

Councillor Allison Butcher noted that the Recreation Programs & Events report can be found on page 35 of the Council Package.

E) Public Safety

Mayor Shawn Mesheau noted that the Public Safety report could be found on page 37 of the Council Package.

F) Policy/By-Law

Councillor Bruce Phinney noted that the Policy/By-Law report could be found on page 39 of the Council Package.

G) Human Resources

Councillor Sabine Dietz noted that the Human Resources Report could be found on page 40 of the Council Package.

#22-174 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL AMEND THE DATES OF THE SPECIAL MEETINGS OF COUNCIL FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER TO THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH BEING OCTOBER 4, 2022 AND NOVEMBER 8, 2022. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-175 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL AMEND THE DATES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER TO THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH BEING NOVEMBER 15, 2022. MOTION CARRIED.

H) 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 41 of the package.

Councillor Sabine Dietz provided an overview of her Report on the Rural Health Action Group. The full report will be provided on the Town of Sackville's [webpage](#).

#22-176 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE SOLAR INSTALLATION AT THE BILL JOHSTONE MEMORIAL ACTIVITY CENTRE BY VERTEX SOLAR SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 PLUS H.S.T. AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS. MOTION CARRIED.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Shawn Mesheau asked if there was any new business. There was none.

14. QUESTION PERIOD

Bruce Wark noted the increase to the new mandated services for the Town of Tantramar and asked what impact there might be on the taxpayers, if any. Mayor Shawn Mesheau responded that the discussion at the Regional Services meeting was a potential overall increase of 0.06 cents.

Erica Butler asked if the Southeast Regional Services Commission will present a final version of the budget to Council in October. Mayor Shawn Mesheau responded that feedback is still being received regarding the budget but unless something abnormal would come up it would be safe to say it would be approved as is.

Erica Butler asked if there were any developments or additional information provided by Minister Dominic LeBlanc regarding the Chignecto Isthmus project. Mayor Shawn Mesheau responded that discussion was had around the funding of the project and who the partners would need to be and would be relying on the key stakeholders within the business community as part of the process due to their requirement of the transportation corridor.

Erica Butler asked if the Town of Sackville will continue to do a basic housekeeping review of the Municipal Plan. CAO Jamie Burke responded that most of the previous review was done in 2015, with final approval completed in 2016. Plan360 realized as they began getting into the details of some items, that there would be a requirement for some extensive public consultation and in order for it to be completed in a meaningful way, it would need to wait until after the November election. Mr. Burke noted that there currently is no Municipal Plan for the Town of Tantramar and envisions the plans for the Town of Sackville and Village of Dorchester to continue to exist until such a time where a larger plan for Tantramar is completed.

Erica Butler asked for additional information on what work was done to the water lines for 131 Main Street. Town Engineer Jon Eppell responded that as part of the development plan, a sprinkler system was added to the building, which required an installation of a 6” main waterline.

15. ADJOURN

#22-177 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2022. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk

Assistant Clerk