

**COUNCIL MEETING OF
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL**

In attendance were Mayor Shawn Mesheau, Deputy Mayor Andrew Black and Councillors Allison Butcher, Sabine Dietz, Matt Estabrooks (virtually), Bill Evans, Bruce Phinney and Michael Tower. Also, in attendance were Acting CAO Michael Beal, Clerk Donna Beal, Town Engineer Jon Eppell, Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Hartling, Manager of Tourism and Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles, Manager of Recreation Programs and Events Matt Pryde, and Planner Lori Bickford.

Also, in attendance were four (4) 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.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#22-193 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

4. PASSPORT GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Mayor Shawn Mesheau drew the winner of the Town of Sackville's Business Passport Draw. Congratulations to Jean Cameron who has won a \$1,000.00 local shopping spree.

5. QUESTIONS PERIOD

Mayor Shawn Mesheau asked if there were any questions from the public. There were none.

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Mayor Shawn Mesheau asked if there were any Disclosures of Interest to Declare. There were none.

7. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – October 11, 2022

#22-194 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2022 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of Council – October 27, 2022

#22-195 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF OCTOBER 27, 2022 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of Council – November 8, 2022

#22-196 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

10. SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICES

- i) Regional Service Commission

Mayor Shawn Mesheau noted the report could be found on page 16 of the Council Package.

- ii) Planning

Lori Bickford provided an overview of her report, noting that the report could be found on page 18 of the Council package.

11. REPORTS

A) Finance & Administration

i) BILLS AND PAYROLL – OCTOBER

#22-197 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BILLS AND PAYROLL FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2022 AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL GOVERNMENT \$519,490.11; GENERAL CAPITAL \$68,682.85; UTILITY GOVERNMENT \$32,480.76; UTILITY CAPITAL \$3,823.03; AND SALARIES \$224,165.64.MOTION CARRIED.

ii) Report from Finance and Administration

Councillor Bill Evans noted that the Finance Report could be found on page 21 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

Manager of Tourism and Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles noted that the Tourism & Business Development report found on page 30 of the Council Package.

#22-198 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$6,000.00 FROM THE 2022 OPERATING BUDGET TO RENAISSANCE SACKVILLE TO FUND TWO APPLICATIONS: THE SACKVILLE MUSIC BARN FOR A PURCHASE OF A SOUND SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00 AND OPEN SKY CO-OPERATIVE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR A GREENHOUSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00. MOTION CARRIED.

C) Public Property & Facilities

Councillor Matt Estabrooks provided a brief overview of the Public Property and Facilities report found on page 31 of the Council Package.

#22-199 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER MEDIA FROM VEOLIA WATER CANADA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,066.00 PLUS HST. MOTION CARRIED.

D) Recreation Programs & Events

Councillor Allison Butcher noted that the Recreation Programs & Events report can be found on page 34 of the Council Package.

#22-200 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE 'C' SACKVILLE ARTS WALL GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES IN BY-LAW NO. 279, A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-201 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE CLOSURE OF FORD LANE AND WILLOW LANE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022 AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022 FROM APPROXIMATELY 5:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT TO ALLOW FOR THE OPERATION OF THE HORSE AND WAGON RIDES AND THE SET UP OF VENDOR TABLES DURING THE TWO MOONLIGHT MADNESS EVENTS. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-202 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,810 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS. MOTION CARRIED.

E) Public Safety

Deputy Mayor Andrew Black noted that the Public Safety report could be found on page 40 of the Council Package.

F) Policy/By-Law

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

#22-203 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL GIVE SECOND READING SECTION BY SECTION TO BY-LAW NO. 285 A BY-LAW RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA LEVY IN THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE.

BY-LAW NO. 285 A BY-LAW RELATING TO THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
AREA LEVY IN THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Town of Sackville under the authority vested in it by the Business Improvement Areas Act, S.N.B. 2014, C. 102 as follows:

1. A Special Business Improvement Area Levy in the amount of twenty cents per one hundred dollars (.20/100) of assessment for the year beginning January 1, 2023, is hereby

imposed on all business properties within the area described in By-Law No. 128 being A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE AND ESTABLISH A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE.

2. Proceeds from the levy in the amount of twenty-six thousand, four hundred and twenty-eight dollars and eighty cents (\$26,428.80) may be remitted following receipt by the Town of Sackville to Mainstreet Redevelopment Sackville Inc. for the purposes contained in the budget submitted by Mainstreet Redevelopment Sackville Inc. and approved by Sackville Town Council on November 15, 2022.

3. Upon passing of this By-Law, By-Law No. 282 is hereby repealed. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-204 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL GIVE THIRD AND FINAL READING TO BY-LAW NO. 285 A BY-LAW RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA LEVY IN THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-205 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL ON THIS 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022 THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SACKVILLE NB ENACTED BY BY-LAW THAT A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT LEVY BE IMPOSED ON ALL NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA OF THE MUNICIPALITY THAT IS LIABLE TO TAXATION UNDER THE ASSESSMENT ACT. THE LEVY SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,428.80 AT THE RATE OF \$0.2000 AND THE COUNCIL HEREBY DIRECTS AND ORDERS THE MINISTER ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO LEVY THE SAID AMOUNT PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS. ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL THE BUDGET DOCUMENTS. MOTION CARRIED.

G) Human Resources

Councillor Sabine Dietz noted that the Human Resources Report could be found on page 43 of the Council Package.

#22-206 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE SAMPLE LETTER PROVIDED BY UMNb TO BE SENT TO MINISTER DANIEL ALLAIN REGARDING EXPANDING COMMUNICATIONS ON THE UPCOMING CHANGES TO OUR PROVINCE'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT SYSTEM. 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 44 of the package.

Separate from the Corporate Affairs & Strategic Development Report Councillor Tower also provided an acknowledgment of the work of Christian Corbet.

#22-207 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPOINT ERIC TUSZ-KING TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 1-YEAR TERM STARTING ON JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING ON JANUARY 1, 2024. AYE VOTES WERE RECORDED FROM COUNCILLORS BUTCHER, TOWER, ESTABROOKS, DIETZ, BLACK, AND EVANS. A NAY VOTE WAS RECORDED FROM COUNCILLOR PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-208 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ELECTRICAL UPGRADES AT BILL JOHNSTONE MEMORIAL PARK BY TANTRAMAR ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,993.10. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-209 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL AMEND MOTION # 22-134 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER INFRASTRUCTURE AND INSTALLATION SERVICES AT A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$99,921.37 TAXES INCLUDED FROM TANTRAMAR ELECTRIC LTD. TO A NEW TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$118,203.89 TAXES INCLUDED. AYE VOTES WERE RECORDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, SABINE DIETZ, BILL EVANS AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTES WERE RECORDED BY COUNCILLORS MATT ESTABROOKS AND BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A) Notice of Possible Motion – Elections New Brunswick Polling Station Location

#22-210 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ WHEREAS THE MANDATE OF ELECTIONS NB IS TO FACILITATE FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS, AND

WHEREAS ELECTIONS NB DECIDED TO BREAK WITH TRADITION AND MOVE OUR POLLING STATION AWAY FROM THE CENTRE OF TOWN, LEADING TO NEGATIVE REPERCUSSIONS FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION AND DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTING MTA STUDENTS, MOST OF WHOM ARE ELIGIBLE VOTERS, AND

WHEREAS ELECTIONS NB MADE THEIR DECISION WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY WHICH HAS ADEQUATE FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE CENTRE OF TOWN, AND

WHEREAS, AFTER DAYS OF DEFENDING ITS DECISION AND REFUSING TO

RECONSIDER, IT WAS ONLY AFTER INTENSE EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE MASU AND THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, THAT ELECTIONS NB MET WITH THESE PARTIES AND AGREED TO THE MASU SUGGESTION OF A SHUTTLE TO HELP MITIGATE THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF ITS DECISION, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE DIRECTS THE MAYOR TO WRITE A LETTER TO ELECTIONS NB INSISTING THAT, IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY IN THE FUTURE TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES TO THE VOTING PROCESS (SUCH AS RELOCATING THE POLLING STATION), THEN ELECTIONS NB WILL CONSULT WITH ALL RELEVANT PARTIES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE TOWN, MASU AND THE MTA ADMINISTRATION) TO FIND THE BEST ALTERNATIVES. AYE VOTES WERE RECORDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, SABINE DIETZ, MATT ESTABROOKS, BILL EVANS AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

Erica Butler asked for clarification on the Southeast Regional Services Budget and the funding that is being provided. Acting CAO and Treasurer Michael Beal responded that the Community Funding Equalization Grant announced on October 4th, 2022, will be committed for five (5) years which will cover some of the new mandated services for 2023. Increases for existing services will still occur at the responsibility of the new Municipality.

Erica Butler asked if the Town of Sackville's Treasurer and Finance Department has seen the Town of Tantramar's 2023 Budget. Acting CAO and Treasurer Michael Beal confirmed that Town of Sackville Staff have not seen the 2023 Budget for the Town of Tantramar.

Erica Butler asked if there was a delay in funding approval for the EV Charger grant. Acting CAO and Treasurer Michael Beal responded that once Council approved the motion in May to apply for the funding, the applications were reviewed in the past month therefore the updated quote was requested.

Erica Butler asked if NB Power had given any indication on when the net metering meter would be installed and working for the solar panels at Bill Johnstone Memorial Park. Town Engineer Jon Eppell responded that they have been advised it would be installed in two (2) weeks.

Sahitya Pendurthi asked if the NB Power Rebate and RDC Grant funding was guaranteed funding for the EV Charger. Acting CAO and Treasurer Michael Beal responded that the numbers are committed numbers from NB Power and RDC to the Town of Sackville and to the project.

14. ADJOURN

#22-211 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk