

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023 – 3:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL
31C MAIN STREET, SACKVILLE NB**

In attendance were Mayor Andrew Black, Deputy Mayor Greg Martin and Councillors Allison Butcher, Matt Estabrooks, Josh Goguen, Barry Hicks, Bruce Phinney, Michael Tower, and Debbie Wiggins-Colwell. Also in attendance were CAO Jennifer Borne, Director of Legislative Services Donna Beal, Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin, Director of Engineering and Public Works Jon Eppell, Director of Community and Corporate Services Kieran Miller, Communications Officer Jeremy McLaughlin, Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Hartling, Corporate Compliance, Risk & Safety Manager Kate Carroll, Manager of Tourism and Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles, Manager of Parks & Facilities Todd Cole, and Planner Lori Bickford.

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

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

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF JULY 25, 2023, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1 PUBLIC HEARING – RE-ZONING FOR DRIVE THRUS IN HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL ZONES

Council heard from two (2) residents regarding the proposed changes during the Public Hearing. The video of the public hearing can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Hzuk7QauOs>

3. COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTS

3.1 TANTRAMAR GAS TAX PROGRAM – E. HARTLING

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.1 – TANTRAMAR GAS TAX PROGRAM BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.2 DORCHESTER PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT – T.COLE

Councillor Josh Goguen provided a disclosure of interest regarding his employment with Moneris Solutions.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.2 – PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT DORCHESTER BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.3 PRIDE PARADE STREET CLOSURE – T. COLE

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.3 PRIDE PARADE STREET CLOSURE BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.4 CIVIC CENTRE FITNESS EQUIPMENT – T. COLE

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.4 CIVIC CENTRE FITNESS EQUIPMENT BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.5 KARCHER SCRUBBER CIVIC CENTRE – T. COLE

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.5 KARCHER SCRUBBER BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.6 SACKVILLE LIBRARY ROOF REPLACEMENT – J. EPELL

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.6 SACKVILLE LIBRARY ROOF REPLACEMENT BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.7 PUBLIC WORKS BACKHOE REPLACEMENT – J. EPELL

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.7 PUBLIC WORKS BACKHOE REPLACEMENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.8 DORCHESTER WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONTRACT – J. EPELL

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.8 DORCHESTER WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONTRACT BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK, DEPUTY MAYOR GREG MARTIN AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, MATT ESTABROOKS, JOSH GOGUEN, BARRY HICKS, BRUCE PHINNEY AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL. MOTION CARRIED.

3.9 QUEEN ROAD RESURFACING AND CULVERT RENEWAL – J. EPELL

Director of Engineering and Public Works Jon Eppell provided an update to Council on the Queens Road Resurfacing and Culvert Renewal project currently in the tendering process. A full tender update and request for decision will be brought forward at the Regular Council Meeting of August 8, 2023.

3.10 FLEET UPGRADE – HALF-TON TRUCK – J. EPELL

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.10 FLEET UPGRADE ½ TRUCK BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION – 131 MAIN STREET – K. MILLER

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The following reports were presented to Council as information items only:

- 4.1 Active Living and Culture – T. Cole
- 4.2 Community and Corporate Services – K. Miller
- 4.3 Engineering and Public Works – J. Eppell
- 4.4 Protective Services –
- 4.5 Financial Services – E. Hartling
- 4.6 Administration
 - 4.6.1 Legislative Services – D. Beal
 - 4.6.2 Chief Administrative Officer – J. Borne
 - 4.6.3 Mayor’s Report – A. Black

5. QUESTION PERIOD

Bruce Wark asked how Council can justify the expenditure of approving the Economic Development Incentive Program application. Mayor Andrew Black responded that Council has made no decision regarding the application and discussion will happen during the Regular Council Meeting on August 8, 2023.

Erica Butler asked what the cost is for Veolia to run the Sackville Water Treatment Plant per year compared to the proposed costs for the Dorchester Plant. Director of Engineering and Public Works Jon Eppell will pull the cost information and send it to Ms. Butler.

Erica Butler asked if there is a point where Tantramar grows enough for it to make sense for the water treatment plant(s) to be operated internally. Director of Engineering and Public Works Jon Eppell responded

that at this time, we wouldn't have enough work for the staff that are required for an approval to operate. If demand increases, it could make more sense to look at an internal option.

Erica Butler asked if other municipalities have R3 properties included in their Economic Development Incentive Program. Director of Community and Corporate Services Kieran Miller will review the questions and respond back directly to Ms. Butler.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER
THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF JULY 25, 2023.

MAYOR

CLERK

ASSISTANT CLERK