

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 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, 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 Active Living and Culture Matt Pryde, Director of Financial Services Michael Beal, Director of Engineering and Public Works Jon Epell, Manager of Tourism and Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles, Manager of Parks & Facilities Todd Cole, Sackville Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Dorchester Fire Chief Greg Partridge, Dorchester Fire Captain Dennis Reid and Planner Lori Bickford.

Also, in attendance were fifty-two (52) 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 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2023, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1 PUBLIC HEARING – 131 MAIN STREET

Council heard from twelve (12) residents regarding the proposed changes during the Public Hearing, followed by comment from Developer John Lafford. The video of the public hearing can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WCOCHZD73k>

3. COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTS

3.1 SANDPIPER FESTIVAL STREET CLOSURE – M. PRYDE

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.1 – SANDPIPER FESTIVAL STREET CLOSURE BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 11, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.2 AGRISPIRIT FUNDS – GREATER DORCHESTER MOVING FORWARD – M. PRYDE

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.2 – AGRISPIRIT FUNDS – GREATER DORCHESTER MOVING FORWARD BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 11, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.3 CIVIC CENTRE CAMERA UPGRADES – T. COLE

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.3 CIVIC CENTRE CAMERA UPGRADES BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 11, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.4 TVMCC ZAMBONI REPLACEMENT – T. COLE

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.4 TVMCC ZAMBONI REPLACEMENT BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 11, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.5 SACKVILLE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER MEDIA – J. EPELL

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.5 SACKVILLE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER MEDIA BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 11, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.6 TENDER TAN-2023-05 RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREET – J. EPELL

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.6 TENDER TAN-2023-05 RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREETS BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 11, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM – QUEST CAPITAL – J. BORNE

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 11, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.8 DORCHESTER BUNKER GEAR REPLACEMENTS – D. REID

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.8 DORCHESTER BUNKER GEAR REPLACEMENTS BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 11, 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 – M. Pryde

- 4.2 Community and Corporate Services – R. Kelly Spurles
- 4.3 Engineering and Public Works – J. Eppell
- 4.4 Protective Services – Chief C. Bowser & Chief G. Partridge
- 4.5 Financial Services – M. Beal
- 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

Erica Butler asked for clarification on the minimum meeting requirements for the reading of the By-Law amendments relating to the re-zoning requests at 131 Main Street. Mayor Andrew Black responded that a minimum of two meetings would be required to complete all three readings of the proposed By-Law amendments. First and second reading could come forward at the July 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. Council does have the option to hold a Special Meeting of Council for the third and final reading if required, should they so choose.

Erica Butler asked why rendering for the proposal at 131 Main Street were not included in the Council Package. Director of Legislative Services Donna Beal responded that the package is prepared by the Clerk’s Office, with the documents submitted by each department, including Planning.

Erica Butler asked why the information regarding the proposed changes to the By-Law’s in relation to 131 Main Street were only available to view at Town Hall. Director of Legislative Services Donna Beal noted that the proposed By-Law drafts are available on the Plan360 website.

Erica Butler asked if the Economic Development Incentive Program only applies to the former Town of Sackville boundaries. Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Borne responded that at this time, it does only apply to the former Town of Sackville boundary. It could be looked at in the future to expand the program’s boundaries.

Erica Butler asked how much the rebate would be for the property at 35 Main Street. Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Borne noted that the rebate information is in the Economic Development Incentive program but is not specific to the application. Director of Financial Services Michael Beal noted that each year’s rebate would come down to assessed value, which cannot be determine until final construction has taken place.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2023.

MAYOR

CLERK

ASSISTANT CLERK