

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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 Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Borne, Director of Legislative Services Donna Beal, Director of Financial Services Michael Beal, Director of Active Living & Culture Matt Pryde, Director of Engineering and Public Works Jon Eppell, Director of Community and Corporate Services Kieran Miller, Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin, Sackville Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Manager of Tourism and Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles, Communications Officer Jeremy McLaughlin, Corporate Compliance, Risk and Safety Manager Kate Carroll, Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Hartling, and Dorchester Fire Chief Greg Partridge.

Also, in attendance were three (3) 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 JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2023, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1 REGIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION BUDGET PRESENTATION – S. THORNE

A copy of the presentation can be found on the Municipality's website: <https://sackville.com/town-hall/council-meetings/minutes/>

3. COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTS

3.1 WINTERFEST 2024 – M. PRYDE

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.1 – WINTERFEST 2024 BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE APPLICATION – K. MILLER

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.2 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE APPLICATION BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.3 RENAISSANCE SACKVILLE GRANT APPLICATION – R. KELLY SPURLES

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.3 RENAISSANCE SACKVILLE GRANT APPLICATION BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK, DEPUTY MAYOR GREG MARTIN AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, JOSH GOGUEN, BARRY HICKS, MICHAEL TOWER AND DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL. NAY VOTES RECORDED BY COUNCILLORS MATT ESTABROOKS AND BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

3.4 DORCHESTER VETERANS' COMMUNITY CENTRE EV CHARGERS – K. MILLER

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.4 DORCHESTER VETERANS COMMUNITY CENTRE EV CHARGERS BE SENT TO AN UPCOMING SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.5 WASTEWATER SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM – J. EPELL

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.5 WASTEWATER SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.6 WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT – J. EPELL

Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Epell provided an update to Council on the waste collection contract and identified two potential options. A recommendation will be brought forward at the November 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

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 – K. Miller
- 4.3 Engineering and Public Works – J. Epell
- 4.4 Protective Services – Chief Bowser & Chief 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

Bruce Wark asked a clarifying question regarding the wastewater surveillance program. Director of Engineering and Public Works Jon Epell that the border town comment came from the Province, given that

the municipalities population moves quite frequently across the border. At this time the program will focus on the Crescent Street lagoons to capture the maximum population, including the Mount Allison University population.

Bruce Wark asked what the current membership number was at for Sackville Fire & Rescue. Sackville Fire Chief Craig Bowser responded that the Department is currently at 36 members, with 3 prospective members currently in the process of their 6-month term. Following that term, an additional 3-4 prospective members will be brought in.

Erica Butler asked what the potential 34% increase with the waste collection service contract means in a dollar amount. Director of Engineering and Public Works Jon Epell responded that it would be an approximate increase of \$90,000 over the year for both contracts.

Erica Butler asked if any discussion or topics could be shared regarding the crime reduction meeting held with Minister Kris Austin. Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Borne responded that discussion around policy ratios, crime reduction and the importance of reporting through RCMP were discussed. Mayor Andrew Black responded that there are four pillars of crime reduction discussed.

Erica Butler asked how residents can share feedback and ask questions regarding the 2024 budget process. Mayor Andrew Black responded that residents can contact Town Hall, or email the Chief Administrative Officer, Clerks Office and Director of Financial Services.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY
THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2023.

MAYOR

DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

ASSISTANT CLERK