

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023 – 2:30 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, and Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin.

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 BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 27, 2023, AS CIRCULATED AND MOVE INTO IN-CAMERA. MOTION CARRIED.

2. IN-CAMERA

Councillor Barry Hicks left the meeting.

2.1 HR-2023-07

Councillor Barry Hicks, Director of Active Living & Culture Matt Pryde, Director of Engineering and Public Works Jon Eppell, Director of Community and Corporate Services Kieran Miller, Sackville Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Manager of Tourism and Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles, Compliance, Risk and Safety Manager Kate Carroll, Dorchester Fire Chief Greg Partridge and Planner Kirk Brewer joined the meeting.

Also, in attendance were three (3) members of the public.

3. COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTS

3.1 LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES – KENRIDGE PARK SUBDIVISION – K. BREWER

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.1 – LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES – KENRIDGE PARK SUBDIVISION BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.2 CCAC MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS – K. MILLER

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.2 – CCAC MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK, DEPUTY MAYOR GREG MARTIN AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, MATT ESTABROOKS, JOSH GOGUEN, BARRY HICKS, MICHAEL TOWER AND DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

3.3 ANGLOPHONE EAST RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT – M. PRYDE

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.3 ANGLOPHONE EAST RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.4 DORCHESTER OUTDOOR RINK – M. PRYDE

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.4 DORCHESTER OUTDOOR RINK BE SENT TO THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF NOVEMBER 28, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.5 DORCHESTER ZAMBONI BUILDING – M. PRYDE

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.5 DORCHESTER ZAMBONI BUILDING BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.6 DORCHESTER LIBRARY AGREEMENT – M. PRYDE

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.6 DORCHESTER LIBRARY AGREEMENT BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.7 POLICY NO. 2023-07 RESPONSIBILITY FOR MUNICIPAL OWNED VEHICLES – B. GOODWIN

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.7 POLICY NO. 2023-07 RESPONSIBILITY FOR MUNICIPAL OWNED VEHICLES BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

3.8 TENDER TAN-2023-11 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ABOITEAU AB-01 – J. EPELL

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 3.8 TENDER TAN-2023-11 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ABOITEAU AB-01 BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2023, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

Sergeant Eric Hanson joined the 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 – Sergeant Hanson, Fire Chief Bowser & Fire 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 when the existing Lorne Street Phase III work will be complete. Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Epell responded that the anticipate finish would be mid-December, although could be pushed back, as the project is currently waiting on a specialized sub-contractor.

Bruce Wark asked if there is a difference in size of the current aboiteau and the proposed new aboiteau and if so, could the current one handle a one in one-hundred-year storm? Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Epell responded that once retention pond three (3) is connected to retention pond two (2), a storm like that could be handled. If required, the Municipality could deploy a portable pump system.

Bruce Wark asked why Sackville Fire & Rescue is called out to motor vehicle collisions on the highway. Sackville Fire & Rescue Chief Craig Bowser responded that response types for collision vary and could include fire, extrication, or assisting the RCMP with traffic.

Erica Butler asked if disconnecting water customers is a regular occurrence for the Municipality. Director of Financial Services Michael Beal responded that shut-off notification letters go out June/July, and that a sufficient payment arrangement must be made in order to maintain services, noting that if arrangements are not followed through, the water service will be disconnected. This is typically vacant properties.

Erica Butler asked about the plans for trails and usage, as it relates to the Kenridge Park Subdivision. Ms. Butler’s question was referred to Plan360 for response.

Erica Butler asked if a plant at the Dorchester rink would be part of a long-range plan. Director of Active Living & Culture Matt Pryde responded that given our climate, the Municipality is preparing for the future in the event it is determined to include an ice plant. At this time, there are no official plans, however the surface would already be prepped, and the usage of the rink would continue as an outdoor rink.

Erica Butler asked why the lowest bid for Tender TAN-2023-11 Construction of the new Aboiteau AB-01 was significantly lower than others. Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Epell responded that bids factor in the time of year, the experience of the company with the scope of work and scheduling capabilities of the company.

Erica Butler asked if the work for the new aboiteau could be done over the winter. Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Epell responded that yes, the design of the project is intended to be done over the winter.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY
THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 27, 2023.

MAYOR

DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

ASSISTANT CLERK