

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE  
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 Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Borne, Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Epell, Director of Community & Corporate Services Kieran Miller, Director of Active Living & Culture Matt Pryde, Sackville Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin, Manager of Tourism & Business Development Ron Kelly Spurlis, Manager of Compliance, Risk and Safety Kathleen Carroll, Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Hartling, Communications Officer Jeremy McLaughlin and Dorchester Fire Chief Greg Partridge.

Also, in attendance were four (4) 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 MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

**1.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

Mayor Andrew Black asked if there were any disclosure of interest. There were none.

**2. COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTS**

**2.1 SERSC WASTE COLLECTION – J. EPELL**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR GREG MARTIN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 2.1– SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION WASTE COLLECTION BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2024, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

**2.2 TAN-2024-01 DORCHESTER LIFT STATION – J. EPELL**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 2.2 TAN-2024-01 DORCHESTER LIFT STATION

BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2024, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

2.3 SACKVILLE WATER TREATMENT PLANT – CHLORINE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE – J. EPELL

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 2.3 SACKVILLE WATER TREATMENT PLANT – CHLORINE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2024, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

2.4 POLICY 2024-09 – OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY – B. GOODWIN

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR GREG MARTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 2.4 POLICY 2024-09 – OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2024, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

2.5 POLICY 2024-10 – WORKPLACE HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE POLICY – B. GOODWIN

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 2.5 POLICY 2024-10 – WORKPLACE HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE POLICY BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2024, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

2.6 FCM ANNUAL CONFERENCE – B. GOODWIN

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 2.6 FCM ANNUAL CONFERENCE BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2024, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

2.7 SACKVILLE FIRE PERSONNEL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT – C. BOWSER

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 2.7 SACKVILLE FIRE PERSONNEL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2024, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

2.8 SAPPYFEST 2024 – M. PRYDE

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 2.8 SAPPYFEST 2024 BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2024, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

## 2.9 FRIDAY NIGHT CRUISE – M. PRYDE

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 2.9 FRIDAY NIGHT CRUISE BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2024, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

## 2.10 2024 TANTRAMAR VISITOR AND EVENTS GUIDE – R. KELLY SPURLES

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH GOGUEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ITEM 2.10 TANTRAMAR VISITOR AND EVENTS GUIDE BE SENT TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2024, FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED.

## 3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

- 3.1 Active Living and Culture – M. Pryde
- 3.2 Community and Corporate Services – K. Miller
- 3.3 Engineering and Public Works – J. Eppell
- 3.4 Protective Services – SFD Chief Bowser, DFD Chief Partridge, Sgt. Eric Hanson
- 3.5 Financial Services – E. Hartling
- 3.6 Administration
  - 3.6.1 Legislative Services – B. Goodwin
  - 3.6.2 Chief Administrative Officer – J. Borne
  - 3.6.3 Mayor’s Report – A. Black

GIVEN THE MANY OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MOUNT ALLISON ATHLETICS I AM HEREBY DECLARING MARCH 28, 2024 AS OUR TENTH ANNUAL “MOUNTIE DAY”, IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION THAT MOUNT ALLISON ATHLETICS MAKES TO OUR COMMUNITY.

IN DOING SO, I ENCOURAGE OUR COUNCIL, OUR STAFF AND THE ENTIRE TANTRAMAR COMMUNITY TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR MOUNT ALLISON ATHLETICS ON MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> AND WEAR YOUR GARNET AND GOLD, SHOW YOUR SUPPORT IN YOUR HOME AND BUSINESS WINDOWS AND MOST OF ALL, TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR ATHLETICS AND THEIR VARIOUS ATHLETIC PROGRAMS. TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT, THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANTRAMAR WILL PROUDLY FLY THE MOUNT ALLISON ATHLETICS FLAG ON MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>.

## 4. QUESTION PERIOD

Bruce Wark asked if homeowners would notice any difference in the blue bag collection once regional waste collection begins. Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Eppell responded that owners should not see any difference in blue bag collection and that Circular Materials will begin communications on what can and cannot go in to the blue bags.

Bruce Wark asked what the advantage of “bulk” buying of waste collection services. Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Eppell responded that going to tender for bulk waste collection will

keep more people employed on a full time basis which is more attractive for bidders. All of the South East Regional Services area will be coordinator and tenders will be issued to ensure optimal routings, which will make contracts more attractive and will keep costs down.

Bruce Wark asked if there were any concerns about the potential of losing local control with a regional approach for tendering, contract, and operational management. Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Eppell responded that communication with Miller Waste has been on-going to ensure service meets expectations of residents the Municipality and he expects that will continue. The Municipality will continue to provide feedback to the Regional Service Commission to ensure Tantramar sees good service.

Erica Butler requested more information on the discussion with the Province regarding the Pedway. Director of Active Living & Culture Matt Pryde responded that at this time, there have been very limited discussion, to get the information required to move forward.

Erica Butler asked what the total FCM Annual Conference budget line item is. Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin will get the number for Ms. Bulter and respond following the meeting.

Erica Butler asked how well the two groups providing waste collection will cooperating collectively. Director of Engineering & Public Works Jon Eppell responded that existing schedules should be maintained and regardless of Southeast Regional Services or not,, there will be two service providers, one for Recyclables and one for Waste and Organics. The only change is that now, Southeast Regional Services will manage the waste and organic collection for Tantramar.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024.

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MAYOR

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ASSISTANT CLERK