

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
***Regular Council Meeting***  
***September 11, 2024 @ 6:30 pm***  
***North Shore Community Centre***

**PRESENT:**

Chair Mayor Watts, Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, Councillor Cook, Councillor Doyle, Councillor MacDonald, CAO-Sarah Wheatley

Missing: Councillor McLaine and Councillor Paquet

Public: 9 individuals

**1 Call to Order**

6:30 pm by Chair Mayor Watts.

**2 Approval of the agenda**

**It was duly moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented.**

*Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Doyle.*

*All in Favor*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*20234-09-105*

**2.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary or other Conflicts of Interest**

None.

**3 Approval of the minutes.**

**3.1 Regular Council meeting on July 10, 2024.**

**It was duly moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the Regular council meeting on July 10, 2024 as presented.**

*Moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon.*

*All in Favor*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*2024-09-106*

**3.2 Special Council meeting on August 21, 2024.**

**It was duly moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the Special council meeting on August 21, 2024 as presented.**

*Moved by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Cook.*

*All in Favor*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*2024-09-107*

**3.3 Business arising from the minutes.**

**July 10, 2024 minutes:**

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- Grandfather clause: these are assessed on a case by case basis using the bylaw.
  - Rink: Rhonda was inquiring into the specifics but has been reallocated by CAO to look after roof & septic tank quotes, financial scheduling and payment, asset management.
  - Road Closure signs going into place at the Grand Tracadie School end to prevent people from thinking that there is an entrance/exit. This will be completed by Dept. of Transportation.
  - Aluminum Stairs at Promenade is in progress. One is completed and second one is in progress and third is being torn out in preparation for new set.
  - Remembrance Day & Halloween: not much done yet, as we're just finishing wedding & sports season
  - No updates or committee meetings on Environmental issues regarding the Bays.
  - No updates regarding unsightly properties.
  - Discussion on the dog bylaw for the municipality.
  - No updates on the speed on Queens Pt. Road to date.

#### **August 21, 2024 Special Council minutes:**

- Discussion from the closed session will follow in a closed session this evening.
- This topic is still very active, and progress being made on the file.

#### **4 Delegations, Speakers, and Public Input**

None

#### **5 Reports**

##### **5.1 CAO Report**

- Finished some efficiency projects and are working on a way to reduce the spending on bookkeeping fees, such as by allocating tasks differently.
- Recreation person has been focused on weddings. We have learnt lessons and making plans for future changes.
- Maintenance team are focussing on promenade stairs, outdoors painting and repairs with our summer student (ex. scraping & painting of tables and dugouts). The stairs do have to come out at end of season.
- Finance: Rural Growth Initiative grant was verbally approved and should have papers to sign next week. This will include heat pumps, EMO supplies, IT upgrades, and Stanhope school insulation. Valued at approx. \$88,000.
- Working on project list for gas tax which is separate.
- We should upgrade septic system at Community Center before doing bathroom upgrades (i.e. more showers).
- Outbuilding renovations are complete.
- NSCC roof needs to be replaced, and we are working with insurance.
- Grand Tracadie roof repaired and beginning interior repairs through insurance.
- Once the final decision is made from insurance, they will write a final letter to the Disaster Response people stating what they did not include.

##### **5.2 Finance and Infrastructure Report**

- Operational spending is currently on track and within budget to end of August. Next meeting September 25<sup>th</sup>.

##### **5.3 Planning Board and Development Permit Report**

- Several files are with a contract planner.
- Enforcement Officer does follow up on permits that were issued.
- We follow only our Bylaw and not HOA when issuing permits.

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#### 5.4 Emergency Measures Organization Report

- Next meeting in October.
- Provincial EMO will be giving items to the Municipality (i.e. cots, blankets and kitchen items)

#### 5.5 Recreation and Community Engagement Report

- Rec person is working 20 hours per week. Then Admin assistant covers the afternoon for pick up of key fobs.
- There will be an upcoming meeting in the future.

#### 5.6 Water, Bays & Environment Report

- Hoping to have Sarah Stewart Clark will in the coming months give a presentation.
- UPEI doing work on Covehead Bay. Suggested that UPEI to do a presentation as well.

#### 5.7 Stanhope Potable Update

- Suggest a meeting in October. More information needed for meeting.
- Council to decide on the system.

**It was duly moved and seconded to approve the Reports as presented.**

*Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Doyle.*

*All in Favor*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*2024-09-108*

### 6 New Business

#### 6.1 RFD-024-02: Fin Restaurant liquor extension

- Fin is a restaurant in Grand Tracadie. They would like to stay open till 11:00pm on Saturday and Sunday.
- Letter of Approval is requested from council to be sent to Liquor Commission.

**It was duly moved and seconded to write a letter to the Liquor Commission to approve The Fin to be allowed to stay open on Saturdays and Fridays till 11:00 pm.**

*Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Doyle.*

*All in Favor*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*2024-09-109*

#### 6.2 New Infrastructure projects for CCBF/Gas Tax funds

- Previously known as Gas Tax Fund but now referred to as Canada Community Building Fund.
- Money allocated to our Municipality for each year.
- The provincial and federal governments just negotiated a new five-year contract which is starting 2024-2025.
- We need to submit a slate of projects that will use up the money that we are allocated for the next five years.
- Value of approximately \$389,000 over 5 years.
- Money can be carried forward to subsequent years, or moved between approved projects at anytime of the year, but you can only add projects each fall.
- Projects can be cancelled by resolution. It is just very difficult to add projects.
- Suggestions of potential projects should be submitted by councillors to Sarah in advance of a Finance Committee meeting on September 25, 2024.

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**7 In Camera Session: MGA-119. Closed Meetings**

*Despite subsection 118(1), a council or council committee may, by resolution, close all or part of a meeting to the public, either in advance or at the meeting, where the matter to be discussed is, in relation to any of the following, confidential:*

*(d) human resource matters, including labour relations or employee negotiations;*

*(e) a matter still under consideration, on which the council has not yet publicly announced a decision, and about which discussion in public would likely prejudice a municipality's ability to carry out its negotiations.*

*(f) The review of legal advice;*

**It was duly moved and seconded to close the Regular Council meeting at 7:32 pm.**

*Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Cook.*

*All in Favor*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*2024-09-110*

**It was duly moved and seconded to end the closed session at 8:26 pm.**

*Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Doyle*

*All in Favor*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*2024-09-111*

**It was duly moved and seconded to reopen the meeting at 8:27 pm.**

*Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor MacDonald*

*All in Favor*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*2024-09-112*

**8 Next Regular Council meeting on October 9, 2024 at 6:30pm at North Shore Community Center**

**9 Adjournment**

**It was duly moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 8:28**

*Moved by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon*

*All in Favor*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*2024-09-113*

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SIGNED: Gerard Watts, Mayor

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SIGNED: Sarah Wheatley, CAO

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