

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

July 30, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

North Shore Community Centre

PRESENT:

Chair Mayor Watts, Councillor MacKinnon, Councillor Paquet, Councillor Cook, Councillor Doyle, Councillor McLaine, CAO- Wilhelm Hermes, and Admin Assistant – Marie McInnis

Public: 15 members

1 Call to Order & Welcomed everyone

6:30 PM by Chair Mayor Watts with Introduction to public.

2 Approval of the agenda

It was duly moved and seconded to approve the agenda with an addition 6.8.

Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Paquet.

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

2025-065

2.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary or other Conflicts of Interest

- 6.3 item is of conflict for Councillor Cook
- 6.4 item is of conflict for Mayor Watts

They will step away from the table.

3 Approval of the minutes from June 18, 2025

It was duly moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2025 meeting with a correction of Councillor Doyle absent.

Moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor McLaine.

All in Favor

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2025-066

3.1 Business Arising from the Minutes

- Lighting at the Grand Tracadie Canada Post boxes.
- Garbage collection and dog poop bags collection has improved.
- Garbage Cans for the Promenade area to be looked at.
- Who will be looking after the cutting the grass when the student is done. Hopefully to hire a maintenance person.

4 Delegations, Speakers, and Public Input

None

5 Reports

5.1 Cao Report

- Summer student funding does the entire maintenance, except Stanhope Promenade
- Need of regular maintenance worker, which is already in budget.
- Bookkeeper will stay on as an advisor for her accounting firm, her hours are reduced by fifty percent, and we will continue until we reach a twenty percent mark with staying flexible within the twenty – thirty percent range of her previous commitment.
- Planning to hire a new, part time Development / Rec Assistant
- Planning to hire a new Maintenance Person for the fall 2025 for full time.
- Three files in Development moving ahead for rezoning with the second reading tonight.

5.2 Finance & Infrastructure Report

- Finance was Monday and only 3 months in and trending on a positive.
- Gas Tax Program – CAO had a meeting with the dept to get a better handle on it.
- It was requested to send out the Gas Tax Report to committee members.

5.3 Planning Board & Development Report

- To date there was 13 permits issued.
- Three rezoning second readings this evening.
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5.4 Emergency Measures Organization Report

- No meeting to date. There will be one in September.
- Abide by fire regulations with all this heat and dryness.
- September 9th at 6:30 pm there will be a meeting called “Tabletop Session “with EMO Charlottetown leading the discussion.
- The local Fire Dept. is a big part of the discussion.

5.5 Wellness & Engagement Committee Report

- Multi Purpose site is coming along very well.
- Roughly the size is 150’x 50’ that will include basketball, Pickleball, and an outdoor rink.
- Councillor Cook got the two basketball nets on site and will be tided down for safety purposes.

5.6 Covehead & Tracadie Bay Enhancement

- Sarah Clarke with two other members is doing study work to identify salt water / fresh water in the bay.
- Bay only has oysters – no mussels.
- Requested to have a public meeting with residents of the Bayshore Road to relay information from DFO/ Sarah Clarke and Team.

It was duly moved and seconded to approve the reports

Moved by Councillor MacKinnon and seconded by Councillor Paquet
All in Favor
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6 New business

6.1 Community Gardens

- Should have on website of intentions of a community gardens.
- To supply the community fridge.
- Volunteers would be needed.
- Mentioned to have the doors of Stanhope Place for the library open during certain times and days.

6.2 Parcel # 135061 & 135046 Stanhope from Agriculture to Residential

- The first reading was read by chair of Planning Board Nancy MacKinnon.

It was duly moved and seconded to approve the first reading on PID# 135061 & 135046 rezoning from Agriculture to Residential. With a vote of 6-0

Moved by Councillor MacKinnon and seconded by Councillor Doyle
All in Favor
MOTION CARRIED
2025-068

6.3 Parcel # 135228 Friston Road from Agriculture to Residential

- Councillor Cook removed himself from the meeting due to Conflict of Interest.
- The first reading was read by chair of Planning Board Nancy MacKinnon

It was duly moved and seconded to approve the first reading on PID# 135228 rezoning from Agriculture to Residential. With a vote of 5-0

Moved by Councillor MacKinnon and seconded by Councillor Paquet
All in Favor
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2025-069

6.4 Parcel # 1183227 Corran Ban from Institutional to Commercial

- Mayor Watts removed himself from the meeting due to Conflict of Interest.
- Councillor Cook re-entered the room.
- The first reading was read by chair of Planning Board Nancy MacKinnon.

It was duly moved and seconded to approve the first reading on PID# 1183227 rezoning from Institutional to Commercial. With a vote of 5-0

Moved by Councillor MacKinnon and seconded by Councillor McLaine
All in Favor
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2025-070

6.5 Mobile Food Trucks at Grand Tracadie & NSCC

- CAO would like to proceed with having such a thing in the Municipality.
- To have other amenity needs for the public.
- Stanhope Place to serve coffee/ donuts.
- Tabled discussion to next meeting.

6.6 Floating Docks

- Blank permits were issued to the owner who puts the docks in the water.
- Concerns of impeding with the eel nets in the bay.
- Apply for permits for such.
- CAO has reached out to the province, & DFO. DFO does not provide permits.
- Land in the West Covehead was cleared and this included the buffer zone along the shoreline. This is strictly being dealt with by the Dept. Environment. They are responsible to issue the fines.

6.7 Land behind Grand Tracadie School to be improved and added to Gas Tax Fund Program

- Discussion of the land behind the Grand Tracadie School levelled out and used for recreation use.
- The cost would qualify for Gas Tax Fund Program.

It was duly moved and seconded to add to Gas Tax Fund Program.

Moved by Councillor Doyle and seconded by Councillor Cook
All in Favor
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6.8 Smoking on property

- Mentioned that we should be advertising Non-Smoking on property on the website and FB social media as a friendly reminder.
- All our facilities are nonsmoking properties.
- Property looks good.
- Smoking Awareness month is set for September.

It was duly moved and seconded to close the meeting for In Camera Session at 7:56 pm.

Moved by Councillor MacKinnon and seconded by Councillor McLaine
All in Favor
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It was duly moved and seconded to close the IN Camera Session at 8:56 pm.

Moved by Councillor Paquet and seconded by Councillor Doyle
All In Favor
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Moved by Councillor Cook and seconded by Councillor Paquet
All in Favor
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2025-074

7 This section is for the RESORT amendment first reading

It was duly moved and seconded to amend bylaw for the first meeting.

Moved by Councillor Paquet and seconded by Councillor McLaine
All in Favor
MOTION CARRIED
2025-075

8 Council authorized for CAO to move forward to advertise the administration position to the public.

It was duly moved and seconded to advertise for the administrative position.

Moved by Councillor MacKinnon and seconded by Paquet
All in Favor
MOTION CARRIED
2025-076

9 Council authorized for CAO to move forward to advertise maintenance position to the public.

It was duly moved and seconded to advertise maintenance position.

Moved by Councillor Cook and seconded by Councillor McLaine
All in Favor
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2025-077

10 To subcontract to collect the water samples for the Bayshore Road.

It was duly moved and seconded to subcontract for water samples.

Moved by Councillor Paquet and seconded by Councillor Cook
All in Favor
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11 Next meeting

August 5, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

12 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

It was duly moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 PM

Moved by Councillor MacKinnon and seconded by Councillor McLaine
All in Favor
MOTION CARRIED
2025-079

SIGNED: NAME, Chair

DATE:

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