

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
*Regular Council Meeting*  
**October 15, 2025 @ 6:30 pm**  
**North Shore Community Centre**

**PRESENT:**

Chair Mayor Watts, Councillor MacKinnon, Councillor Cook, Councillor Doyle, Councillor Sheehan, Councillor McLaine, Councillor Paquet, CAO- Wilhelm Hermes, and Admin Ass't Marie McInnis  
Public: Twenty-four

**1 Call to Order**

6:30pm by Chair Mayor Watts.

**2 Approval of the agenda**

**It was duly moved and seconded to approve the agenda with additions 6.5 Wellness committee structure and 6.6 Commitment to Planning Board.**

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

*All in Favor*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*7-0*

**2025-101**

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

None.

**3 Approval of the minutes from September 17, 2025**

**3.1 Regular Council – September 17, 2025**

**It was duly moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2025, meeting with corrections to section 3.4 Sarah Stewart Clark, 4.1 misspelling of Mayor Watts, and addition of names for motions for In Camera session, Open to Public, and Adjournment.**

*Moved by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Paquet*

*All in Favor*

*MOTION CARRIED*

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**2025-102**

**3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes**

- No kits from EMO have arrived to date.

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

Covehaad & Tracadie Bay Enhancement Report- Speaker: DR. Richard Ablett

- Bay concerns with a follow up with MLA Thompson
- Richard Ablett will present to the group.

- There was a call with another Scientist (Kyle) on October 3, 2025, that Dr. Richard Ablett was on regarding the Bay on the Municipality behalf.
- Concerns of Toxins – Blue /green Alga continuing thru to end of October due to warm temperatures ranging 28-30 degrees.
- DFO is responsible for tidal water.
- Collection of data every two years.
- Kyle monitors the Bay – four streams coming in the Covehead Bay.
- Sea lettuce growing due to increase temperatures.
- Working with Sarah Stewart Clark of Dalhousie University
- Hoping to have her to give a presentation to the Municipality.
- Increase of disease of mussels and oysters
- CFIA – monitoring of Bay
- Shellfish industry that uses the black cages are believed to also increase heat temperatures.
- Oxygen level is decreasing.
- Law is a fifteen-metre buffer zone is very limited.
- Pesticide run-off.
- Council should request more people hired to study on Covehead Bay & Tracadie Bay with Kyle for resources.
- Minister Thompson did set up this meeting with our Municipality.
- Briefing of the Watershed Group of surrounding areas in Municipality.
- Recommended to have the Watershed to do a presentation.
- Need to have a proper plan – first getting the Data and then dredging needs to be done on both ends of bay.

## **5 REPORTS**

### **5.1 CAO Report**

- Had two public meetings
- Repaired the streetlights in Grand Tracadie
- Grand Tracadie streetlights installed at Post Office boxes.
- Mighty Oaks contract being completed.
- Lights for the multi purpose surface.
- Website redone & updated
- Survey Monkey on website regarding lights on Promenade.
- Councillor McLaine gave the update on the lights: this job requires 100 lights installed, solar powered, pre-programmed, sixty feet surrounding coverage of light, very attractive lights to view.
- Residents are wanting to use the Promenade year-round for walking
- Seven development permits.
- Extend the maintenance shed with an addition.
- If there is anything within Municipality that is noticed broken, please call the main number at the office to report.

### **5.2 Finance & Infrastructure Report**

- Reviewed end of September budget.
- Audit still underway till end of October.
- Reviewed Gas Tax
- Discussed the Maintenance Building addition.

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- Mighty Oaks Contract

### 5.3 Planning Board & Development Report

- Planning Board meeting scheduled for October 22, 2025
- Seven development permits were issued.

### 5.4 EMO Report

- Had a meeting in September with Bryce Doucette as facilitator of training session.
- The EMO kits have not been delivered.
- There will be a meeting in November.

### 5.5 Wellness and Engagement Report

- Discussed that we don't have the time to proceed with planning of a Halloween party.
- Reviewed and discussed Remembrance Day Ceremony.

**It was duly moved and seconded to approve all reports.**

*Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Doyle*

*All in Favor*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*7-0*

**2025-103**

## 6 New business

### 6.1 RFD-2020-020 Bylaw Amendment for CDA-Resort Zone- Public meeting November 19, 2025

- Mayor Watts removed himself from the room for discussion due to conflict of interest.
- Deputy Mayor MacKinnon led the meeting.

**Put in the RFD print 2025-104 VOTE 6-0**

### 6.2 Municipality Water for Stanhope- Speaker: Peter McLaine

- Discussion of the water testing that was completed by Bylaw Officer going door to door collecting results.
- Sending into the lab for results.
- Results were shared confidentially with Municipality for our records.
- We have received thirty tests collected and still require another twenty to be collected.

### 6.3 Maintenance Building Extension, NSCC

- Presently working on a design.
- Cost approximately \$50,000.

### 6.4 Other Business

- Agreement for Promenade: safety, snow removal, salting
- Library is open twice a week from 2-4 pm on Tuesdays & Saturdays from 2-4 PM
- Bayshore Road traffic and speed is of concern with residents.
- Discussed maybe adjusting of speed in the area on a whole.
- Central water system to be put on the agenda for next month meeting.

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## 6.5 Wellness Committee Structure

- Concerns on a whole of the success of the committee.
- Discuss the idea of having Wellness Committee under Council.

**It was duly moved and seconded to establish this committee on Council**

*Moved by Councillor Cook and seconded by Councillor Doyle*  
*All in Favor*  
*MOTION CARRIE*  
*7-0*  
**2025-105**

## 6.6 Commitment to Planning Board

- Appointment to Planning Board a new member.

**It was duly moved and seconded to appoint Robbie Moore on Planning Board.**

*Moved by Councillor Paquet and seconded by Councillor McLaine*  
*All in Favor*  
*MOTION CARRIED*  
*7-0*  
**2025-106**

**It was duly moved and seconded to close the meeting for In Camera Session at 8:13 pm.**

*Moved by Councillor Paquet, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon.*  
*All in Favor*  
*MOTION CARRIED*  
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**2025-107**

**It was duly moved and seconded to reopen the meeting to the public at 9:01PM.**

*Moved by Councillor Cook , seconded by Councillor Doyle*  
*All in Favor*  
*MOTION CARRIED*  
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**2025-108**

## 7 Next meeting

November 26, 2025

## 8 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

**It was duly moved and seconded to adjourn at 9:05pm.**

*Moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor McLane*  
*All in Favor*  
*MOTION CARRIED*

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SIGNED: NAME, Chair

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