

**District of Carleton North**  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 10, 2023 @ 7:00pm  
19 Station Road, Florenceville-Bristol

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Council: Mayor Andrew Harvey, Councillor Laurel Bradstreet, Councillor Karen Hargrove, Councillor Michael Stewart, Councillor Chala Watson, Councillor Scott Oakes, Councillor Ray Haines, Councillor Angel Connor

Staff: Sarah Pacey, CAO/Assistant Clerk, Michelle Derrah, Director of Administration/Clerk

**REGRETS:** None

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Andrew Harvey called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** To approve the January 10, 2023 Town Council Agenda. Moved by Councillor Scott Oakes, seconded by Councillor Michael Stewart.

CARRIED. #001-2023

**3. APPOINTMENTS:**

a. Deputy Mayor

Pursuant to District of Carleton North's Procedural By-Law A-1 that was enacted by the provincial Transition Facilitator, Council shall elect a Deputy Mayor from among the Councillors. The Deputy Mayor shall be elected by majority vote of Council. The Town Clerk asked Council members for nominations.

Councillor Laurel Bradstreet nominated Councillor Karen Hargrove. No other nominations were received. Councillor Karen Hargrove was declared Deputy Mayor for this election term.

b. Western Valley Regional Service Commission (WVRSC) Planning

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Local Governance Reform Act, chapter 44, municipalities are required to appoint a Planning Director. This Act requires the Planning Director also be the Development Officer. The Transition Facilitator determined the Land Use Planning Services would be provided by the WVRSC, which includes Building Inspection services.

**MOTION:** To appoint Conor Tripp, Planning Director for Western Valley Regional Service Commission, as Planning Director and Development Officer for the District of Carleton North who may further delegate the administrative powers and signing authority conferred to a Development Officer to additional persons under Subsection 77(1)(m)(i) and 108(6)(a) of the Community Planning Act. Moved by Councillor Chala Watson, seconded by Councillor Laurel Bradstreet.

CARRIED. #002-2023

**MOTION:** To appoint Brent DesRoches of the Western Valley Regional Service Commission as Building Inspector for the District of Carleton North. Moved by Councillor Michael Stewart, seconded by Councillor Angel Connor.

CARRIED. #003-2023

#### **4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None

#### **5. PRESENTATIONS**

a. Hon. Margaret Johnson, Minister Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries / MLA Carleton-Victoria  
Minister Johnson presented Council members with congratulatory certificates to thank them for putting their name forward to represent their community and is certain the new Council can work together to bring the District of Carleton North into a dynamic future.

#### **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

As the first meeting of the new municipality, there are no previous minutes to approve.

#### **7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

#### **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Harvey noted that since this is all new, we have no formal New Business for the meeting, and therefore opened the floor for comments for this meeting, since there were several residents in attendance.

Resident David Hunter said the bridge getting fixed is top of mind for resident commutes and the tourism sector. Minister Johnson spoke to that and said we will be getting the bridge back in working order. The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI) have examined underneath, overhead, and under water in the last two years and there are two more that need to be done – hydrology and archeology studies. The bridge should go out to RFP the end of April for a design build solution that will request two lanes of vehicle traffic and ideally have an active transportation walkway. The RFP process takes three months, so conceivably we could see work being done the fall of 2023. The steel spans need to be demolished and replaced, but the covered portion is in good condition. Mayor Harvey said it is a historic provincial bridge that is very important to the residents of Carleton North and the Council will hold the Province to account. He met with Minister Johnson, DTI Minister Jeff Carr and CAO Sarah Pacey this week, and is pleased there seems to be willingness from Minister Carr to find a solution.

Minister Johnson acknowledged the state of some of the former LSD roads, and advised she took Minister Carr for a drive to Juniper so he could appreciate them first hand as well.

Resident Philip Crack asked about business licensing, property zoning and attracting businesses to the District of Carleton North. CAO Sarah Pacey confirmed that business licensing is left up to the province, and zoning will be Council's decision. Mayor Harvey said this is the first meeting of the new Council but attracting businesses to the area will be something that Council and staff will be focused on.

Resident David Hunter asked if all former municipal staff would have positions with the District of Carleton North. CAO Sarah Pacey confirmed they do.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm. Moved by Councillor Chala Watson, seconded by Councillor Angel Connor.

CARRIED. #004-2023

Regular Council Meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. The next one will be January 24, 2023

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MAYOR

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CLERK