

District of Carleton North
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 26th, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
19 Station Road, Florenceville-Bristol, NB

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

Staff: Sean Lockhart, CAO, Amy McIntosh, Clerk

REGRETS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the September 26th, 2023 Town Council Agenda as presented.
Moved by Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

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3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To ratify approval of the September 12th, 2023 Town Council Minutes.
Moved by Oakes, seconded by Councillor Connor.

CARRIED. #164-2023

5. PRESENTATIONS:

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Mayor Harvey asked that the Clerk reach out to Pam Brennan for additional clarity on the items that she brought to council regarding the removal of the Fresh Fine Dining & Shamrock Train Inn, adding a street sign at intersection of Curtis Road and the 105 and upgrading signage for the cross country & snowshoe trails.

Mayor Harvey also noted that the request for signage to be added to School Street In Bristol would be tabled until 2024.

Mayor Deputy Hargrove noted that the adhoc Student Council Engagement Committee met on Friday, September 22nd to discuss the process of engaging a student from CNHS to sit on council. The Policy from Smith Falls (this was provided by Sarah Lagarde as she previously sat on that council) was reviewed and based on this, it was decided that we reach out to Jason Smith at CNHS and have a meeting with him to discuss the process going forward. He also suggested that we engage the Civics teacher as well as the student council teacher to assist. The goal is to have this

meeting with Jason Smith and the Civics teacher before our next council meeting on October 10th. Deputy Mayor Hargrove will be reaching out regarding this meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. URVH Maternal Health Engagement – Community Leaders Forum – The Mayor received an email from Interim CEO of Horizon Health Network, Margaret Melanson regarding the labour and birth unit at the URVH. Over the past 18 months, the labour and birth unit has seen staffing issues which resulted in temporary challenges for expectant mothers in the community to access these services. Horizon Health is committed to maintaining maternity services at URVH and they want to hear from patients, staff, families, clinicians and community partners to understand how they can continue to provide quality and sustainable care. They will be hosting a Community Leaders Forum on October 17th from 7-9 PM at the Best Western Plus Woodstock Hotel and Conference Center. They also have an option for anyone that cannot attend can and would like to provide feedback, can reach out to engagement@horizonnb.ca or you can take the survey online.
2. Fire Safety Week Kick-off – The Florenceville-Bristol Fire Department is hosting a kick-off to fire safety week on Saturday, October 7th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This will be held at the Fire Hall in Bristol. There will be refreshments, give away prizes, fire hall tours, fire truck rides and much more! All are welcome! Mayor Harvey asked that the CAO reach out to all of the fire departments in the district to see what they are doing for fire safety week.

8. POLICIES & BY-LAWS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sponsorship & Donation Application – Fight Night in Freddy
The District of Carleton North received a sponsorship & donation application from the LAB Boxing Academy for their Fight Night in Freddy taking place on October 14th. They noted that they will be hosting their second event featuring many local athletes, two of which are from the DCN; Josh Melvin & Tyler Cox. This is a professional / amateur boxing event that is sure to please all that attend. Council discussed and declined the request for the sponsorship & donation request. A letter will be sent to promoter of the event to advise. Council also discussed the possibility of having an event at the NCCC and offering support at that time.
2. Request for 1M operating loan for infrastructure / road work
In order to submit payment to the Government of New Brunswick for the ongoing infrastructure and road work taking place in the municipality, the District of Carleton North is requesting authorization to obtain an operating loan from Scotiabank for \$1,050,000.00.

MOTION: to approve the request to obtain a 1-million-dollar temporary operating loan to pay for the infrastructure and road work in the District of Carleton North
Moved by Deputy Mayor Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Oakes.

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3. Updating current credit card from business Visa to Commercial Corporate Card
To streamline the purchasing process, the DCN is requesting that we move from the current business Visa to commercial corporate credit cards for each department. This will ensure that all purchases can be tracked per department on a monthly basis for budget purposes and improve cash flow.

MOTION: to approve the switch over from current business Visa card to commercial corporate credit cards for each department.

Moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Watson.

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10. COUNCIL STATEMENTS / INQUIRIES

Councillor Michael Stewart:

Councillor Stewart noted that work has begun on the new daycare in Centreville, the pool /splash pad has been winterized. He also noted that we need a quote for a new roof on the vault in Centreville as it will need to be replaced.

Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove:

Deputy Mayor Hargrove attended a library board meeting on the 14th and had an opportunity to meet the new librarian. The library is looking for new board member. Heard some complaints from citizens regarding the route 105 paving job and the traffic delays while the project was being completed.

Councillor Ray Haines

Councillor Haines has had a busy summer, travelling for music. Some road complaints have been received, specifically for Perkins Way.

Councillor Laurel Bradstreet:

Councillor Bradstreet attended & called Bingo at the Upper Kent Rec Center on Tuesday. Also attended a volunteer supper at the Curling Club where Brent Brown was recognized as volunteer of the year. Councillor Bradstreet also noted that the ALMAG has done a lot of great work this year and encouraged everyone to visit.

Councillor Chala Watson:

Councillor Watson volunteered at the drive-in movie on Friday, September 22nd, she attended a wedding on Saturday night in Plaster Rock. Shout out to the farmers involved in the harvest! Councillor Watson also encouraged those that are looking for work to reach out to a farmer as workers are needed.

Councillor Angel Connor:

Councillor Connor attended an ad hoc Student Council Engagement meeting and attended a spaghetti supper at the Juniper Community Center. She also noted that road work in Juniper is continuing.

Councillor Scott Oakes:

Councillor Oakes has been busy with harvest the last couple of weeks. Attended a concert at Woodstock High School featuring Jim Cuddy and his two sons. Responded to a break and enter at the Bath Community School. A weed eater was taken. Councillor Oakes encourages everyone who sees something to say something.

Mayor Andrew Harvey:

Mayor Harvey met with the Fire Chief and the Assistance Chief in Bath, attended numerous meetings regarding the NCRC, met with the police committee and had further discussion on the progress being made. Also toured the Community Hall as a possible location for the detachment. Meeting with RVG on the 15th of September with the CAO to discuss a possible partial opening in the coming weeks. Visited Lakeville with Tourism Coordinator Sharon to discuss option with the lake and trails in the Community. Attended weekly staff meeting. Planted trees at the Beechwood Park (7 trees in total) and the Bath School (7 trees in total) with Councillor Oakes. Visited the Credit Union in Centreville and signed some documents. Attended appreciation supper for Brent Brown as the Volunteer of the Year at the Curling Club. Canteen at the NCCC is opening on Monday, October 2nd. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.
Moved by Councillor Watson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hargrove.

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MAYOR

CLERK