

**District of Carleton North**  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:30 pm  
Mount Pleasant Community Hall, Mount Pleasant

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

Staff: Amy McIntosh, Clerk

**REGRETS:** Student Councillor Sarah Lagarde, Student Councillor Sarah Harvey

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Andrew Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Deputy Mayor Hargrove requested that we add an update on the opening of the NCRC to the agenda for discussion under New Business.

**MOTION:** To approve the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Town Council Agenda as presented.  
Moved by Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Watson.

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**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:**

None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** To ratify approval of the November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Town Council Minutes.  
Moved by Councillor Oakes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hargrove.

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**5. PRESENTATIONS:**

None

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Mayor Harvey noted a meeting was held on December 14<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Stuart Lockhart and Maily Lockhart along with Deputy Mayor Hargrove, Councillor Oakes, Councillor Stewart and the Clerk to discuss physician recruitment. The District of Carleton North will be working with Dr. Lockhart and Maily in the coming weeks to develop a plan of action for recruitment and will be meeting again on January 3<sup>rd</sup> to review. Dr. Lockhart and Maily will attend our next council meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> to present the plan to council.

Mayor Harvey also noted that our two student Councillors Sarah Lagarde and Sarah Harvey joined council last week. We are very excited for them to be part of council and to provide updates from a student & youth perspective.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **1. Ignite Invitation: Holiday Gathering December 14th**

Mayor and Council received an invitation from Ignite Western NB to attend their holiday party on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 PM at the Amsterdam Inn & Suites in Florenceville-Bristol. Festive drinks will be serviced along with food and special music guest Ronny Michaud will be performing.

### **2. Atlantic Community of Practice Launch & Event**

The Atlantic Community of Practice is launching a dedicated space for individuals with a diverse range of housing experiences to come together, collaborate, share knowledge, contribute to housing solutions and build meaningful connections with key stakeholders. In this current moment of time, the cost of housing has increased, making it even more difficult for people to afford housing. This initiative will help people and members of our communities share insights and works collaboratively towards common goals. There is a webinar happening on December 18<sup>th</sup> and will explore key features of the platform. You can register for this event by clicking on this link:

[Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

### **3. 2024 CiB Atlantic Provincial Invitation**

Communities in Bloom is a non-profit, charitable Canadian organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community engagement and the challenge of friendly competition. This program nurtures involvement and action by citizens of all ages, municipal governments, local organizations, institutions and businesses. A focus on environmental awareness and the preservation and conservation of the cultural, natural and built heritage elements are also integral pillars to the success of the program. If the District of Carleton North decides to opt into this, we would be invited to submit for special achievement awards and can apply for grants that are being offered by sponsors and partners. 2024 Colour of the Year is Orange. CiB invites everyone to plant orange coloured flowers in honour of our Indigenous communities.

## **8. POLICIES & BY-LAWS:**

None

## **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Motion to acknowledge the approval on the 2024 Budget and release to the public**

The District of Carleton North has received the approved General Operating and Utility budget back from the government. A summary along with the full budget and property tax information for 2024 will be posted to our website.

**MOTION:** To acknowledge the approval from the Province for the 2024 General Operating & Utility Budget and to approve the posting of the budgets on our website for public viewing. Moved by Deputy Mayor Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Connor.

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## **2. Motion to appoint Council member to RVG Board**

River Valley Gymnastics has requested that a member from Council sit the board. The District of Carleton North is also looking to partner with RVG for a range of events at the new NCRC.

**MOTION:** To approve the request that a member of Council, Councillor Connor, sit on the board for River Valley Gymnastics. Moved by Councillor Watson, Seconded by Councillor Oakes.

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## **3. New K-8 School Update**

Mayor Harvey attended a meeting regarding the proposed K-8 school on December 11<sup>th</sup>. He advised that he is disappointed with the scope of the current project and the possible location that has been identified for the new school. He advised that the ideal location for the school would be near our extra curricular and educational facilities in which students would be able to walk to and take advantage of the programs that are offered. This meeting was a starting point and the District will be requesting that Mayor, Council and the public are kept informed of the decisions that are being made. Council also discussed reaching out to the public over the holidays for feedback from the public on where they think the best fit for the school would be.

## **4. Old Florenceville Bridge – traffic pattern consultation letter**

It was recently noted that the RFP has been sent for the required repairs to the Old Florenceville Bridge. Information indicates that this new bridge would only be one lane and the implementation of traffic lights would be necessary in order ensure uninterrupted traffic flow. This is a concern given the amount of traffic on main street at any given point of time. As Mayor and Council have not been consulted on what this would look like, we will be sending a letter to DTI requesting the District of Carleton North be included in any discussions going forward.

## **5. Motion to change Council meeting on December 26<sup>th</sup> to December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Due to the Christmas holidays, we will need to move our council meeting scheduled for December 26<sup>th</sup> to December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** To approve the moving of the council meeting on December 26<sup>th</sup> to December 19<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Deputy Mayor Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

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## **6. NCRC Opening**

The NCRC was officially opened on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to the public. The District of Carleton North staff worked hard at ensuring all necessary operational items were completed in time for the opening. The facility offers a walking track, community room (with a kitchen), rock climbing wall and gymnasium. A grand opening will take place this spring. We will be working with the local area schools to have students come to the NCRC to use the facility for activities that will be offered in the new year.

## **10. COUNCIL STATEMENTS / INQUIRIES**

### Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove:

Deputy Mayor Hargrove attended the “Nursing Home Without Walls” on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 2<sup>nd</sup> Wind Music Center and attended the District of Carleton North Christmas party at the Florenceville-Bristol Curling Club on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Councillor Michael Stewart:

Councillor Stewart attended a retirement party for Sheila Piper, helped with the Christmas dinner at the school, attended 3 Christmas Parties and attended a physician recruitment meeting.

### Councillor Scott Oakes:

Councillor Oakes met with the police commission, was asked and accepted to join the Bath Lions Club, helped with the outdoor learning structure at the Bath school, attended a meeting to discuss a major housing project in the district, attended the District of Carleton North Christmas party at the Florenceville-Bristol Curling Club, attended the tree lighting in Bath, attended the Bath Fire Department Christmas dinner, attended the Bath Community School Christmas dinner and attended a physician recruitment meeting.

### Councillor Angel Connor:

Councillor Connor attended the Santa visit and tree lighting in Juniper, attended the Juniper Fire Department Christmas party and attended the McCain Christmas party.

### Councillor Chala Watson:

Councillor Watson served food at the Carleton Borderview Trailmakers event at the Multiplex and also attended the District of Carleton North Christmas party. She also thanked the staff of the District for all their hard work and dedication.

### Councillor Bradstreet:

Councillor Bradstreet attended a public safety meeting with the fire chiefs, received a complaint about the recycling bin being full at the school.

### Mayor Andrew Harvey:

Mayor Harvey signed the 2024 operating & utility budgets and these were submitted to the province, paving was finished on McCain street, completed a board interview for Ignite, attended a policing meeting at the town office, attended “Nursing Home Without Walls” event at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wind Music Center, attended multiple NCRC construction meetings, attended the District of Carleton North Christmas party at the Florenceville Curling Club, had a meeting with the Clerk and MLA Margaret Johnson, attended a staff meeting, had lunch with Rory Pickard of Dillion Consultants, met with Luc Gagon, Fire Marshall at the NCRC, attended a meeting on housing projects, met with the 6 fire chiefs, attended the Bath Fire Department Christmas party, attended Matt Anderson Christmas Concert at Andover Elementary School, met with JS Bellis reps Derron & Gordon to discuss 2024 garbage contract and collection routes, went to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of new K-8 school planning committee, met with Dr. Stuart Lockhart & Maily Lockhart on health care recruitment, had a year end interview with Shana Grey, met with River Valley Gymnastics and attended regular council meeting at Mt. Pleasant Community Hall. Some upcoming events in the District are the RSC meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Centreville Office, UMNZ meeting at the Amsterdam Inn on December 13<sup>th</sup>, Ignite Reception at the Amsterdam Inn on December 14<sup>th</sup>, Lakeville

Community Centre Santa Christmas party on December 15<sup>th</sup>, Upper Kent Rec Centre Santa Christmas party on December 16<sup>th</sup> and cookies with Santa at the Multiplex on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.  
Moved by Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Connor

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CLERK