

**District of Carleton North**  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 @ 7:00 pm  
19 Station Road, Florenceville-Bristol, NB

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Council: Mayor Andrew Harvey, Deputy Mayor Hargrove, Councillor Watson, Councillor Michael Stewart, Councillor Angel Connor, Councillor Scott Oakes, Councillor Laurel Bradstreet, Student Councillor Sarah Lagarde, Student Councillor Sarah Harvey

Staff: Amy McIntosh, Clerk

**REGRETS:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Deputy Mayor Hargrove asked Council Roadshow locations be added to the agenda under New Business.

Councillor Watson asked that the Route 105 Culvert repairs be added under New Business.

Councillor Connor asked that an update on the Fiber Festival be added under Correspondence.

**MOTION:** To approve the April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 Town Council Agenda as amended.  
Moved by Councillor Waston, seconded by Councillor Connor.

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

None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** To ratify approval of the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Town Council Minutes.  
Moved by Councillor Oakes, seconded by Councilor Connor.

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## 5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Deputy Mayor Hargrove advised that the NB Power meeting on Smart Meters took place last week and was well attended by the public. We have posted a link on our Facebook page which will direct you to the NB Power website where you can find FAQ's in relation to Smart Meters.

Mayor Harvey also wanted to remind everyone about the upcoming Local Government by-election taking place on May 6<sup>th</sup> with advance polls on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Harvey also advised that we will be meeting with NB Power on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at noon to discuss vegetation management.

## 6. **PRESENTATIONS:**

1. **Presentation to David Hunter** - the District of Carleton North presented a certificate of recognition thanking Mr. Hunter for the work he put into the Up Close Balloon Launch on April 8<sup>th</sup> and for assisting in bringing Col. Chris Hadfield to Florenceville – Bristol for the Eclipse. All the work that was done on both of these projects did not go unnoticed.
2. **Municipal FoodCycler Programs: Brigitte Kirady** – Brigitte Kirady, from FoodCycler, a Canadian Company based out of Ottawa, ON, joined our Council meeting virtually to discuss the FoodCycler program for Municipalities. The FoodCycler is a countertop unit that turns food waste into soil amendment by grinding up food waste. It can process fruit and vegetable scraps, meat, poultry and fish scrapes, beans, seeds and legumes, cheese, eggs and eggshells, chicken and fish bones, coffee grounds, filters and tea bags. FoodCycler is offering the District of Carleton North to take place in a 12 week pilot program with a select number of residents to take part in this project. Some partnership benefits to take part in this pilot program are: reduced costs associated with waste management (collection, transfer, disposal and landfill operations, opportunity to support Canadian innovation and clean tech, opportunity to provide residents with an innovative solution that reduces waste and fights climate change, at an affordable price and obtaining data that could be used to develop a future organic waste diversion program.

## 7. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. **Public Awareness Tests Schedule** – The District of Carleton North received a note from Tim Nickerson, Regional Emergency Management Coordinator – Region 8 advising of the Public Awareness Tests Schedule. These tests will take place in New

Brunswick on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:55 AM and Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:55 AM.

## **2. UMN – Federal Budget Recap**

### **Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick** **2024 Federal Budget Recap**

The Government of Canada released its 2024-2025 budget yesterday, totalling \$457 billion in spending and total budgetary expenses of \$497 billion, financed by a \$40 billion deficit. The budget contains major investments in housing, infrastructure, and community safety initiatives that will affect municipalities. Some highlights:

- \$6-billion Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund with \$1 billion for urgent community infrastructure (including water and wastewater management) and \$5 billion for conditional agreements with provinces and territories to support long-term priorities
- \$400 million top-up to the Housing Accelerator Fund
- Increasing the Rural Transit Fund to \$150 million with \$3 billion in permanent public transit funding slated for 2026-27
- An additional \$500 million over five years for municipal community, culture and recreation facilities through the Green and Inclusive Buildings Program.
- Incentives for health-care professionals to practice in rural communities
- Doubling of the volunteer firefighter and search and rescue tax credits from \$3,000 to \$6,000, and an additional \$800,000 for Natural Resources Canada to help build wildfire fighting capacity and enhance training
- \$150 million over three years to support municipalities combatting the opioid crisis
- \$238.5 million over six years, starting in 2020-21, and \$50 million ongoing for the RCMP's National Body-Worn Camera Program for frontline officers
- \$3.8 billion through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund to support projects that are increasing the resilience of communities affected by natural disasters triggered by climate change.
- Investments in Via Rail and Marine Atlantic services, as well as funding to repair and maintain small craft harbours
- CCBF funding of \$2.4 billion and \$35 billion for the Canada Infrastructure Bank

Discussions around proposed federal-provincial changes to CCBF agreements remain ongoing and the UMN will continue to advocate and update our members as soon as more information becomes available.

In their recent budget statement, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities notes that “the positive steps taken by Budget 2024 to address current challenges shows

meaningful progress but should not overshadow the pressing need for a national conversation on modernizing the funding model for Canadian municipalities. As Canada continues to grow, in order to ensure Canadians have the local services and infrastructure they need, all orders of government should come together to discuss a new Municipal Growth Framework that would provide more effective long-term support for communities.”

The UMNB continues to reinforce with provincial and federal partner governments that collaboration is essential in tackling challenges related to housing, affordability, and infrastructure. More details about the budget are available [HERE](#).

### **3. UMNB – Letter to Minister Fraser re: Federal Housing Accelerator Fund**

Dear Minister Fraser,

As communities across New Brunswick grapple with the current housing shortage, many have turned to the federal government’s Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF), administered by the CMHC. Although New Brunswick is a small province, we have experienced historic population growth since 2020 and municipalities large and small are working with dedication to welcome new residents and meet the pressures of growth.

The Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick (UMNB) is a bilingual advocacy organization representing more than fifty New Brunswick municipalities, and we are pleased to see that more than a dozen New Brunswick communities will be receiving federal support to increase their local housing supply

Recently, however, we are hearing disappointment and frustration from some of our members whose applications to the HAF have unfortunately been unsuccessful. Although these local governments have submitted applications they believe have met all the funding criteria, they were not selected and have had difficulty obtaining feedback about why they were unsuccessful.

Applications such as these involve significant investments of staff time and municipal leaders are seeking guidance on how they can be more successful during subsequent applications. Maintaining transparency on how and why the government selects applications helps municipalities to align their priorities with federal programs in order to support critically needed housing development in their communities which benefits all Canadians.

The UMNB welcomes recent news that the Government of Canada is committing an additional \$400 million to the HAF and making significant funding available for municipal infrastructure improvements necessary for housing. We look forward to more information in the upcoming budget. We hope that municipalities will be given guidance on where previous applications were lacking in order for them to have the best chance of accessing

the funding. We urge you, as Minister, to work with departmental staff and the CMHC to examine how the application process can be adjusted in order to provide timely and constructive feedback to communities who intend to re-apply for funding.

Municipalities are keenly aware that making progress on housing challenges requires all orders of government to work together. We remain committed to taking every opportunity to improve local housing conditions, and hope the federal government will address these concerns regarding the application process.

In closing, we thank you for your consideration of these important matters and hope to hear from you soon.

Best regards,



Andrew Black, President  
Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick

- 4. Thank you from the Fiber Festival** – Robyn Oakes from the Fiber Festival wanted to thank the District of Carleton North for their donation to the Fiber Festival. This year the festival saw 14 vendors participating and over 300 visitors.

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

None

#### **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Council Roadshow Meetings** – Last year Council held 8 of their Council meetings in different communities in the District. They would like to continue with the Roadshow Meetings this year. These meetings will take place May to November. Dates and locations will be posted once confirmed.
- 2. Route 105 Outfall Repair** – the culvert on Route 105 (located in front of McCain) needs to be repaired due to structural issues.

**MOTION:** The District of Carleton North hereby authorizes the initiation of a competitive tendering process for the Route 105 Outfall repair. Moved by Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

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

### Councillor Michael Stewart:

Councillor Stewart attended the 100 Women Who Care event at the Multiplex in Centreville, attended the Spring Show & Sale, attended the NB Power Smart Meter meeting and also attended the Meet the Candidates event at the Community Hall in Florenceville – Bristol.

### Councillor Scott Oakes:

Councillor Oakes attended the 40th Anniversary of the Andrew & Laura McCain Library, attended a Lumberjack meeting, gave an interview with local media about the policing project, also attended the Fiber Festival, attended the NB Power Smart Meter presentation, received a complaint about an unsightly premises in Beechwood, met with the Mayor, Director of Operations and Public Works Manager at the Bath Fairgrounds to discuss potential of that site, attended the Meet the Candidates event at the Community Hall in Florenceville – Bristol, attended the dinner for the Back Pack Program at the Knights of Columbus in Bath.

### Councillor Angel Connor:

Councillor Connor did two Chase the Ace draws, attended the Fiber Festival, attended an RVG board meeting, attended the Meet the Candidates Event at the Community Hall in Florenceville-Bristol, visited a local sugar shack for breakfast, received a complaint about a bus stop sign in Juniper. She also noted that Juniper / Divide area experienced a complete outage of home phone, cell phone and internet for 48+ hours. Coming up April 27<sup>th</sup> there will be Craft Fair at the Glassville Rec Center from 9-2 and the Juniper Community Center will be hosting a Jamboree from 2-4.

### Councillor Laurel Bradstreet:

Councillor Bradstreet attended the Spring Show and Sale, attended the NB Power Smart Meter meeting, attended two Fire Department meetings and attended a meeting at the Art Gallery.

### Councillor Chala Watson

Councillor Watson attended the 100 Women Who Care Event at the Multiplex in Centreville where 16k was raised for the Valley Food Bank. Councillor Watson urged those in Ward 4 to get out and vote in the upcoming Local Government by-election. She also thanked the Centreville Fire Department for their speedy response. Councillor Watson attended the Student Council meeting at the High School on Thursday.

### Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove

Deputy Mayor Hargrove attended the Spring Show and Sale where a total of 39 animals / 399K was raised, shout out to the organizers of the event and to all the volunteers. Shout out to the Municipal staff for all their hard work as we went from an arena to the Eclipse Event to a show barn all in the span of three weeks. Congratulations to the Grand Champion, a local River Valley 4H Member (Bryson Longstaff), attended the award ceremony at the Multiplex in Centreville. Her daughter has been attending the STEAM

program put on by McCain, shoutout to the organizers of this event, attended the NB Power Smart Meter meeting and also attended the Meet the Candidates event at the Community Hall in Florenceville – Bristol. Music Festival is also taking place this week with the final show on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Received a complaint about the Stop sign on Rogers Street being covered by a large tree.

Student Councillor Sarah Lagarde

Student Councillor Lagarde attended the Hartland Volleyball tournament and went to semi-finals, visited the exhibition at the Art Gallery, attended a meeting of the art gallery board, received Councillor Watson at their student council meeting, participated in the Carleton County Music Festival, the Florenceville-Bristol music festival will be taking place this week.

Student Councillor Sarah Harvey

Student Councillor Harvey attended the Spring Show and Sale, planted Sunflowers at CNHS for Earth Day, 4H Members are doing a contest where they can send in Earth Day photos and win prizes, CNHS is having a yard sale and all proceeds go towards Student Council.

Mayor Andrew Harvey:

Mayor Harvey went to Lakeville Convenience to try the Grand Champion Burger, attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Andrew & Laura McCain Library, attended a Fire Committee meeting, attended a solid waste meeting, attended the Fiber Festival, attended the RVG Trampoline Provincials, attended a staff meeting, attended the NB Power Smart Meter meeting, attended a Sports Wall of Recognition Meeting, attended the Spring Show and Sale, attended Regional Service Commission board meeting, had a meeting on the Bath Fairgrounds, met at the Shogomoc Site to discuss trail development, attended the meeting the Candidates Meeting at the Community Hall in Florenceville-Bristol, attended the dinner for the Back Pack Program at the Knights of Columbus in Bath, attended funeral for former Mayor Fred Welch.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.  
Moved by Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Watson.

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