

District of Carleton North
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 26th, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
19 Station Road, Florenceville-Bristol, NB

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 that the Solar Eclipse and a discussion around NB Power Smart Meters be added under New Business.

Councillor Watson asked that cigarette butt receptacles be added for discussion under New Business.

MOTION: To approve the March 26th, 2024 Town Council Agenda as presented.
Moved by Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Stewart.

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3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To ratify approval of the March 12th, 2024 Town Council Minutes.
Moved by Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Councillor Oakes wanted to recognize that the entire month of March is Epilepsy Awareness Month (council wore purple ribbons in support of this). Councillor Oakes also requested an update on 388 Main Street as discussed in our last council meeting. Mayor Harvey advised that a registered letter was sent to the owner of the property as they are in violation of the S-1 UNSIGHTLY PREMISES AND DANGEROUS BUILDINGS BYLAW for the District of Carleton North. The property owner has 60 days to clean up the property as noted in the by-law.

Mayor Harvey also noted that based on the conversation that took place last council meeting in regards to the notice that was sent in the property tax, the District of Carlton North sent a letter to Honorable Mary Wilson (Minister of Service New Brunswick). This letter outlined the incorrect information that was in this notice and asked that the next time this information is sent to the public, that it is accurate for our citizens.

6. PRESENTATIONS:

Syl Amos came to council to discuss the current property tax rates and wanted to provide some clarity surrounding the current property tax bills that were recently received. Mr. Amos is a retired Property Assessor and had 32 years of experience in assessment and taxation services. He started out his presentation by thanking the Council for their work done in the last 14 months. He also spoke about his previous work as a property assessor. He spoke about the current real estate market and the fact that homes are worth more now and the assessments have gone up. Mr. Amos went on to provide some additional information surrounding property assessments and the work that was done previously. He noted that the information that is coming from the Province is not correct, however, they are placing the blame on Municipalities. Mr. Amos noted that his next stop will be in Fredericton to speak with our Premier on these issues.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Help Feed Our Students – Florenceville Rotary will be presenting an evening of dinner and dancing at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bath featuring John Maunder & The Common People on Saturday, April 20th beginning at 5:30 PM. Tickets are \$100.00 for this event. Proceeds from this event will go to the “We’ve Got Your Back” program in the River Valley and schools in the District of Carleton North Breakfast / Lunch programs. You can get tickets from any Florenceville Rotarians, Barb (506-278-3293) or David (506-391-9424).

8. POLICIES & BY-LAWS:

None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. NB Power Smart Meters – Deputy Mayor Hargrove noted that she heard from some constituents NB Power installed Smart Meters on their homes which caused their power bill to increase significantly. They are concerned and confused and do not understand why this would happen. Council asked that NB Power come and make a presentation to the public and explain the purpose of these smart meters and provide some additional education. The Clerk will reach out to NB Power and arrange this public meeting.
2. Cigarette Butt Receptacles – Councillor Watson noted that the entrances of the NCCC and the NCRC are covered by cigarette butts. The Clerk will reach out to Maintenance & Facilities Manager and inquire about the receptacles that used to be in front of the building.
3. Solar Eclipse Update – April 8th – Mayor Harvey noted that the Solar Eclipse is quickly approaching. The District of Carleton North will be hosting a market at the Community Hall from 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM on the 8th with up to 13 vendors in attendance. Food trucks will also be on site at the Community Hall. The balloon launch will also be taking

place at the Amsterdam Inn and activities will be happening at Potato World. There will also be a food truck onsite in that location. There will be a live stream of the balloon launch at the Northern Carleton Civic Center with the doors opening at 2:30 PM. The Chris Hadfield Event will begin at 5:45 PM with James Mullinger as our opening speaker. Tickets can be purchased here: [Solar Eclipse 2024 featuring Colonel Chris Hadfield Tickets, Mon, 8 Apr 2024 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite](#). You are also able to pick up Solar Eclipse glasses at the following locations: Florenceville-Bristol Town Office, Bath Town office, The Andrew & Laura McCain Public Library, the Multiplex in Centreville, the post office in Juniper and Glassville. As Florenceville-Bristol is in the path of totality, there will be a large influx of people and traffic on April 8th so the public is encouraged to plan for delays. There will be designated parking areas for ticket holders with a shuttle service to take people to and from the Northern Carleton Civic Center.

10. COUNCIL STATEMENTS / INQUIRIES

Councillor Michael Stewart:

Councillor Stewart attended the UMNb zone meeting in Woodstock, attended pub night at the Elks Club, attended the retirement supper for Dr. Bruce and Dr. Colin Lockhart, took down the public skating rink in Centreville, received a complaint from a constituent who has a child with autism, and they were having issues crossing the road by the grocery store in Centreville due to traffic. He also attended a zoom meeting on Monday night.

Councillor Scott Oakes:

Councillor Oakes attended card night on Wednesday at the Knights of Columbus, attended the David Myles concert at the Weldon Matthews theatre, attended the Upper Kent Church in celebration of Good Samaritan Sunday to honour the Bath Fire Department, this was a great event and sent a thank you Pastor Rick, the entire congregation and to Christa Holmes, attended the UMNb Advocacy days in Fredericton the 20th and 21st with the Mayor and Clerk, had an opportunity to speak with Premier Higgs and several MLA's to discuss concerns, toured the EMO headquarters in Fredericton, on Friday watched some high school hockey at the NCRC, visited the Florenceville Inn restaurant, congratulations to Abdul and his father on a great launch. Councillor Oakes also attended a reception at the NCCC for Dr. Bruce and Dr. Colin Lockhart to celebrate their retirement, thanks to Councillor Bradstreet for planning the event and thanks to the Clerk and Rayma for pulling it all together, attended the supper on Saturday evening for Dr. Bruce and Dr. Colin to thank them for their lifetime of service and presented them with a certificate from the District of Carleton North. Shout out to the Bath Lions, Charlie & Peggy MacDonald, Graydon Dingee, Gerald Sullivan and all the rest involved to make this happen. Also attended a zoom meeting on Monday evening.

Councillor Angel Connor:

Councillor Connor attended two RVG board meetings, they will be hosting Provincials from the 5th to the 7th, attended a zoom meeting on Monday night, did two chase the aces draws, Juniper Rec will be hosting Easter bingo for both adults and children.

Councillor Laurel Bradstreet:

Councillor Bradstreet attended an Eclipse meeting, attended a Fire Chiefs meeting, attended a meeting at the town hall, attended a meeting on Monday evening via zoom, attended the U13 Provincials games. He also thanked the local fire departments for their assistance with a structure fire.

Councillor Chala Watson

Councillor Watson attended a zoom meeting and also attended the CNHS Boys tournament in which they came in second. She also wanted to remind everyone about the 100 Women Who Care event that is taking place on April 11th and encouraged all those to attend who could.

Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove

Deputy Mayor Hargrove attended a Library board meeting, they will be celebrating their 40th anniversary on April 11th from 6-8 PM, it's an open house and everyone is invited to attend. Mayor Harvey will be giving opening remarks. Deputy Mayor Hargrove had to pick up some 4H Members in Nova Scotia and took the opportunity to visit some family in Halifax.

Student Councillor Sarah Lagarde

Student Councillor Lagarde spent several hours shoveling snow, she visited the Florenceville Inn Restaurant and noted the food was great, Community Band is starting up again and encouraged anyone who would like to join to contact Peter McLaughlin, last week her volleyball team had their first league game.

Student Councillor Sarah Harvey

Student Councillor Harvey attended the Girls Hockey Provincials in Miramichi, Student Council at CNHS is currently doing a food drive (any food can be dropped off at the office), next student council meeting will be on Thursday (any councillors are invited to attend).

Mayor Andrew Harvey:

Mayor Harvey attended a CNHS girls hockey game, attended UMNB zone meeting in Woodstock, attended the CNHS Boys hockey tournament, had supper at the Boardwalk, attended the David Myles concert at the Weldon Matthews theatre, attended meetings on funding programs with the Clerk and Jennifer Stone to ensure that all deadlines were completed before end of March, had a meeting with Councillor Bradstreet and the Clerk in relation to the Fire Committee, had an interview with Jeanne Armstrong from CBC Radio, had a good meeting with the Clerk and staff on housing, had a good meeting with Jayne at RVG and pleased to work with them on getting some additional equipment so they can host provincials, attended UMNB meetings in Fredericton, had a meeting with Denis Ouellette from the Environment Local Government along with the Clerk, Director of Operations and Councillor Stewart at the Multiplex in Centreville on some paths forward, attended the opening ceremonies of the Provincial Boys Hockey Tournament at the NCCC, visited Stephen Hutchings in Johnville who is creating a falling tree on canvas. This piece of art is 40 feet long and 10 feet high and will be on display at the Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery in May and then will move to the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in Fredericton next year. Mayor Harvey was honored to attend and help with the supper at the Bath Lions club for Dr. Bruce and Dr. Colin Lockhart, thank you for Gerald Sullivan and Charles & Peggy MacDonald, had a meeting with Stephen Ouelette from NB Power regarding vegetation management. Will be attending a meeting on Wednesday night regarding Stakeholder and Partner Consultation Session with RCMP at 6 PM.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.
Moved by Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Watson.

CARRIED. #025-2024

MAYOR

CLERK