

**District of Carleton North**  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 @ 6:35 pm  
267 Juniper Road, Juniper, NB

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

Staff: Rayma Rediker, Assistant Clerk

**REGRETS:** Councillor Ryan Dickinson, Amy McIntosh, CAO/Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Andrew Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Harvey added a letter from Hon. Hugh J. Flemming to correspondence.

**MOTION:** To approve the amended July 23<sup>rd</sup> Town Council Agenda as presented.  
Moved by Councillor Watson seconded by Deputy Mayor Hargrove

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

None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** To ratify approval of the July 9, 2024, Town Council Minutes.  
Moved by Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Stewart

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

1. Councillor Connor advised that J. D. Irving has announced that there will be an information session in August regarding the Brighton Wind Farm. No date has been set.

2. Council Watson asked for confirmation that Demolition of the Old Bath School began on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Oakes confirmed that contractors are on site and Asbestos and/or internal structure removal is happening now followed by building demolition mid-August.

## **6. PRESENTATIONS:**

### **1. Stephanie Thornton RE: Unightly Premises in Juniper**

Ms.. Thornton represented residents of Juniper and had two subjects that she wanted to address.

Firstly, she inquired about previous Unightly or Dangerous Premises from 2022-2023 and current actions on those properties. Letters were sent out from the Department of Environment and Local Government in 2023.

Mayor Harvey responded to this question stating that the District of Carleton North passed the Bylaw Respecting Unightly Premise and Dangerous Buildings and Structures No S-1 on June 13, 2023. Before this date the Department of Environmental and Local Government were responsible for following up on these notices. Complaints received after June 13, 2023, are being documented and inspected. The procedures laid out in the Bylaw are being followed and the process has many steps and may take some of time to complete.

Ms. Thornton's concern is that these unsightly or dangerous premises are not only an eye sore they are unsafe and have prevented sale of abutting properties.

Secondly, Ms. Thornton would like to know if/when a property can be deemed condemned. There are 3 vacant houses in Juniper that residents have concerns over. The mayor explained that The District of Carleton North can send an engineer to a property to perform a structural analysis to decide if a building is structurally unsound/condemned. The cost of the engineering inspection and the demolition of the building falls on the municipality if the property owner cannot or does not pay.

Mayor Harvey will inform the Bylaw Enforcement Officer of the properties in question.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **1. Concerns about the misuse of the provincial trail system**

Mayor Andrew Harvey received the below letter from Miniters Kris Austin regarding the concerns about the misuse of the provincial trail system dated June 26, 2024.

Mayor Harvey:

Thank you for your correspondence of May 24, 2024, regarding your concerns about the misuse of the provincial trail system in the District of Carleton North.

The Department of Justice and Public Safety is responsible for enforcement of regulations related to off-road vehicles on provincial trails. I understand that you have spoken to a peace officer with Inspections and Enforcement New Brunswick about your concerns and were informed that increased enforcement and patrols will be conducted in your region.

In terms of trail maintenance, restoration, and the designation of specific areas for motorized vehicles, those matters fall under the responsibility of the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development (DNRED). As such, I am including my colleague the Honourable Hugh J. Flemming, K.C., Minister of Natural Responses and Energy Development, in this response.

I appreciate the time you have taken to bring this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Kris Austin  
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Further, Deputy Mayor Hargrove read a 2<sup>nd</sup> letter regarding the misuse of the provincial trail system from Minister Hugh J. Flemming date July 26, 2024.

Mayor Harvey:

Thank you for your correspondence to Minister Kris Austin concerning the misuse of the provincial trail system in the District of Carleton North. Your correspondence was forwarded to me as it pertains to my area of responsibilities as Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Development.

I understand departmental staff recently attended a Council meeting in the District of Carleton North to discuss the application process for a non-motorized recreational trail License of Occupation on Crown land. Additional multi-use trail opportunities were discussed, as well as the roles and responsibilities of a license holder with regards to trail maintenance and development. Please direct comments or questions regarding the matter to Tanya Morehouse, Provincial Trail Coordinator by email at [Tanya.Morehouse@gnb.ca](mailto:Tanya.Morehouse@gnb.ca).

Thank you for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,



Hon. Hugh J. Flemming, K.C.

## **2. School Bus Safety Update**

Mayor Harvey received the below letter from Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, Bill Hogan with regards to concerns with the findings of the Auditor General's report on Pupil Transportation dated July 8, 2024.

Andrew Harvey:

Thank you for your correspondence dated June 12, 2024, expressing the District of Carleton North's concerns with the findings of the recent Auditor General's report on Pupil Transportation.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) and the seven school districts take the health and safety of students very seriously. The operation of school busses is a joint responsibility of EECD, School Districts and the Vehicle Management Agency. I can assure you that I take the findings of the Auditor General's report seriously.

Upon learning of the findings of the Auditor General's report, work commenced immediately to review and implement the recommendations. EECD's response to the report's recommendations can be found on the published report on the Auditor General's website.

Upon review of the details contained in the report, we can confirm that school buses that are in service are being inspected on a regular basis. The instances identified in the report were for school buses that were no longer in service or were undergoing repairs.

We can also confirm that all school bus drivers are fully qualified to operate a school bus. The report found that driver files were not being kept up to date with current documentation. This is being rectified.

School busses with serious mechanical defects are never allowed to operate. Again, the report identified some concerns with the record keeping of bus maintenance reports. Work is underway to review and rectify these deficiencies.

Once again, thank you for your correspondence and for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Bill Hogan

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

1. The mayor stated that Council will be looking at current bylaws and work towards creating bylaws that encompass the entire District of Carleton North

## 9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

### 1. **Resolution to Support CN Rail Safety Week**

**WHEREAS** Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 23 to 29, 2024

**WHEREAS**, 229 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2023; resulting in 66 unavoidable fatalities and 39 avoidable serious injuries;

**WHEREAS**, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grad crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

**WHEREAS** Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

**WHEREAS** CN and Operation Lifesaver have requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality.

**MOTION:** To adopt the CN Rail Safety Week resolution in support of Rail Safety Week. Move by Councillor Oakes, seconded by Councillor Connor.

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### 2. **Wild Parsnip Discussion**

Deputy Mayor Hargrove received correspondence from the Agricultural Alliance regarding concerns over Wild Parsnip growing around their farmland. The Alliance is gathering information from the farmers documenting the Wild Parsnip which will be compiled and submitted to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. Deputy Mayor Hargrove would like District of Carleton North to address the areas in the municipality as well. Councillor Connor stated that Wild Parsnip has been growing on Route 107 from Bristol to Glassville and continues to spread. Councillor Oakes brought up concerns with the continued spread of Wild Parsnip and how it is taking over.

Mayor Harvey suggested that District of Carleton North send a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure with the District's concerns regarding Wild Parsnip including images and locations provided by Council and staff.

### **3. Motion to submit application for Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) Funding**

The Andrew & Laura McCain Public Library building at 8 McCain Street requires updates for accessibility. Upgrades will include replacement of the current concrete ramp and alterations of the bathroom.

**MOTION:** To approve to submit the application to the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) to secure funding for upgrades to the Laura & McCain Public Library. Moved by Deputy Mayor Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

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### **4. Motion to submit application to the Capital Borrowing Board (CBB)**

Resolution of Council

“That the Local Government of The District of Carleton North submit to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board an application for authorization to borrow for a capital expense for the following term and amount.”

| <u>Purpose</u>                    | Amount (\$) | Term     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| <u>Equipment and Furnishings:</u> |             |          |
| Fire Department Rescue Unit       | \$460,000   | 15 years |

**MOTION:** to approve the application to the Capital Borrowing Board for funds to purchase a Fire Department Rescue Truck for the Centreville Fire Department. Moved by Councillor Bradstreet, seconded by Councillor Watson.

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

Councillor Michael Stewart:

Councillor Stewart attended National French Fry Day at The Potato World Museum and attended to Wednesday the Gazebo at the Centreville Gazebo.

Councillor Scott Oakes:

Councillor Oakes attended the Glassville Flea Market on July 13<sup>th</sup> with his son. Later the same day he attended National French Fry Day at The Potato World Museum, attended the Upper Kent Rec Association Poker Run & BBQ, attended the Bathurst Hospitality Days featuring Canadian artists Barenaked Ladies and Signal Hill, attended Step Ahead Child Care board meeting regarding expansion, River Bend Festivals Balloon Festival Meeting. There will be 14 Balloons this year and flight registrations will begin soon.

Councillor Angel Connor:

Councillor Connor attended National French Fry Day at The Potato World Museum, attended her nephews Graduation party, attended the River Bend Festivals Balloon Festival board meeting. Councillor Connors raised concerns with peat moss from Juniper Organics on and in resident's properties/homes.

Councillor Laurel Bradstreet:

Councillor Bradstreet attended 2 Fire Committee meetings. Met with the CAO and Mayor. Attended the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Carleton County Toy Run. There were 212 bikes this year. The Carleton County Toy Run does great work for sick kids.

Councillor Chala Watson

Councillor Watson attended National French Fry Day at The Potato World Museum, attended the Big Iron Show N Shine in Woodstock which raised funds for the Valley Food Bank this year with over 2500 people in attendance.

Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove

Deputy Mayor Hargrove attended a meeting with the Mayor, CAO, Councillor Dickinson, Councillor Oakes and Gaby Mann regarding physician recruitment, attended swim meets in Perth and Plaster Rock.

Mayor Andrew Harvey:

Mayor Harvey attended a physician recruitment meeting with the CAO, Deputy Mayor Hargrove, Councillor Dickinson, Councillor Oakes and Gaby Mann, spoke the CEO of Horizon Health regarding physician recruitment, attended a Western Valley Regional Service Commission meeting on Economic Development, attend National French Fry Day at The Potato World Museum and came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the french fry eating contest, met with the Centreville Chamber of Commerce with CAO and Councillor Stewart regarding the Western Valley Multi-Plex, attended the Western Valley Regional Games in Southern Victoria, signed documents for land transfer to the Carleton Trail Makers Snowmobile Club, the met with Kirk Ebbett regarding improvements to Bristol Heights, attended a meeting at the Western Regional Service Commission regarding housing needs for District of Carleton North, Met with Josh Corey from Public Safety for region with the CAO regarding heating/cooling centres and public safety for the District, attended board

meeting for Step Ahead Child Care, attended a River Bend Festivals Balloon Festival meeting. Upcoming events are the River Bend Balloon Festival on Labour Day weekend, the Beechwood Park Poker Run and so much more. See the District of Carleton North Community Calendar for all local events

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM. Moved by Councillor Bradstreet, seconded by Councillor Connor.

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MAYOR

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CLERK

Recognition