

District of Carleton North
Regular Council Meeting
Monday August 26th, 2024 @ 6:30PM
698 Central Street, Centreville, NB

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

Staff: Amy McIntosh, CAO/Clerk

REGRETS: Rayma Rediker, Assistant Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Andrew Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the August 26th, 2024 Town Council Agenda as presented.
Moved by Councillor Oakes, 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 August 12, 2024, Town Council Minutes.
Moved by Deputy Mayor Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Watson.

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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Councillor Connor asked if there had been a firm decision made on the request from the WVFHA from our last council meeting. The CAO noted that an email was sent to Council asking if they were in agreement with the asks that were presented. It was agreed that the District of Carleton North would charge the WVFHA the same ice rental rate as Minor Hockey and would work with them on getting ice slots booked for practices and games.

6. PRESENTATIONS:

None

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

The District of Carleton North received the below letter in reference to the state of Primary Health Care in Carleton County. A meeting is being scheduled in the coming weeks to have further discussion on this critical item.

Dear Mayors,

I am writing to you as the President of the New Brunswick Medical Society (NBMS) to express concern regarding the state of primary care in Carleton County.

The NBMS has analyzed primary care access across New Brunswick and our data shows that your community is at risk, considering the demographics of both patients and providers. This issue is already impacting the quality of health-care services available in your community, and according to our data, the situation will only get worse without significant and coordinated action by stakeholders, communities, Regional Health Authorities, and government.

Carleton County has 33 active family physicians, with 69% (23 out of 33) over age 50. In 2023/24, these 23 doctors cared for 24,512 patients. The age breakdown: 7 are in their 70s, 9 in their 60s, and 7 in their 50s. The data presents a stark reality - if physicians over the age of 55 choose to retire within the next 3-5 years - a possibility that could materialize at any moment - primary care in Carleton County will be at risk of collapsing.

Recruitment alone won't solve this problem. New physicians take time to onboard and traditionally take on smaller practices, so supporting and retaining our current workforce is crucial to allow for this transition. We must invest in expanding and build on existing family practices and clinics to they can be modernized and ready to be passed on to future generations of primary care providers. Despite our efforts, government has not yet made this a priority.

Would you be willing to partner with our organization to host a community forum with local physicians and stakeholders ahead of the upcoming provincial election? We could discuss proven solutions to help shape the debate on New Brunswick's primary care future. NBMS staff can present data and best practices that have worked in other areas.

With your leadership and collaboration from our Regional Health Authorities and local leaders, I am confident we can find viable solutions to this pressing issue.

If this is of interest to your community, please have your team reach out to Minha Haque at mhaque@nbms.nb.ca and we can coordinate the next steps.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

*Dr. Paula Keating
President, New Brunswick Medical Society*

8. POLICIES & BY-LAWS:

None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Property for sale inquiry – Centreville** – The District of Carleton received an inquiry regarding a piece of property located on Route 560 in Centreville. The District of Carleton North spoke with a local real estate agent and received a valuation of the property in the event we would like to sell. Council agreed to table this discussion for our next closed session.
- 2. Street Sign Request – Centreville Road** – The District of Carleton North received a request to have a “No Engine Breaks Sign” placed on Centreville Road due to noted noise pollution. Council discussed and asked that the price of the sign be determined as well as having a discussion with the province on the steps needed to have a sign placed per the request.
- 3. Public Safety Manager – Job posting** – The District of Carleton North has determined the need for a Public Safety Manager to take over some the Public Safety responsibilities (Fire Service, policing, animal control, EMO plans, garbage / recycling and By-law enforcement). Having the right person in place will ensure that the fire service has a dedicated person to assist them with continual development of their 5-year capital plans, take over animal control, develop and enforce the District of Carleton North by-laws, etc. Council agreed to begin the process of posting this job and to begin the search for the right candidate.

MOTION: to post a job posting for a Public Safety Manager as a full-time salaried position with the District of Carleton North. Moved by Councillor Chala Watson, seconded by Councillor Connor.

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10. COUNCIL STATEMENTS / INQUIRIES

Councillor Michael Stewart:

Councillor Stewart attended the Swim Meet in Florenceville-Bristol which was well attended, attended the 10th Anniversary of the Juniper Community Center, helped with the Last Splash in Centreville, Dexter did a great job on the road in Centreville that was just paved, parking lot at Centreville Child Care was also paved.

Councillor Scott Oakes:

Councillor Oakes attended some Balloon Fest meetings, picked up logs for the Lumberjack Competition, shout out to the sponsors of the event!

Councillor Angel Connor:

Councillor Connor attended the 10th Anniversary at the Juniper Community Center, did a Chase the Ace draw at Juniper rec.

Councillor Ryan Dickinson

Councillor Dickinson attended a trails committee meeting, attended a UMNB meeting

Councillor Laurel Bradstreet:

Councillor Bradstreet attended a trails meeting, attended a great training session at the Glassville Fire Hall, attended a trails meeting with the Town of Hartland, attended a meeting at the Florenceville Motor Inn for Chef's on Fire, attended the Skedaddle Ridge ATV Club awards banquet.

Councillor Chala Watson

Councillor Watson took her son to the airport and did some home renos.

Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove

Deputy Mayor Hargrove attended the Provincial Swim Meet where the Kraken took home the banner, shout out to all who planned and volunteered at the event, attended a meeting with Economic and Community Development Manager Gaby Mann and CAO Amy McIntosh to finalize the timeline on the work done for Physician Recruitment, library application for funding to replace the accessible ramp was submitted, excited for the Riverbend Balloon Fest and will be attending the 4H Provincial show with her daughters in Fredericton.

Mayor Andrew Harvey:

Mayor Harvey attended a meeting with travel writer Paul Knowles and his wife and took them on a tour of the District, met with the CAO and Juniper Fire Chief Karl Brown, attended RSC meeting at the Veysey Center and UMNB Meeting, attended Upper Kent Rec Center washer toss tournament, attended Provincial Swim Meet in Florenceville-Bristol, attended the 10th Anniversary at the Juniper Community Center, had a meeting with Charlie and Peggy MacDonald regarding the canteen operation, had a meeting with Gaby Mann and CAO to discuss housing, attended a trails meeting with the Town of

Hartland, attended Fly Ball event at the Northern Carleton Civic Center, attended the Last Splash in Centreville, attended Dave McLeans 80th birthday party, Balloon Fest is happening this week with a jam packed weekend of fun activities at the Bath Fairgrounds.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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MAYOR

CLERK

PENDING RATIFICATION