

District of Carleton North
Regular Council Meeting
Monday September 22nd 2025 @ 7:00PM
19 Station Road, Florenceville-Bristol, NB

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

Staff: Amy McIntosh, CAO/Clerk, Rayma Rediker, Assistant Clerk

REGRETS:

STATEMENT FROM THE MAYOR:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Andrew Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councillor Oakes requested to add under New Business Proposed Wind Project: Eolectric and St. Mary's First Nation

MOTION: to approve the September 22nd 2025 Town Council Agenda as amended
Moved by Deputy Mayor Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Watson.

CARRIED. #084-2025

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To ratify approval of August 26th, 2025, Town Council Minutes.
Moved by Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Dickinson

CARRIED. #85-2025

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Curtis Road and Bristol Heights Milling and Paving

The Mayor updated Council that this project should be underway the first week of October starting on Curtis Road.

2. Harvest House

Councillor Oakes requested an update on the Harvest House project on Divide Road. The Mayor updated Council stating that residents will be invited to an open house with a date to be determined.

3. Provincial-Municipal Highway Partnership Plan (PMHP): 3 Year Plan

The Mayor updated Council that the updated plan has been submitted to the Province.

6. PRESENTATIONS:

1. David Hunter: Old Florenceville Bridge

Presentation Outline

1. A brief review of Old Florenceville Bridge landmark, events, focusing on those last 10 years
2. DTI Bridge report
3. Community based assessment of the bridge status using recent photography and inspection of the piers, which has been possible due to the low river level.
4. A proposal to repair the bridge using Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC)
5. Request for independent (non-DTI) assessments of the bridge and ways to make the bridge functional again.

The Mayor offered to delegate a meeting with DTI and Mr. Hunter.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NB Trails Email: Nancy White-McCauley

Dear Mayor & Council: I recently learned that Quad-NB is seeking approval from the District of Carleton North to permit 4-wheelers, ATV's and other motorized vehicles, to use the NB Trail starting in 2026.

The NB Trail, part of the Trans Canada Trail system was established to create safe passageway for pedestrian and bicycle traffic and I vehemently oppose allowing motorized vehicles on the trail.

As truck and car traffic increases on our roadways, the NB Trail remains the last safe corridor for hikers and cyclists through our community and province. Many individuals, as well as daycares and school groups in our community use the NB Trail daily for foot traffic and cycling activities.

Communities such as Fredericton celebrate the NB Trail and have further developed an extensive network of non-motorized trails. This has very positively impacted tourism in the city, evidenced in one example by the many individuals who arrive on foot or bike at Picaroons on the North side.

In the Caraquet region, communities have banded together to maintain their sections of the trail, even paving the surfaces in many areas. The result is a fantastic network of non-motorized trails that are being used by large numbers of pedestrians and cyclists alike. I would invite you to cycle in Fredericton or Caraquet to see what is possible for our community.

Instead of allowing motorized vehicles on the NB Trail, which would eliminate the last safe space for pedestrians and cyclists to travel, I would suggest you permit ATV's, 4-wheelers and other motorized vehicles to drive on our roadways.

As participation increases in both motorized and non-motorized activity, we need to look for solutions that accommodate all, rather than be done at the expense of one in favour of another.

Best regards,

Nancy Whyte McCauley

2. NB Trails Email: Shelley and Chipman Hunter

September 11, 2025

Dear Mayor Harvey and Members of the District of Carleton North Council,

As citizens of the District of Carleton North for many decades and landowners on property that the Trans Canada Trail transects, we would like to voice our opinion regarding Quad-NB's application to the District of Carleton North to permit motorized vehicles, including ATVs, 4-wheelers and side-by-sides on the NB Trail in 2026. From our back deck, we have a front row seat to the action on the NB Trail. In the morning and evening, there are many walkers, joggers, cyclists, and dog walkers enjoying the fresh air and flat surface. It angers us to see the many motorized vehicles, which are currently banned, using this trail day and night regardless of the law.

In addition to disturbing the peaceful ambiance, they pose a threat to the safety of walkers. Although some drivers are courteous and slow down for the pedestrians, others do not. We know some older folks are wary of using the trail and walking along Route 105 is not a better option.

These motorized vehicles are responsible for most of the damage to the trail itself. There are many parts that are becoming dangerous, including a portion by Hunter Brothers Farm. We also find that several drivers of ATVs and dirt bikes use this trail to gain access to our private farm road which is also being damaged as these vehicles kick up a lot of rock.

We are aware that David Hunter brought the matter of the use of illegal dirt bikes on the trail back on April 25th, 2023 and yet this continues to be a problem for law abiding citizens.

This trail is the Wolastoq Valley Trail portion of the Trans Canada Trail. The vision of the Trans Canada Trail is to allow people to embrace the outdoors, connect with one another and experience the restorative power of nature along Canada's trails. Councillors only need to spend a few hours observing the users of the trail to understand first hand what a deterrent that motorized vehicles create for those citizens just wanting to enjoy a walk in beautiful Carleton County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shelley and Chipman Hunter

3. NB Trails Email: David Hunter

16 Sept, 2025
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Nightingale Crt.
Florenceville-Bristol,
NB, E7L 0C6

District Of Carleton North Town
Office
19 Station Road,
Florenceville-Bristol, NB

Dear Elected Officials,

I have heard that a plan is under foot to request that the NB Walking Trail, through our town and region, be opened for motorized traffic.

The Walking Trail is designated as a walking trail and is under Provincial jurisdiction as I understand. It is also part of a Trans Canada Walking Trail as I understand.

I do not agree with the proposal to change the status of the walking trail. Use of the trail (illegally) by motorized vehicles has severely degraded the trail (potholes), keeps walkers and bicyclists away from the trail through fear, and makes huge amount of dust clouds and noise.

We need to promote a healthy living style and peace in our community.

There are a large number of legitimate ATV trails in the province, they should be used, not the walking trail.

Sincerely,

David Hunt

4. Homelessness Taskforce: Premier Holt

September 16, 2025

Andrew Harvey
Mayor, Carleton North

Re: Ministerial Task Force on Homelessness

Dear Mayor Harvey,

The safety and security of all New Brunswickers is of the utmost importance to the Government of New Brunswick, and we recognize that homelessness and related social challenges impact communities across New Brunswick. Every level of government plays a vital role in addressing homelessness, crime, and the underlying social issues that affect our communities.

*We are pleased to announce the establishment of the **Ministerial Task Force on Homelessness**, a cross-departmental body dedicated to providing coordinated leadership and action on homelessness across New Brunswick. This task force will bring together the Ministers and Deputy Ministers from Social Development, Health, Housing, Justice and Public Safety, Mental Health and Addictions, and Local Government.*

The Task Force is authorized to:

- Set priorities and coordinate cross-departmental actions related to homelessness.*
- Review, validate, and approve the provincial homelessness strategy.*
- Recommend policy, program, and funding initiatives for government approval.*
- Engage with stakeholders, as appropriate, to support effective implementation.*
- Act as a decision-making body, where appropriate, to accelerate processes and ensure timely action.*

This new Task Force will play a pivotal role in guiding efforts to address homelessness across the province, ensuring that strategies are coordinated, responsive, and impactful. By leveraging its authority, the Task Force will help streamline decision-making and accelerate the implementation of initiatives that improve the lives of New Brunswickers experiencing homelessness and strengthen communities of all sizes.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the Carleton North community and region as we work together to reduce homelessness and its impacts in New Brunswick.

*With gratitude,
Susan Holt*

Premier

CC: Hon. Aaron Kennedy, Minister of Local Government

Hon. David Hickey, Minister responsible for the New Brunswick Housing Corporation

Mayor and Council discussed this topic and would will hold Special Meeting to discuss the use of the NB Trail, development and active transportation options in our community.

This meeting will occur Thursday October 23, 2025, 6:00PM at the Florenceville-Bristol Community Hall. Information will be posted to the public via the District of Carleton North website and Facebook pages.

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

1. **Dangerous & Unsightly Premises:** File # 2025-01

Background

- District of Carleton North received complaints on this property
- Upon inspection, the property was determined to be in violation of the *District of Carleton North Unsightly Premises and Dangerous Buildings and Structures By-Law*.
- The building is vacant/unoccupied and presents a hazard to the safety of the public.
- The structure is dilapidated and unsound in terms of structural strength.
- The condition of the property creates potential safety concerns for surrounding residents as well as the general public.
- First Notice of Violation was sent out as required.
- Subsequent required notifications were issued accordingly.
- The Notice to Comply was issued and registered accordingly in August 2025.
- The property owner(s) have failed to respond or take corrective action.
- The required timelines and notifications have occurred.

Option 1: Direct staff to proceed with the recommendations

Option 2: Reject the recommendations. No action to be taken

Option 3: Proceed with legal action to force demolition and clean up

Staff Recommendation: That Council authorizes administration to undertake the necessary actions, up to and including demolition, to bring the property located at 388 Main Street, Bath into bylaw compliance, in the most efficient and economical manner possible.

MOTION: That Council authorizes administration to undertake the necessary actions, up to and including demolition, to bring the property located at 388 Main Street, Bath into bylaw compliance, in the most efficient and economical manner possible. Moved by Councillor Oakes, seconded by Councillor Connor.

CARRIED. #086-2025

2. **Dangerous & Unsightly Premises:** File# 2025-04

Background

- District of Carleton North received numerous complaints on this property
- Upon inspection, the property was determined to be in violation of the *District of Carleton North Unsightly Premises and Dangerous Buildings and Structures By-Law*.
- The property presents a hazard to the safety of the motoring public with large amounts of junk and refuse along the roadway.
- Community impact – unsightly property that diminishes neighbourhood property values.
- First Notice of Violation was sent out as required.
- Subsequent required notifications were issued accordingly.
- The Notice to Comply was issued and registered accordingly in July 2025.
- The property owner(s) have failed to respond or take corrective action.
- The required timelines and notifications have occurred.

Option 1: Direct staff to proceed with the recommendations

Option 2: Reject the recommendations. No action to be taken

Option 3: Proceed with legal action to force demolition and clean up

Staff Recommendation: That Council authorizes administration to undertake the necessary actions, up to and including clean up and remediation, to bring the property located at 672 Oakland Road into bylaw compliance, in the most efficient and economical manner possible.

MOTION: That council authorizes administration to undertake the necessary actions, up to and including demolition, to bring the property located at 672 Oakland Road into bylaw compliance, in the most efficient and economical manner possible. Moved by Councillor Dickinson, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

CARRIED. #087-2025

9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Glassville Fire Apparatus: Fire Pumper Tender

MOTION to award the tender for the Glassville Fire Apparatus: Fire Pumper to Metal Fab Ltd. approve in the amount of \$759,00.00 plus HST (\$113,850.00) in the amount of \$, **for a total project cost of \$872,850.00**, and that staff be authorized to execute the necessary documents to proceed with the project. Moved by Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Dickinson.

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2. Centreville Fire Department Addition

District of Carleton North staff issued requests for quotes (RFQ's) to multiple contractors for specific portions of work for the Centreville Fire Department Addition. Quotes were received, and contractors have been selected for various components of the project. The Centreville

Fire Department Addition will move forward, with oversight and coordination provided by the Director of Operations.

3. Proposed Wind Project: Eolectric and St. Mary's First Nation

Councillor Oakes spoke on the proposed wind farm as a business owner and farmer in the District, particularly around the proposed project. He proposed that the District of Carleton North inquire on the progression of the project and how landowners and farmers may be impacted by transmission lines required for the project.

Staff will contact NB Power regarding the current and proposed transmission lines that may cross onto farm and private lands.

10. COUNCIL STATEMENTS / INQUIRIES

Councillor Michael Stewart:

- Attended the Fireman's Breakfast in Bath
- Stopped in and checked the progress at Bath Step Ahead Learning Center
- Viewed the Hot Air Balloons over Centreville
- Helped with the Lawn Mower Races at the Western Valley Multi-Plex
- Walked in the "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes"
- Attended a Centreville Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Councillor Scott Oakes:

Is a member of the Riverbend Festivals Committee this year:

- 3 Maritime records were set at the Trevors-Goodine Lumberjack Competition with over 30 participants and over 300 spectators.
- Balloon Fest was a success and over 200 people were able to fly this year.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who make the festival a success.
- Thank you to all the sponsors.
- Planning has begun for 2026.

Councillor Angel Connor:

- Volunteered at the Walk In Her Shoes fundraiser for Sanctuary House
- Attended the Quiet Spots unveiling
- Attended the Buttermilk Fall Fair
- Attended the Trevors-Goodine Lumberjack Competition
- Meeting with CAO and Deputy Mayor
- Enjoyed an afternoon at Hunter Brothers Field of Fun
- 4 Chase the Ace draws for Juniper Rec Association

Councillor Ryan Dickinson

- Attended a Central and Northern Carleton Chamber of Commerce meeting
- Attended the Imagination Library 10-year Celebration
- Attended an Age-Friendly Community Meeting
- Attended a Trail Committee Meeting
- Attended the Florenceville-Bristol Fire Department Awards

- Participated in the Walk A Mile In Her Shoes fundraiser for Sanctuary House
- Attended the Quiet Spots unveiling

Councillor Laurel Bradstreet:

- Participated in the Walk A Mile In Her Shoes fundraiser for Sanctuary House.

Councillor Chala Watson:

Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove:

Mayor Andrew Harvey:

- Attended the Buttermilk Creek Fall Fair- it was well attended
- Installed the final Spot with artist Alanna Baird at the Quiet Spots installation unveiling on the walking track at the R. G. “Bun” Veysey Active Living Centre
- Attended the Florenceville-Bristol Fire Department Awards where 19 members received recognition for their years of service.

Upcoming:

- Drive-In Movie at the Bath Fairgrounds this and next Fridays with all admission donations going to a local not-for-profit organization.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM. Moved by Councillor Bradstreet, seconded by Councillor Watson.

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MAYOR

CLERK