

District of Carleton North
Regular Council Meeting
February 24, 2026 @ 7:00pm
19 Station Road, Florenceville-Bristol

Council: Mayor Andrew Harvey (arrived at 7:18pm), Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove, Councillor Laurel Bradstreet, Councillor Michael Stewart, Councillor Chala Watson, Councillor Scott Oakes, Councillor Ryan Dickinson, Councillor Angel Connor, Student Councillor Sarah Harvey,

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

REGRETS: Student Councillor Orrin Stockford

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the February 24, 2026 Town Council Agenda as presented. Moved by Deputy Mayor Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Watson.

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3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To ratify approval of the February 10, 2026 Town Council Minutes. Moved by Councillor Bradstreet, seconded by Councillor Dickinson.

CARRIED. #017-2026

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None

6. PRESENTATIONS:

None

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Provincial-Municipal Highways Crack Sealing: Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

*File No. 32CTVM-250
February 6, 2026*

*Andrew Harvey
Mayor of Carleton North
19 Station Road
Florenceville-Bristol, NB E7L 3J8*

Mayor Harvey:

I am pleased to announce that, starting 2026, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI) will take responsibility for cracksealing on all provincial-municipal highways (roads under the Provincial-Municipal Highway Partnership Program). DTI will prioritize crack sealing on the entire highway network using its asset management tools and it will ensure that a standardized approach is used for crack sealing province wide. The department has increased the budget allocation to accommodate this additional effort.

As a result, cracksealing will no longer be eligible for funding under the Provincial-Municipal Highway Partnership (PMHP) Program.

I thank you for your continued cooperation and I look forward to continuing to improve the PMHP Program in the future.

*Sincerely,
Marci Gould
Director of Capital Planning Branch*

2. Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery Report to Council

Report to Council, 19 February 2026

Dear Mayor Harvey and District of Carleton North Councillors,

The Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery Board met earlier this week with a full agenda to start the new year. Here is a summary of what is currently happening at the Art Gallery.

Small Works, our annual Christmas arts and craft show was another resounding success with a \$3,000 increase of sales over 2025. Each year for the last 12 years, the gallery has supported local and NB artists through this successful seasonal show. In 2018 the sales were under 20K while this year they were over 52K. 80% of those funds are sent directly to the artists, and after the expenses incurred by the exhibition (not including operating costs), the show raised just over 6K for the gallery. 23 volunteers contributed 465 volunteer hours over 5 weeks to ensure that we were able to serve our artists and visitors while balancing our books. Thankfully this year there were no losses to theft.

We received so much positive feedback about the trees and banners outside the front door in Nov/Dec that we will definitely continue next year. We are proposing that the tree on the front lawn be replaced by the two trees with lights beside the Gallery sign, lighting up the entry to the Library and the Gallery and will talk to Sharon Johnston about plans for 2026.

Next week, the Art in the Classroom team is presenting to the Woodstock Rotary as we continue to look for funding to this popular and vital visual art and literacy program in the communities we serve. While Carleton North School teachers have a dedicated lead time for signing up for our packages, we don't have enough packages to lend to the number of teachers who request them. And if teachers do not request packages early, they are out of luck. We are now taking packages to 35 of the 42 elementary and middle schools in the AWS and the number of teachers who

receive packages has increased 110% since we started the program in 2021. We are looking for funding for three new packages that will hopefully be ready for the 2026/27 school year.

Our Art Education programs are at capacity, including AIC as mentioned specifically above, and workshops at the River Art Centre have waiting lists or we are creating a second session for many of them so that we don't turn interested community members away. In partnership with the DCN Recreation department and senior students at Carleton North High School we have offered a very successful series of art activities on the days that the teachers are attending their Professional Learning Days.

The current exhibition opened on Valentine's day with an artist talk by Sarah Petite, with over 50 in attendance. Five school classes have booked tours and there are still spaces available in our schedule so we are hoping more classrooms will visit. The next show, opening March 28, will feature the collection of Inuit and Haida art belonging to Dr. Clay Marco. Clay has a wonderful collection of contemporary carving, textiles and other works which we are very pleased to be sharing with the community. I expect we will have many school visits for this exhibition as well.

The gallery fund raising event Buttermilk Creek is scheduled and planning is underway for our festival to support tourism while at the same time supporting the community, the pARTicipate Art & Nature Festival.

Operational activities continue to arise with the internet service needing attention due to its inadequacy at the River Art Centre. We are implementing an on-line registration system through our website in 2026 and will start with BMC registrations to test it.

Substantial work was accomplished to be ready to present to council on January 13, and subsequent work was completed in response to requests that came from Council through Amy McIntosh for further information. The architect and engineer were able to submit letters and new drawings just in time for your meeting on Tuesday, Feb 10. Advancement of the new entryway is stalled presently, while we await your decision to approve the project in principle. At this time we are concerned about the delay because of the upcoming municipal elections and the deadline for funding applications to Regional Development and Heritage Canada. Their fiscal year end is March 31, only weeks away. To date the funding for the project has been at the Gallery's expense and that could be reduced with more timely collaboration between the gallery and the district. We trust we have provided clarification to your questions so that we may move forward on this significant collaboration between the District of Carleton North and the Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery.

Thanks for your collaboration, Jennifer
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Executive Director & Curator Andrew
& Laura McCain Art Gallery
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8. BY-LAWS & POLICIES:**1. Beautification Grant: Grant Recipients**

MOTION to approve 2026 Community Beautification Grant allocations, in accordance with the Policy A-04, as presented in the CAO summary, and authorize Administration to issue payment of \$500 each to the approved organizations as follows:

Community-Based Groups

Beechwood Community Park, By The Lake Community Centre, Glassville Community Centre, Juniper Community Centre, Juniper Recreation Association, Mount Pleasant Community Centre, Stickney and Area Recreation Council, Upper Kent Recreation Centre.

Fraternal Groups

Bath Lions Club, Centreville Elks Club #529, Centreville Legion #84, Florenceville Legion #37.

Tourism, Heritage & Culture

Carleton Boarderview Trailmakers Association, Carleton County Toy Run, Mountainview Trailmakers, New Brunswick Potato World Museum.

Moved by Councillor Dickinson, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

CARRIED. #018-2026

2. Community Investment: Annual Operating Grant Recipients

MOTION to approve the Annual Operating Grants for 2026, in accordance with the Community Investment Policy A-03, as presented in the CAO's summary, as follows:

Community-Based Groups

- Argyle Church Hall c/o Lakeview Church – \$2,000
- Beechwood Community Park – \$3,000
- By the Lake Community Center – \$3,500
- Glassville Community Centre – \$3,500
- Juniper Community Centre – \$3,500
- Juniper Recreation Association – \$3,500
- Mount Pleasant Community Centre – \$3,500
- Stickney and Area Recreation Council – \$3,500
- Upper Kent Recreation Centre – \$3,500

Fraternal Groups

- Bath Lions Club – \$3,500
- Centreville Elks Club #529 – \$3,500
- Centreville Legion #84 – \$3,500
- Florenceville Legion # 37 - \$3,500
- Kin Club of Florenceville – \$3,500
- Knights of Columbus – \$3,500

Tourism, Heritage & Culture

- Carleton County Toy Run Association – \$2,000
- New Brunswick Potato World Museum – \$10,000

Recreation

- Aberdeen Snowmobile Club – \$2,000
- Carleton Borderview Trailmakers Association – \$2,000

- Florenceville Curling Club – \$7,500
- Mountainview Trailmakers Snowmobile Club Inc. – \$2,000
- Skedaddle Ridge Trails People Inc. - \$2,000
- Valley Outdoor Centre - \$2000

Moved by Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Stewart.

CARRIED. #019-2026

9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rim Road Council

MOTION to table the Rim Road Subdivision Plan until the next Council meeting, March 10, 2026. Moved by Councillor Bradstreet, seconded by Councillor Oakes.

CARRIED. #020-2026

10. COUNCIL STATEMENTS / INQUIRIES:

Student Councillor Sarah Harvey:

- Upcoming Carleton North boys Basketball playoff game on February 26th
- The Varsity Girls Basketball team placed 2nd in the AA provincials
- Stand up against bullying - Pink Shirt Day is February 25th
- March break is coming up next week

Councillor Laurel Bradstreet:

- Attended Snow Blas events and there was a great turnout at all locations. It was well organized and the weather was great.
- Volunteered at the Mountview Trailmakers Fundraising Breakfast
- Kin Club of Florenceville held another Heritage Senior Supper
- Mount Pleasant Community Hall is having a luncheon on Saturday February 28th 4:30 – 6:30pm.

Councillor Angel Connor:

- Attended and cheered at Basketball games for her child
- Juniper Rec Association Family Day Sliding Party was a success and well attended
- Attended a Carleton North Community Foundation meeting
- Juniper Rec Chase the Ace fundraiser will start up again March 5th.

Councillor Ryan Dickinson:

- Volunteer session with Nursing Home Without Walls Blood Pressure Clinic
- As part of Snow Blast: gave Downhill Ski entry instruction. It was an amazing turnout and big thank you to Adam Jurczak and Derek Tracey for lending ski gear.
- Attended the MRI grand opening at the Upper River Valley Hospital
- Attended a Retention and Recruitment meeting and met with the CAO about welcome baskets for when physicians visit the district.
- Attended an Age-Friendly Committee Meeting – secured first presentation for survey rollout
- Reminder: Woodstock is hosting the first session Understanding Homelessness in Western NB Wednesday February 25. The second session is scheduled for March 18th, tentatively.

Councillor Scott Oakes:

- Attended Snow Blast. It was well done and well attended this year.

- Attended the Mountainview Trailmakers Fundraising Breakfast.
- Met with Bath Step Ahead and contractors for the new building. The building construction is scheduled to be completed in April.
- Met with the Minister of Public Safety regarding Policing issues in the community.
- Met New Brunswick Public Library Regional Director to discuss the needs assessment recently done on the Andrew and Laura McCain Public Library.
- Met with the proponents of the proposed dementia village at the former Bath hospital site.

Councillor Michael Stewart:

- Attended Snow Blast in Centreville and The Martin Boys Show at the Multi-Plex.
- It is nice to see the Outdoor Skating Rink being used a lot.
- Watched grand daughter play hockey for the U11 Might Chicks. The team was picked to host one of the Global Girl's Junior Hockey game matchups being played in Canada!
- Attended the MRI Grand Opening at Upper River Valley Hospital.
Donald Green will be honoured for his 100th Birthday Saturday February 28th at the Western Valley Multi-Plex.

Councillor Chala Watson:

- Attended a meeting with members of staff and Council regarding the Art Gallery

Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove:

- Attended many sports games to cheer on our local athletes
- Watched the Canada Olympic teams play

Mayor Andrew Harvey:

- Attended the Mountainview Trailmakers Fundraising Breakfast.
- Will be touring the Brighton Mountain Wind Farm with staff and Council February 26, 2026
- The 25th Anniversary of Canadian Organic Maples will be celebrated on February 26, 2026 at 799 Divide Road 1-4pm.
- Upcoming: Fundraising Family Hot Lunch for the Bath Lions at the Mountainview Trailmakers Groomer Building, 283 Johnville Road Saturday February 28th 11am – 2pm. By donation.
- March 12th The Minister of Education will be making an announcement regarding the future K-8 School at Town office at 1:30pm and Council is invited to be at that meeting.
- Reminder to submit your local events and activities to the Town Community Calendar to be featured on the Community Calendar and week at glance on Facebook. <https://carletonnorth.com/events/category/community-calendar/> or call the Town office at 506-392-6763.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Being no further business the meeting adjourned to a closed session at 7:33PM. Moved by Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

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Regular Council Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. The next one will be March 10, 2026

MAYOR

CLERK