

District of Carleton North
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 12th, 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:

Councillor Stewart asked that we add the Mountain View Packers subdivision plan to the agenda.

Councillor Oakes asked that we add a discussion surrounding a vacant property in Bath, 388 Main St.

Mayor Harvey asked that we add a discussion around property tax to the agenda as well.

MOTION: To approve the March 12th, 2024 Town Council Agenda as presented.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Connor.

CARRIED. #018-2024

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To ratify approval of the February 27th Town Council Minutes.

Moved by Councillor Oakes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hargrove.

CARRIED. #019-2024

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Mayor Harvey noted that the Mayor and Clerk visited Florenceville Inn and had a tour of all the work that is being done there. He noted that this is a great facility for our area and we are wishing Abdul all the best and will be keeping all updated on the opening the restaurant, etc.

6. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Housing Hub Presentation

Mylene Vincent, Chief Development Officer of the Housing Hub of New Brunswick, provided a presentation to Council regarding the work that the Housing Hub does. The housing hub of New Brunswick is a relatively new organization in New Brunswick. They were founded in June of 2022 and have been active in operation since May of 2023. They were created to build real estate development capacity in the housing sector, particularly the non-profit sector. The Housing Hub is a non-profit organization who works closely with the government as they liaise with them on a weekly basis. Their mandate is to develop housing in small population centers with the exception of the large cities in the province. The work that has been completed thus far has led them to projects involving three types of key stakeholders: non-profit housing providers, employers, municipalities, post-secondary educational institutions. Their mission is to partner to drive housing solutions across New Brunswick and their vision is an affordable and adequate housing supply for all. They view housing as an ecosystem for sustainable environment such as; supportive housing, affordable rental housing, affordable home ownership, market rental housing and market home ownership. Mylene also noted that one of the big challenges in the small population centers is senior living. There are a lot of seniors who have owned their homes for decades, have raised their families there and are now looking to retire or who have retired and they can no longer deal with the maintenance anymore. They are looking to stay in their community but unfortunately there isn't anywhere for them to go. Providing homes for seniors unlocks low and moderate income homes for people to purchase. In order to tackle the challenge of housing, the Housing Hub has noted the following: identify a parcel of land for residential development, create over feasibility study (confirm need / type of units needed, evaluate site suitability, co-design initial concept, develop financial business case, develop potential governance structure for completed buildings and support adequate transfer of the lands according to approve governance model), 75% of study costs to be funded by RDC, 75-90% of infrastructure could also be funded by RDC, information will be presented to Council, typical asks (land, infrastructure & property tax) and leveraging local resources. Mylene noted that they were able to have an open house drop in, in Nackawic recently to discuss this initiative. She also noted that they are currently funded ½ by ACOA and ½ by RDC. This model will change in the near future. The District of Carleton North is looking forward to working with the Housing Hub going forward.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Purple Day March 26th: Epilepsy Associations

The District of Carleton North received the below letter from The Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes (EAM) regarding Purple Day on March 26th. Council has requested purple ribbons to wear at our next council meeting.

Dear Municipalities,

The Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes (EAM), and Purple Day, are reaching out to all three Maritime Provinces to support Purple Day on March 26th. Many have participated in the past and we are hoping this year, all Municipalities, Towns, and Cities participate.

Cassidy Megan created Purple Day in 2008, motivated by her struggles with epilepsy. Cassidy's goal is to get people talking about epilepsy to dispel myths and inform those with seizures that they are not alone. The Epilepsy Association of The Maritimes came on board in 2008 to help develop Cassidy's idea which is now known as Purple Day.

We are asking every municipality to participate in Epilepsy Awareness Month this March, to show support for your community members who live with epilepsy. We can provide purple ribbons for all council members to wear on Purple Day and throughout epilepsy awareness month. By participating in our initiative, you're helping to reduce stigma and spread awareness.

EAM has been providing education, programming, and support for persons living with epilepsy and their families in the Maritime Provinces for over 40 years. We provide education, support, advocacy, and navigation for those living with epilepsy, their families, and our communities.

Contact us to arrange receiving ribbons and check out some of our attached resources that could be of value to your community. We have attached a copy of our proclamation for Purple Day, in English and French. We would be delighted to share photos from these meetings. The proclamation is read in the House of Commons, and many other cities and towns throughout the Maritimes and across the country.

Thank you for your time! We look forward to hearing from you about receiving ribbons and seeing pictures from your council meetings!

2. Call for Nominations: 2024 New Brunswick Human Rights Awards

The District of Carleton North received the below letter from the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission. The nomination form will be available on our website for those would like to nominate someone for the Human Rights Award.

Good morning,

*Since 1988, the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission has presented the **Human Rights Award** to New Brunswickers who have made exceptional contributions toward advancing human rights, equality, diversity, and inclusion in the province. The Commission also presents the annual **Youth Human Rights Award**, established in 2019, to celebrate young New Brunswickers and their commitment to building a better future for the province.*

Our recipients are role models to New Brunswick citizens, as their commitments to equality and non-discrimination make lasting changes in the province's social fabric and create a welcoming and inclusive place for all New Brunswickers.

*The **Honourable Brenda Murphy, Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick**, and the Commission would like to invite you to nominate community leaders doing exceptional work in the promotion of human rights and equality in your community for the upcoming 2024 New Brunswick Human Rights Awards.*

The deadline to submit nominations is May 31, 2024.

3. One-Stop-Shop Clinics for free tax filing

The Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation is offering Super Clinics that can help people file their income tax return and benefit return, apply for social insurance numbers for you and your child and learn about new programs, benefits and credits. The next super clinic in our area is being held on March 25th from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM in Woodstock at the Saint James United Church, 120 Chapel St. You can find more information here: [Get More at a Super Clinic \(gnb.ca\)](https://www.gnb.ca)

4. National Dental Hygienists Week – “Put Your Purple On!” Campaign

The District of Carleton North received the below correspondence from the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association regarding the “Put Your Purple On” campaign. The District of Carleton North will be participating as they did last year as part of this campaign.

We are writing to request that the District of Carleton North be lit in purple to celebrate National Dental Hygienists Week™ (NDHW™) as part of the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association's national "Put Your Purple On!" campaign.

National Dental Hygienists Week™ is celebrated annually April 4-10, highlighting the importance of maintaining good oral health practices while helping Canadians to understand the vital role dental hygienists play in the health care system. Our theme "Oral Health for Total Health," reminds us that taking care of our mouth, teeth, and gums positively impacts other aspects of our lives.

Why purple? The colour purple is associated with dental hygiene and has been the official colour of dental professionals since 1897 when lilac was first chosen for the emblem of the National Association of Dental Faculties. Purple has long been the trim colour for dental hygiene graduates' caps and gowns and is said to signify compassion, purpose, and inspiration.

*Last year, there were a record breaking 105 Canadian landmarks lit in purple. Over the past several years, lightings have included: BC Place Stadium, Science World/TELUS World of Science Vancouver, Vancouver Olympic Cauldron & district markers, Calgary Tower, Edmonton High-Level Bridge, SaskTel Centre, **Niagara Falls**, 3D Toronto sign Nathan Philips Square, CN Tower, Halifax Convention Centre, St. John's Convention Centre, Confederation Building (St. John's), and Government House (St. John's) and many more.*

We'd like to give every community in Canada, and globally, the opportunity to share in our celebrations. Please let us know if you are interested in joining our "Put Your Purple On!" campaign this April.

8. POLICIES & BY-LAWS:

The District of Carleton North is currently working on their updated EMO plan and requires an update to the “Bylaw Respecting the Establishment and Implementation of an Emergency Measures Response Plan No. S-2.” The first reading of this updated bylaw was read during this council meeting and will be posted for the public for 14 days before the second and third reading are completed.

9. NEW BUSINESS:**1. Sponsorship Request – Graduating Class of 2024 (CNHS)**

The Carleton North High School Graduating Class of 2024 are seeking financial support for safe-grad, prom and graduation activities. These events generally incur approximately \$16,000.00 in expenses and much of this is spent on securing and providing our students with a safe and exciting Safe-Grad Event. To date, students and parents have been able to raise approximately \$8,700.00. The graduation committee is looking for sponsorship from local organizations. They have a tiered system for donations which is as follows: North Star - \$1,000.00; Carleton Star - \$750.00; Class of '24 Star - \$500.00 and Senior Star - \$250.00.

MOTION: To approve sponsorship request from the 2024 Graduating Class of the District of Carleton North and approve donation of \$1,000.00. Moved by Deputy Mayor Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

CARRIED. #020-2024

2. Mountainview Packers / Rim Road Subdivision Plan

The Mountainview Packers subdivision plan was approved by PRAC and the District of Carleton North is required to approve the plan which will allow for more commercial development in the area of Rim Road.

MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED that the District of Carleton North approve the final subdivision plan entitled "Mountain View Packers Ltd. Subdivision"

Prepared by Dale M. MacFarlane Land Surveying Ltd. and authorize the Clerk to stamp and sign same as per Section 88(5) of the Community Planning Act. Moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Oakes.

CARRIED. #021-2024

3. 388 Main St Bath, property concern

Councillor Oakes brought forth concerns from some residents in Bath regarding 388 Main St. This property currently has a vacant house sitting on it which has fallen into disrepair. One major concern is that this house is adjacent to another occupied home (within 5 feet) and there is a risk of fire that would destroy both properties. It was noted that kids were found on the top floor of the house trying to start a fire in a can. The Mayor also noted that he received calls about people hanging around the house at night, the house is no longer secure and there are rodents living on the property. Council agreed that a letter would be sent to the owner relating to the S-1 Unsightly Premises and Dangerous Buildings By-Law.

4. Property Tax Update

Mayor Harvey noted that he received a "Did You Know" piece of paper attached to his current property assessment which contained inaccurate and misleading information. The information stated "There is no provincial property tax on owner occupied residential properties. Owner occupied residential property taxes go directly to local governments as tax rates are set locally. Any questions about your local tax rate and how the money is spent should be directed to your local government."

If anyone has any questions about the property tax assessment, they need to be directed to Service New Brunswick. Council agreed that a letter should be sent to Minister Mary Wilson to address these false and inaccurate statements.

MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED that the District of Carleton North will be sending a letter to Minister Wilson to state that we are very unhappy to find the notice in our property tax assessments and doubling down on misinformation to the residents of our district and the Province of New Brunswick. Moved by Councillor Oakes, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

CARRIED. #022-2024

10. COUNCIL STATEMENTS / INQUIRIES

Councillor Michael Stewart:

Councillor Stewart attended the physician recruitment meeting with Councillor Oakes, Councillor Connor, Mayor Harvey and the Clerk.

Councillor Scott Oakes:

Councillor Oakes moved a lot of potatoes in two different directions the last couple of weeks, attended cards at the Knights of Columbus, attended a Riverbend Balloon Festival meeting, attended a fundraising dinner for Mountainview Trailmakers, attended a Lions meeting last week, met with Minister Fitch, Minister Johnson along with Councillor Stewart, Councillor Connor, the Clerk and Mayor Harvey to discuss our potential pilot project at the Florenceville Medical Clinic, attended a fundraiser at Second Wind for the Sanctuary House and attended the Bath Fireman's Breakfast with over 500 served.

Councillor Angel Connor:

Councillor Connor attended a PSSC and home and school meeting at Bristol Elementary, held two chase the ace draws at the Juniper Rec Center, attended meeting with Minister Fitch to discuss attracting doctors to our area, attended a Riverbend Balloon Fest meeting, received a complaint about a community group trying to get in touch with a staff member. Councillor Connor also mentioned that people in her area are looking for Eclipse glasses. The Clerk will respond to the inquiry.

Councillor Laurel Bradstreet:

Councillor Bradstreet attended a fire chiefs meeting and attended the fireman's breakfast in Bath which saw over 500 people in attendance.

Councillor Chala Watson

Councillor Watson had her sister visit from Ontario.

Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove

Deputy Mayor Hargrove had a busy couple of weeks finishing up her children's sports activities, this Saturday, March 16th will be the 4-H Communication Day for districts. This is being held at the Multiplex in Centreville at 9:30 AM. She also noted that she will be attending the annual Library board meeting on Thursday, March 14th and they are currently looking for an additional board member to join (preferably a male).

Student Councillor Sarah Lagarde

Student Councillor Lagarde visited some family in Nova Scotia on the March Break and also had family visit here in New Brunswick.

Student Councillor Sarah Harvey

Student Councillor Harvey travelled by bus to visit her sister in Halifax, the CNHS Girls Hockey team has their first regional play off game on Wednesday, March 13th, the Carleton County Spring Show and Sale is coming up in April and right now their best burger contest is going on until the 14th of April. She also noted that they mentioned to their student council that DCN council would like to possibly attend some of the school student council meetings, and they thought it was a great idea. They meet every Thursday at lunch.

Mayor Andrew Harvey:

Mayor Harvey attended a meeting with the Town of Hartland the Town of Woodstock to discuss solid waste disposal and what this will look like in the coming years, attended Mountainview Trailmakers fundraising dinner, attended Riverbend Balloon festival meeting, Employee Appreciation day was on Friday, March 1st. Mayor Harvey took Amy, Rayma and Jeremy out for lunch and coffee and donuts were delivered to the remainder of the staff in appreciation of all their hard work. Attended funeral for Charlie Demerchant, had a meeting with Abdul from the Florenceville Inn, attended a meeting with Minister Fitch about the Carleton North Medical Clinic and physician recruitment, the Lions Club is hosting a supper on March 23rd to honor Dr. Bruce and Dr. Colin Lockhart (tickets are sold out), attended a Solar Eclipse meeting with the Town of Woodstock, David Myles will be playing this weekend at the Weldon Matthews Theatre, next week are the UMNAB Advocacy meetings in Fredericton on March 20th and 21st. Annual Operating Grant will be reviewed this week and will have recommendations sent to Council prior to our next council meeting on March 26th.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.
Moved by Councillor Bradstreet, seconded by Councillor Oakes.

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MAYOR

CLERK