

District of Carleton North
Regular Council Meeting
June 23, 2026 @ 7:00pm
19 Station Road, Florenceville-Bristol

Council: Mayor Andrew Harvey, Councillor Laurel Bradstreet, Councillor Angel Connor, Councillor Ryan Dickinson, Councillor Karen Hargrove, Councillor Tammy Nicholson-Kirkland, Councillor Scott Oakes, Councillor Michael Stewart

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

REGRETS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councillor Dickinson moved to add Procedural By-Law discussion under new business.

MOTION: To approve the June 23, 2026 Town Council Agenda as amended. Moved by Councillor, Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Stewart.

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3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

None

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MOTION: To ratify approval of the June 9, 2026 Town Council Minutes. Moved by Councillor Oakes, seconded by Councillor Nicholson-Kirkland.

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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Councillor Dickinson presented a concern regarding the first reading of the Off-Road Vehicle By-Law and notification of residents living along the routes involved.

Administration has received input from constituents which will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

A letter on behalf of Council a letter was sent to the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries, Pat Finnigan regarding Support for New Brunswick farmers and veterinary field services and provincial veterinary laboratory services.

6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

Mayor Harvey called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Stewart nominated Councillor Hargrove
Councillor Connor nominated Councillor Oakes

Mayor Harvey called for nominations three times. Hearing no further nominations, nominations were declared closed.

A vote was held
Councillor Hargrove received 5 votes
Councillor Oakes received 3 votes

MOTION: that Councillor Hargrove be elected as Deputy Mayor from among members of Council for the remainder of the current term, in accordance with the Local Governance Act and the District of Carleton North's applicable policies and procedures. Moved by Councillor Dickinson, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

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7. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery Presentation: Elspeth Hagan

Elspeth Hagan presented a report submitted to Council regarding Building Expansion at 8 McCain Street (Library & Gallery Building).

The Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery and the Andrew and Laura McCain Public Library are requesting from Council:

1. preliminary approval in principle to an expansion of the Library & Gallery Building owned by DCN for the benefit of its two tenants, The Andrew & Laura McCain Public Library and the Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery, while reserving on an approval of any specific expansion plan and;
2. Direction of staff to prepare and submit funding applications – in collaboration with the Library and Gallery – in respect of the proposed expansion to such funding bodies as staff may determine to be appropriate.

Council discussed the request and brought up concerns with the lack of parking and land, green space and the need to work together to create benefits for both parties.

MOTION: to accept the request in principle to the expansion of the Library & Gallery building, while reserving right of approval of any specific expansion plan. Moved by Deputy Mayor Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Dickinson

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MOTION: to create an Ad Hoc Library & Gallery Building Expansion Committee. Moved by Deputy Mayor Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Oakes.

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2. Andrew & Laura McCain Public Library: Julie Craig, Library Manager, Secretary of the Library Board

Ms. Craig gave a summary of the services provided by NBPLS (New Brunswick Public Library Services) and the municipality.

- Usage of the Andrew & Laura Public Library: 3,503 card holders and 9,308 visitors.
- The Library works in partnership with the municipality regarding building maintenance and budget for equipment and activities.
- The NBPLS is responsible for Library operations (staff, collection administration, HR, library software, Library automation, Strategic planning, Delivery services, Collection development and Ongoing administration operations.
- The Library is need of a dedicated space for programming
- The Library Board advocates, advises, and promotes the library in the community. The Board is made up of 3 to 9 members appointed by the municipal council with representation from council, and the public at large.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

9. BY-LAWS & POLICIES:

1. Dangerous & Unsightly Premises: File #2025-06

The property at PID 10083889, 129 Riverview Drive is in violation of the District of Carleton North Unsightly Premises and Dangerous Buildings and Structure By-Laws No S-1. To address this, the Town needs to take steps to bring it into compliance. This will include cleaning up of rubbish, derelict equipment or machinery and residue from the fire that damaged the property, and, if necessary, removing the basement foundation and fill with clean gravel. The goal is to resolve the issue in the fastest and most affordable way

Recommendation from Public Safety Manager: That Council authorize administration to undertake the necessary actions, up to and including demolition, to bring the property located at 129 Riverview Drive, -Bristol, Ne Brunswick- PID #10083889 into bylaw compliance, in the most efficient and economical manner possible.

Option 1: Direct staff to proceed with recommendation

Option 2: Reject the recommendation – no action to be taken.

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

MOTION: to authorize Town staff to take whatever actions are needed, including demolition, to bring the property at 129 Riverview Drive, (Unsightly Premises File # 2025-15), which is in violation of the Town's bylaws, into compliance in the quickest and most cost-effective way possible. Moved by Councillor Oakes, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

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9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. District of Carleton North Bursary Recipients

Selections were made by the Carleton North High School Scholarship Committee. On behalf of Council, I'd like to congratulate the following recipients:

- Jorden Martin, Ward 1
- Abigail Wolverton, Ward 2
- Gracie Broad, Ward 3
- Ivy MacDonald, Ward 4
- Sarah Harvey, Select at large due to no applicants from Ward 5
- Neonika Kumar, At-Large

2. Public Input Survey: Community Park & Playground Project

CAO, Amy McIntosh gave a briefing on the Public Input Survey for the Park & Playground Project. This project is for the land located between McCain Street and the R. G. “Bun” Veysey Active Living Centre.

The playground equipment was removed during the construction of the R. G. “Bun” Veysey Active Living Centre, and the Town is determining the best way to utilize the limited space that remains. A survey will be circulated on the Town website and Facebook Page requesting input on the type of equipment the public would like to see placed at this location. The survey will remain open until July 31, 2026.

Councillor Oakes suggested forwarding this information directly to the area schools which they can circulate to students and families.

3. UMNB Update: Mayor Harvey

Mayor Harvey submitted his name as representative the Capital Valley region. Mayor Harvey is the interim Director of the Capital Valley region for UMNB.

UMNB annual meeting will take place October 1-4 in Moncton where elections will be held for the Board of Directors.

In this position Mayor Harvey is hoping to plan a regional meeting and is working with Western NB Service Commission for training of elected officials.

Councillor Dickinson would like to submit a resolution from the District of Carleton North at the October UMNB meeting. The resolution is regarding Ambulance New Brunswick and Language Profile Requirements. The resolution is requesting that positions be filled with the most senior skilled applicants, regardless of language profile. Councillor Dickinson will work with Administration to finalize the resolution. Resolutions must be submitted by July 31, 2026.

4. Western NB Service Commission Update: Mayor Harvey

The Western NB Service Commission held its first meeting with the Mayors of the region since the election. The region has four new Mayors in Southern Victoria, Woodstock, Lakeland Ridges and District of Tobique Valley. Mayor Harvey is the Chair of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is focussing on budget and orientation and training for the newly elected and incumbent members of council.

5. Procedural By-Law Discussion

Councillor discussed proposed amendments to the District of Carleton North Procedural By-Law. The current By-Law was enacted by the Transition Facilitator during amalgamation and Council will be amending it in the future as required. Administration and Council will work together to amend the by-law regarding meeting schedule, types of meetings, committees.

10. COUNCIL STATEMENTS / INQUIRIES:**Councillor Laurel Bradstreet**

- Attended the Lawnmower Showdown at the Western Valley Multi-Plex
- Attended Juniper Red Neck Days
- Attended Carleton North High School graduation activities
 - Thank you to all the volunteers that help make the graduation week a success.
- The Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery has lots going on, be sure to check out the current exhibit.
- Attended the Brennan's Home Hardware 50th Anniversary
- Upcoming:
 - Centreville Truck & Tractor Pull June 26, 27
 - Glassville Fire & Rescue Open House June 27
- Inquired about summer road patching.
 - The contractor is on schedule for late June/early July, weather depending.

Councillor Angel Connor:

- Held Juniper Red Neck Days, had a great turnout despite the weather.
- Attended a meeting with Mayor Harvey, Director of Operations, Josh Fox in Fredericton regarding several files, including sections of the 107 and increased traffic with the windmill project
- Attended basketball games at UNB with her daughter played in.
- Upcoming:
 - Will be attending the Glassville Fire & Rescue Open house June 27
 - There is a Jamboree at the Juniper Community Centre June 27 2-4pm
 - Canada Day festivities happening at Bath Fairground

Councillor Ryan Dickinson:

- Met with members of Council and Don Monahan, a candidate for the Progressive Conservative Party leadership.
- Met with an ER physician
- Attended the UMNB regional meeting in Fredericton
- Met with Muddy Boots Founders regarding the need for new board members and moving the organization to a charitable status.
Spoke with the Director of Antigonish Community Transit

Councillor Scott Oakes:

- Attended a Riverbend Balloon Festival Committee meeting
- Attended the UMNB Local Government orientation training in St. John, it was very informative
- Visited the Black History Society in St. John with Councillors from Southern Victoria
- Working with his son Mayor Harvey on a beautification project in Bath (Hospital St & Route 105)
- Attend the Bath Community School volunteer appreciation lunch
- Attended and helped at the Kids Day at Bath Community School. Congrats to the staff and volunteers for putting the event on.

Councillor Michael Stewart:

- Attended the volunteer appreciation breakfast at Centreville Community School, it was a great breakfast.

- Volunteered at the Maritime Mower Showdown, hosted by the Centreville Chamber of Commerce.
- Met with members of Council and Don Monahan, a candidate for the Progressive Conservative Party leadership.
- Upcoming: Centreville Truck & Tractor Pull June 26 and 27 at the Western Valley Multi-Plex

Councillor Tammy Nicholson-Kirkland:

- Attended the UMNB Local Government orientation training in St. John. Thank you to all the other Councillors that attended and were very welcoming.
- Visited the Black History Society with Councillors from Southern Victoria.
- Attended the Carleton-Victoria Outstanding Victoria in Plaster Rock
- Attended the Tourism New Brunswick regional meeting
- Attended a workshop for Tourism New Brunswick focused on the St. John River Valley
- Attended the Brennan's Home Hardware 50th Anniversary
- Fathers Day at The Potato World Restaurant was the biggest day in 24 years
- Attended the lawn mower races at the Burnham Road Church
- Attended the Rotary end of year supper

Councillor Karen Hargrove:

- Attended the UMNB Local Government orientation training in St. John
- Attended Graduation week activities.
 - Shout out to the Grad and Prom Committees

Mayor Andrew Harvey:

- Attended the Carleton-Victoria Outstanding Citizen Awards in Plater Rock. There were 10 recipients this year, with 4 recipients from the District of Carleton North, Sue McLaughlin, Victoria, Hutt, Terry Holmes and Jack McAfee.
- Attended Juniper Red Neck Days
- Attended Upper Kent Community Days
- Attended the Brennan's Home Hardware 50th Anniversary
- Upcoming
 - Glassville Fire & Rescue Open House June 27
 - Centreville Truck & Tractor Pull June 26 & 27
 - Canada Day at the Bath Fairgrounds with parade at 11am. Kinsmen Breakfast at the Florenceville-Bristol Community Hall 7am to 10am.
 - Canada Day parade in Lakeville at 10am

1. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Being no further business the meeting adjourned to a closed session at **8:27pm**. Moved by Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

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MAYOR

CLERK