

District of Carleton North
Regular Council Meeting
July 14, 2026 @ 7:00pm
19 Station Road, Florenceville-Bristol

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

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

REGRETS: Councillor Michael Stewart

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the July 14, 2026 Town Council Agenda as presented. Moved by Councillor Bradstreet, seconded by Councillor Connor.

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3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

None

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MOTION: To ratify approval of the June 23, 2026 Town Council Minutes. Moved by Councillor Oakes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hargrove.

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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Dangerous & Unsightly Premises File 2025-06:

The Invitation to Tender was awarded and the clean up will be done quickly.

2. Community Park & Playground Project Survey: Update

The Community Park & Playground Project survey has been completed by over 200 residents. The survey is open for completion until July 31, 2026.

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/88yFwY83wafDYi1e8>

6. PRESENTATIONS:

3. MLA Margaret Johnson

MLA Margaret Johnson presented incoming Council with a certificate of appreciation for their dedication.

A photo opportunity with MLA Margaret Johnson and Council took place.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

9. BY-LAWS & POLICIES:

1. Off-Road Vehicle By-Law: 2nd Reading & Discussion

Councillor Bradstreet gave the 2nd reading of the Off-Road Vehicle By-Law in full.

The deadline for written submission for or against the proposed By-Law was July 6, 2026, 4PM. Submissions were received from:

Megan McCann

Mary Andow

Michelle Corcoran

Laura Brennan

Jennifer Stead and Stephen Hutchings

Michael Brennan

Carol Brennan

Catherine & Paul Giberson

Colin Lockhart

David Hunter

Council reviewed each submission and took the suggestions and concerns into consideration in drafting the updated of the proposed Off-Road Vehicle By-Law with staff. The updated draft Off-Road Vehicle By-Law may be viewed on the Town website [HERE](#)

Council read out two submitted letters:

I am writing this letter which I request be read at the Council meeting. It is with concern about the District of Carleton North Off Road Vehicle By-Law. I note that the purpose of the by-law is to establish regulations respecting the use of off-road vehicles on municipal streets.

The use of the Trans Canada Trail by off road vehicles is of concern. This by-law leads to the question, how does opening these particular streets to off-road vehicles influence increased illegal use of the trail?

The concerns over off-road vehicles using the trail have been documented, so I won't go into detail. Note that there is concern on the safety of walkers and bikers, groups of school children, day care children, the peace and serenity of people living along the trail and the wear on the trail by the motorized vehicles.

The by-law seems premature, as it is my understanding that other levels of government make decisions on Route 105 and the Trans Canada Trail. Without knowing the whole plan, it is difficult to support this by-law.

There seems to be conflicting messages coming from various levels of government. Locally the message seems to be looking for a way to give off road vehicles access to the Trans Canada Trail above Bath and below Florenceville. Provincially, the Minister of Tourism has spoken about enhancing our trail system to provide an appealing walking/biking experience for tourists. This requires coordination across the province and maintaining the trail for the use of walkers and non-motorized bikers. Active transportation is something that should be promoted and supported.

Off-road vehicles are popular and the number and types on our streets and roads keep increasing. It doesn't seem as if there is much (any) policing of their use of public roadways or the Trans Canada Trail. There

needs to be a larger discussion, coordinated with other areas, on where off-road vehicles can most safely operate within our district and the province.

An important objective should be to determine the most practical, safe, and sustainable solution for providing legal road access to the growing number of off-road vehicles while preserving the Trans Canada Trail for its intended recreational use.

Thank you for your efforts in considering the best solution for all.

*Respectfully,
Carol Brennan*

I would like this to be read at next council meeting.

I have a number of concerns regarding this proposed by-law.

1. There is no context given as to why this bylaw is being proposed at this time. Nor is any logic to the proposed bylaw given. I could speculate as to why but the council needs to be open and transparent what the intention is here.

2. Why is Waugh road included? This road connects the TCT (TransCanada Trail) which is currently closed to ATV traffic with Route 105 also a road where it is illegal currently to drive ATVs. At this time inclusion of Waugh road makes no sense and its presence in the by-law seems to encourage illegal usage (as it is currently) of both the 105 and the TCT. Not your intent surely but that is the optics of the by-laws inclusion of Waugh Road.

3. Part 4 under amendments needs to be removed. It cannot be forgotten that when you grant ATV access to roads you affect all who live along them. Often in a negative way. There has to be a chance for citizens to give input prior to any expansion of ATV usage. It should never be at the sole discretion of the CAO or their designates.

I would encourage the council not to pass this bylaw at this time. This would allow Council to put together their complete vision for trail usage and where ATVs fit into our community.

This is a difficult issue for our area.

*Respectfully submitted,
Colin Lockhart*

Council discussed the changes made to the proposed By-Law, including the removal of Burnham Road and Waugh Road, as well as changes to the amendment process.

Council discussed the potential restructuring of the current Ad Hoc Trails Committee to ensure representation from all stakeholders. The Committee will reconvene, and Council will consider appointing members to reflect this broader representation.

At this time the proposed Off-Road Vehicle By-Law will be sent to the Department of Justice and Public Safety for approval before it may be brought back to Council for a 3rd reading.

2. Waste Collection and Disposal By-Law: 1st Reading & Discussion

Councillor Dickinson gave the 1st reading of the Waste Collection and Disposal By-Law in full.

Council discussed the reasoning behind proposing this By-Law as well as changes to the pickup schedule (garbage weekly and recycling bi-weekly), collection bins and other services.

The proposed Waste Collection By-Law can be viewed [HERE](#)

3. Sanitary Sewage By-Law: 1st Reading & Discussion

Councillor Oaks gave the 1st reading of the Sanitary Sewerage By-Law in full.

The proposed Sanitary Sewer By-Law can be viewed [HERE](#)

4. Water System and Rates By-Law: 1st Reading & Discussion

Deputy Mayor Hargrove gave the 1st reading of the Water System and Rates By-Law in full.

The proposed Water System and Rates By-Law can be viewed [HERE](#)

5. Water and Wastewater By-Law: 1st Reading & Discussion

Councillor Connor gave the 1st reading of the Water and Wastewater By-Law in full.

The proposed Water and Wastewater By-Law can be viewed [HERE](#)

Councillor Dickinson departed at 8:40PM during the reading of the proposed Water and Wastewater By-Law.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Title

10. **COUNCIL STATEMENTS / INQUIRIES:**

Councillor Laurel Bradstreet:

- Attended the Lakeville Canada Day Parade
- Attended the Canada Day Parade in Bath and celebrations at Bath Fair Grounds.
- Volunteered with the Kin Club at the Canda Day event
- Attended the McCain Family Day
- Reminder the Carleton County Toy Run is July 17 & 18
- Brought up the pothole paving and suggested the Town look for alternative contractors for the future
- Looking for an update of the signage project, phase 1. Administration is working on completing this.

Councillor Angel Connor:

- Enjoyed Canada Day on the beautiful Miramichi River
- Attended the Glassville Fire & Rescue Open House
- Attended a 50th Wedding Anniversary party
- Assisted with 2 Chase the Ace draws for Juniper Rec Association
- Attended a Sisson Mine update meeting
- Explored Southern New Brunswick with family and spend a few days away.
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Councillor Ryan Dickinson:

- Met with the Medical Education Coordinator for Upper River Valley Hospital: Darcey Hanson
- Had a table set up for the Age-Friendly Committee at the Outdoor Summer Market. The market was well done and well attended.
- Attended a Sisson Mine update meeting
- Attended French Fry Day on Friday – the fries were great and after the rain cleared up it was another beautiful day.

Councillor Scott Oakes:

- Attended Canda Day Parade and celebrations at Bath Fair Grounds. Fantastic turnout and great event put on by the District staff.
- Travelled to Portsmouth N.H. for a few days off and some fun with old friends.

Councillor Michael Stewart:

- Helped with both days at the Centreville Truck & Tractor Pull.
- Took part in both the Lakeville and District of Carleton North Canada Day Parades
- Helped with the Wednesday Music at the Gazebo in Centreville

Councillor Tammy Nicholson-Kirkland:

- Attended the Canada Day celebrations at Bath Fair Grounds
- Attended a Sisson Mine update meeting
- Attended a wake/funeral for Marilyn Lee
- Potato World held a concert for National French Fry Day
- Potato World had 2 bus tours last week and expect more
- Attended Special Church services in River De Chute given by Minister Freddy Clark

Councillor Karen Hargrove:

- Attended the Third Oak CoWork Open House
- Attended the Canada Day Parade and celebrations at Bath Fair Grounds
- Attended the Lakeville Canada Day parade
- Attended a Sisson Mine update meeting
- There is a fundraiser Spaghetti Diner for the Stiles family hosted by they Florenceville Kin Club and River Valley 4H Club

Mayor Andrew Harvey:

- Attended the Lakeville Canada Day parade
- Attended the Canada Day Parade and celebrations at Bath Fair Grounds. Thank you to the Maintenance and Tourism staff for putting it all together.
- Attended Canada Festivities in Johnville
- French Fry Festival was a success, kudos to staff for trying something different and it was successful.
- Attended music at Potato World and the Family Fun Day
- Toured Hotel-Dieu of S. Joseph in Southern Victoria with the Western NB Service Commission
- Attended the Western Valley Regional Games in Woodstock
 - District of Carleton North will be hosting in 2027

1. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Being no further business the meeting adjourned to a closed session at 9:35pm. 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 Council meeting will be held July 28, 2026

MAYOR

CLERK