

District of Carleton North
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 24th, 2023 @ 6:30 pm
19 Station Road, Florenceville-Bristol, NB

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

Staff: Amy McIntosh, Clerk

REGRETS: Councillor Ray Haines

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the October 24th, 2023 Town Council Agenda as presented.
Moved by Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Connor.

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3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To ratify approval of the October 10th, 2023 Town Council Minutes.
Moved by Councillor Oakes, seconded by Councillor Connor.

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5. PRESENTATIONS:

Julie Craig, Manager from the Andrew & Laura McCain Library, provided a presentation to council to discuss the partnership between the Government of New Brunswick and the Municipalities that results in a Public Library. She noted that the New Brunswick Public Library Service (NBPLS) is made up of a provincial office, 5 regional offices, 52 public library branches, 11 public school library branches, a virtual online branch and the "Talking Books by Mail" branch. She also let Mayor and Council know that if you have a New Brunswick library card, you can use this card at any Public Library in New Brunswick. They have had a provincial service in some fashion since 1954. The Andrew & Laura McCain Library was opened in Florenceville-Bristol April 14th, 1984. This was donated to the Village of Florenceville by the McCain Family in honor of their matriarch, Laura. An expansion was added to the Library in 1998 with the support of the McCain Foundation. In 1972, the library became the 11th library in the York Regional Library System. At that time, they had a paid employee and the library was only open 14 hours a week. Currently, they have three full-time employees, and the library is open 30 hours a week. She went on to state that they do receive grants to help out with programming expenses. The Provincial Government is responsible for strategic planning, supervision of programs and services, cataloging and process any materials, online resources and maintaining the virtual branch. A needs analysis was completed in 2016 and Julie suggested that Council review and make any changes necessary, if required. Julie also noted that

the Library Board will have someone from Council on the board as well as residents from the LSD's. The library also offers a summer tutoring program which has grown by leaps and bounds over the last number of years. Covid resulted in a dip in the amount of people that visit the library, however, now that things have settled down, they are seeing more and more people from the community visiting the library.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Mayor Harvey noted that the Ignite Your Community meeting was held on Friday, October 20th at the Western Valley Multiplex. He also noted that the Knitting Pilgrim show at the Second Wind Music Center was a great success and received great comments from those that attended.

Deputy Mayor Hargrove, along with Councillor Oakes attended the Community Engagement Session for Maternal Services at the URVH. Discussions were had with Maily and Dr. Lockhart on how things were progressing at the Carleton North Medical Clinic and how we can support them as a municipality. They still appear to be facing roadblocks when it comes to recruiting Physicians although they have been successful in acquiring license numbers, however, the issue with competitive wages remains an issue. Maily has ideas for solutions and believes that if the municipality pushes the conversation with Horizon, the process may go quicker. They also had the opportunity to speak with the VP of Horizon Health, Greg Doiron and the executive director, David Arbeau. Based on this conversation, it seems that Horizon Health is open to meeting with municipalities directly to start the conversation. Council will invite David Arbeau to our next council meeting to discuss Physician recruitment in our area.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. New RDC Housing Fund & UMN B Dues Proposal – We received communication from UMN B regarding updates regarding a new fund created by RDC to support housing planning and housing related infrastructure and an update to the new dues structure that will be up for vote at the UMN B's AGM. Regarding the housing update, the regional development corporation released a program to support pre-construction and infrastructure related to housing developments. These funds will be used for smaller communities (with a population less than 25,000) and applications are being accepted now. As for the changes to UMN B's dues, this topic has been added to the agenda for the AGM taking place on November 26th.
2. 2024 Prime Minister's Awards – Nominate An Exceptional Educator – The 2024 Prime Minister's Awards for an Exceptional Educator is now open for nominations. The Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence have recognized exceptional elementary and secondary school teachers in all disciplines since 1994, with over 1,800 teachers honoured to date. Anyone who wishes to nominate an educator can visit www.canada.ca/PM-AWARDS.

8. POLICIES & BY-LAWS:

1. District of Carleton North – Student Councillor Program Policy – There were some changes made to the policy. Changes included student council to appoint the two students who are going to participate with a recommendation from the principal and the removal of verbiage surrounding local government week. Deputy Mayor Hargrove also called Smith's Falls (where we initially received some information from) and spoke with the Clerk there. She was

able to provide some beneficial information regarding the program that we will be able to use as we move forward with this process. Deputy Mayor Hargrove reviewed the changes in detail with Council and all were in agreement with changes as noted.

MOTION: To accept the updated Student Councillor Program policy as presented. Moved by Deputy Mayor Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Watson.

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9. NEW BUSINESS:

None

10. COUNCIL STATEMENTS / INQUIRIES

Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove:

Deputy Mayor Hargrove attended the Sports Wall of Recognition ceremony, met last Monday with the Mayor and our MLA to discuss some files, met with the COA and the Finance Team to discuss budgets and expenses, attended the Community Engagement Session for maternal services at the URVH, attended registration night for 4H with over 75 members and 13 different projects,

Councillor Laurel Bradstreet:

Councillor Bradstreet attended a Gallery meeting, helped with the Kinsman Craft Fair, attended an EMO meeting at the Ayr Motor Center in Woodstock. Councillor Bradstreet wanted to thank all of the Fire Departments in the District for all their hard work and the support they have for each other. He also cooked for the Horse & Saddle Club.

Councillor Michael Stewart:

Councillor Stewart attended the Sports Wall of Recognition ceremony at the Multiplex, attended a Chamber meeting and discussed the Santa Claus Parade, tree lighting and the Arts & Crafts Market the Multiplex on November 11th.

Councillor Chala Watson:

Nothing to report

Councillor Scott Oakes:

Councillor Oakes has been working on the harvest, attended the Sports Wall of Recognition ceremony, attended the Community Engagement Session for maternal services at the URVH with Deputy Mayor Hargrove.

Councillor Angel Connor:

Councillor Connor helped with Tuff Truck in Juniper, hosted a Halloween Party at the Juniper Rec Center with Jeff Campbell Magic, attended a home and school meeting at Bristol Elementary and also helped with Chase the Ace draws.

Mayor Andrew Harvey:

The Mayor noted the NCRC was opened on October 13th for the gymnastics program, attended the Sports Wall of Recognition ceremony, toured the new NCRC Facility with the Veysey Family,

attended a comedy show at the theater at CNHS, stopped by the Bath Fire Department as they were doing training, great work being done by our local Fire Departments, met with the McCain St contractor to discuss progress, met with Deputy Mayor Hargrove and the MLA to discuss some files, attended the Carleton-Victoria Outstanding Citizen Awards (12 people were recognized), met with staff on Friday, completed the potato harvest, attended his mother's 80th birthday party, attended Carleton-Victoria Arts Council music show featuring April Wine, met with the CAO on some staffing issues, met with the senior staff, attended housing seminar, had numerous discussions on the police initiative, some Halloween events happening in the town this weekend.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.
Moved by Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

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MAYOR

CLERK