

**NACKAWIC-MILLVILLE RURAL COMMUNITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

October 6, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Fox, Deputy Mayor MacFarlane, Councillor Nozzolillo, Councillor Simpson, Councillor Clark, Councillor Trail, Councillor Meldrum

ABSENT: Councillor Graham

IN ATTENDANCE: Kathryn Clark, CAO/CLERK

1. Call to Order of Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm

Mayor Fox called the regular meeting to order at X:XX pm.

Mayor Fox stated he would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded and unsurrendered territory of Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet).

2. Approval of Agenda

25-169

Motion: Councillor Trail

Second: Councillor Meldrum

"That Council approve the agenda as presented with one addition under New Business, 9. i Debenture Application."

Motion Carried.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. To The Floor

5. Approval of Minutes

5.a Regular Council Meeting of September 15, 2025

25-170

Motion: Councillor Clark

Second: Councillor Meldrum

"That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 15, 2025 be approved."

Motion Carried.

5.b Special Council Meeting of September 25, 2025

25-171

Motion: Councillor Nozzolillo

Second: Councillor Trail

"That the minutes of the Special Council meeting of September 25, 2025 be approved."

Motion Carried.

6. Business Arising

6.a Bev Wright - Wooden Culvert

25-172

Motion: Councillor Simpson

Second: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane

"That the municipality contact the DTI District Engineer to request the wooden culvert located near Bev Wright's residence, 646 Route 605 be inspected and replaced."

Motion Carried.

7. Correspondence

7.a Invitation from Nackawic Lions Club, re: 55th Charter Celebration

Invitation to the Lions Club 55th Charter Celebration being held on Saturday, October 18, 2025.

7.b Memo from Hon. Aaron Kennedy, re: Review of the Regional Services Delivery Model

For Council's information a memo from Hon. Aaron Kennedy, Minister of Local Government regarding the review of the Regional Services Delivery Model and consultations will begin in the coming weeks.

7.c Letter from NB Power, re: Rate Increase Application

For Council's information a letter from NB Power advising a general rate application has been submitted to the NB Energy & Utilities Board requesting approval for a 4.75% increase to all rates classes.

7.d Request from Canadian Union of Postal Workers (New Business)

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- 7.f Request from NHS Student Leadership (New Business)
- 7.g Letter of Request from Carolyn Kerton (New Business)
- 7.h Letter of Request from NB Association of Occupational Therapists (New Business)
- 7.i Letter from John & Karen Howell

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated that the low water level of the river made it easier for the individuals to get around the dock gate. This was the first incident in 4 seasons.

Kathryn Clark stated that she and Paul Sherman have discussed the matter and will try to come up with solutions for this type of situation prior to next season.

8. Committee Reports

8.a Finance

8.a.1 General Operating Financial Statements to August 31, 2025

Kathryn Clark reviewed the financial statements for general operating to August 31, 2025 and stated the departments will receive a copy, along with their detailed budgets to begin working on a 2026 proposed budget.

8.b Library Committee

8.c Protective Services

8.c.1 Dumfries Fire Activity Report

The monthly activity report for September, 2025 was reviewed.

8.c.2 Minutes of October 2, 2025

Councillor Nozzolillo reviewed the minutes of the Protective Services Committee meeting held on October 2, 2025.

8.d Recreation Committee

8.d.1 Monthly Report for September

The monthly report for September, 2025 was reviewed.

8.d.2 Minutes of September 18, 2025

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated he heard many good comments over the summer on the students at the marina. He stated the docks were always clean, they provided good customer service and it's nice to hear positive customer comments.

8.e Public Works Committee

8.e.1 Monthly Report for September

The monthly report for September, 2025 was reviewed.

25-173

Motion: Councillor Simpson

Second: Councillor Meldrum

"That Vermont Construction be engaged to supply and construct 2 - 35' x 12' x 12' buildings at the Public Works Garage to house the garbage trucks for a total cost of \$35,871.25."

Motion Carried.

25-174

Motion: Councillor Simpson

Second: Councillor Meldrum

"That the municipality proceed with installing an additional sign on Route 105 indicating the right lane must turn down Landegger, paint turning arrows in the right turning lane and extend the median 20' to block off a portion of the opening of the parking lot to the gas station in an effort to make the intersection safer."

On the Question -

Councillor Nozzolillo noted there is a safety concern for pedestrians crossing in that area also and suggested a cross walk be installed across Landegger near the top of the street.

Councillor Simpson stated that could be investigated further with DTI's traffic engineer as there may be restrictions on how close to a busy intersection it can be located.

Motion Carried.

8.f Special Reports

8.g Chief Administrative Officer's Report

8.g.1 Report for October 6, 2025

Kathryn Clark reviewed her report to October 6, 2025.

8.h Mayor's Report

8.h.1 Report for October 6, 2025

Mayor Fox reviewed his report to October 6, 2025 and noted the Hook & Paddle Bass Classic event went very well and great comments were received from the organizers and competitors.

8.i Accepting Committee Reports

25-175

Motion: Councillor Trail

Second: Councillor Nozzolillo

"That Council accept all reports as presented."

Motion Carried.

9. New Business

9.a Request from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, re: Canada Post Corporation Review

Mayor Fox will draft a letter in response to the two requests to the Federal Minister responsible for Canada Post and the MP urging government to keep rural postal services, reiterating the importance of postal service to rural communities.

9.b Request from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, re: Stop the Cuts

9.c Donation Request from Tracy Graham, Advisor, NHS Student Leadership

25-176

Motion: Councillor Nozzolillo

Second: Councillor Meldrum

"That \$550 be donated to the NHS Student Leadership to assist in their fundraising efforts for students to attend various leadership conferences during the 2025-26 school year."

Motion Carried.

9.d Request from Carolyn Kerton, re: Speed Reduction on Route 102

25-177

Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane

Second: Councillor Meldrum

"That a letter be submitted to DTI requesting a reduction in the speed limit on a section of Route 102 from the overpass to the last house from 80 km/hr. to 60 km/hr."

Motion Carried.

9.e Request from NB Association of Occupational Therapists, re: Occupational Therapy Month

A Facebook post will be prepared in support of Occupational Therapy Month.

9.f Arena Operations & Ice Rental Policy 2025-2026

25-178

Motion: Councillor Nozzolillo

Second: Councillor Clark

"That the Arena Operations & Ice Rental Policy for 2025-2026 be approved as presented."

Motion Carried.

9.g Fire Smart - Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan

Kathryn Clark reported that a \$60,000 grant through NB Fire Smart was received to cover the costs of the project and there will be no expense to the municipality.

25-179

Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane

Second: Councillor Meldrum

"That Acfor be engaged to prepare a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan for Nackawic-Millville Rural Community at a cost of \$56,000 HST included."

Motion Carried.

9.h Water/Sewer Connection to New House on Otis Drive

Kathryn Clark reported that there is a new house being built on Otis Drive and the property owner is requesting hook up to the municipal water and sewer system. There was a revision to a by-law making the property owner responsible for all costs to hook up, with a minimum charge of \$1000 for water and sewer each. However, there is another by-law which states the property owner is responsible for connection from the property line in. The property owner received misinformation regarding what costs he was responsible for. Due to the misinformation and discrepancy in the two by-laws, a quote was obtained from Sussex Excavations to do the work as they have completed similar work for the municipality in the past. The sewer connection is the most difficult as the pipes are estimated to be 14 feet underground and extra piping is needed due to the distant of the nearest manhole.

25-180

Motion: Councillor Simpson

Second: Councillor Clark

"That Sussex Excavation be engaged to complete the water and sewer hookup from the municipal lines to the property line of the new house being constructed on Otis Drive at a cost of \$25,354.87 plus HST."

On the Question -

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated that he feels any connections to the municipal system should not be at a cost to the users and the by-laws needed amended immediately.

Councillor Nozzolillo stated the by-law review committee will meet right away to begin working on the amendments.

Motion Carried.

10. Closed Session

25-181

Motion: Councillor Trail

Second: Councillor Nozzolillo

"That Council move to closed session at 8:37 pm."

Motion Carried.

10.a Personnel Matter

25-182

Motion: Councillor Meldrum

Second: Councillor Trail

"That Council move back to open session at 9:49 pm."

Motion Carried.

11. Adjournment

25-183

Motion: Councillor Trail

"That the meeting be adjourned at 9:49 pm."

Motion Carried.

Tim Fox, Mayor

Kathryn Clark, CAO/Clerk