



**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ST. STEPHEN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

**July 16, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Moosehead Room at the Garcelon Civic Center**

Members Present: Mayor A. MacEachern, Deputy Mayor G. Wheaton, Councillor M. Harding, Councillor D. Hyslop, Councillor B. Cornish, Councillor J. Wright, Councillor W. Greenlaw, Councillor E. Rodas

Staff Present: J. Renaud, CAO/Town Clerk, S. Morton, Deputy CAO, K. Sumner, Director of Community Services, Celeste Caswell, Executive Assistant, F. Godsoe, Assistant Treasurer

Others Present: Rivers Corbett, President of Future St. Stephen

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MacEachern called the meeting to order.

B. FIRST NATION RECOGNITION

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

CW-21/25

Moved by Councillor Harding

Seconded by Councillor Wright

THAT the Agenda for the Committee of the Whole Meeting of JULY 16, 2025, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

D. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Rodas declared a conflict with item under Sec. G. 2.

E. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

CW-22/25

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wheaton

Seconded by Councillor Hyslop

That the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held JUNE 11, 2025, be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Safety Update

a. Community Safety Survey Next Steps

CAO Jeff Renaud inquired with Committee on their thoughts regarding next steps based on the follow-up email received from the Canadian Centre for Safer Communities; he also advised that he attended a webinar earlier that week on project UPSTREAM with regard to the application process for opportunities available for 10 pilot sites across Canada.

CAO will get a formal proposal for next steps to share with GNB in their collaborative efforts and for Council's review.

2. Conserve the Court/World's Oldest Basketball Court Update

Councillor Hyslop shared an update with Committee.

3. Health Care Update

Deputy Mayor Wheaton and Councillor Rodas shared an update with Committee.

4. Clothing Donation Bins on Municipal Lands

CAO Jeff Renaud presented the report included in the package. Recommendation would be to have the bins located on municipal property removed by a certain date, if consented to by Council.

Committee made a recommendation that the bins should be removed from municipal property by the Fall.

Mayor confirmed Committees' agreement to move forward with this resolution at the next Council meeting.

5. Community Letter and Email re: Call for Economic Objectives to Balance Outcomes on NB Crown Lands

Mayor presented this item to Committee asking for support.

Councillor Greenlaw advised that JDI will be holding a session with UMNb in August and proposed that this matter be postponed until a position paper is released after that meeting; the consensus of Committee was to postpone it.

6. DRAFT Mutual Aid Agreement for Southwest New Brunswick

CAO Jeff Renaud and Fire Chief Sean Morton discussed this first draft of the Mutual Aid Agreement for Southwest NB spearheaded by the Rural Community of Fundy Shores.

7. Review and Update of Traffic Bylaw T-1

CAO Jeff Renaud presented his report on this item explaining his recommendation to create a working group to assist in this review.

Committee agrees to move forward with this concept.

8. Review and Update of Animal Control Bylaw S-8

CAO Jeff Renaud advised that consultation should occur across both urban and rural communities regarding current enforcement and SPCA officers; a working group will be a benefit to assist in this review.

Committee agrees CAO should proceed with this recommendation.

9. International St. Croix River Watershed Board Correspondence

Councillor Cornish gave an overview on this meeting that he attended last month.

Mayor stated he would recommend Councillor Cornish be on that board if one is developed.

G. MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

CW-23/25

Moved by Councillor Cornish

Seconded by Councillor Hyslop

That pursuant to section 68(1) of the Local Governance Act, Council move to a closed session for the purpose of discussing:

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1. **Negotiation of an Agreement**

2. **Proposed Acquisition or Disposition of Land**

H. ADJOURNMENT

CW-24/25

Moved by Councillor Harding

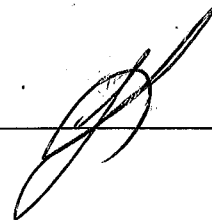
Seconded by Councillor Hyslop

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk