

Village of Blacks Harbour Council Council Chambers - 65 Wallace Cove Road

Present: Mayor John Craig, Deputy Mayor Adam R. Hatt, Councillor Amber Libby, Councillor

Jordan Thompson, Councillor Gerald Welles

Staff: CAO Clerk/Treasurer-Stacey Frost, Accounting & Administrative Assistant – Cara Hatt

Guests: Fire Chief-Dale M Shaw

Absent: Councillor Ashley Ritchie

1. Call to order	6:33pm
2. Recording of Attendance	
3. Approval of Committee Minutes and Recommendations	
3.1 Personnel Committee – Appointment of Stacey Frost as CAO	
MOVED BY: Councillor Libby	
SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles	
Be it resolved:	
That Council ratify the decision to appoint Stacey Frost to the position of	
CAO for the Village of Blacks Harbour with the conditions as discussed at	
the meeting of the Personnel Committee on January 26 th , 2022. The CAO	
shall also function as Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Blacks Harbour.	
CARRIED	02162022-01
3.2 Rescind motion #01242022-15, "Appointment of Acting Clerk"	
MOVED BY: Councillor Libby	
SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt	
Be it resolved;	
That Motion #01242022-15, "Appointment of Acting Clerk" be rescinded.	
CARRIED	02162022-02

4. Business Arising – Nil	
5. Approval of Agenda	
MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt SECONDED BY: Councillor Thompson Be it resolved; That the agenda for the February 16, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted as presented, with the addition of item 15.2 - Purchase of overhead doors for arena.	
CARRIED	02162022-03
6. <u>Disclosure of Conflict of Interest on Agenda Items - nil</u>	
7. Approval: Council Minutes	
7.1 Regular Council Meeting – January 24, 2022	
MOVED BY: Councillor Libby SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles Be it resolved; That the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council on January 24, 2022 as pre-circulated be approved and filed.	
CARRIED	02162022-04
8. Staff Reports 8.1 Fire Department Reports	
MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby Be it resolved: That the Fire Department Report for the month of January 2022 be approved	
and filed. CARRIED	02162022-05
Report given by Chief Shaw. Mayor Craig replied I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate James Irving in successfully completing his fire fighter level II course. I know it takes hours of time to complete this course and we are thankful to James for his loyalty and dedication to our Fire Department and the people of this entire area. Again our Congratulations. Also, Paul Belliveau has over 30 years' service.	

8.1 (a) -Application to Join Eastern Charlotte Regional Fire Service	
MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles	
Be it resolved: That John Paul J Blanchard be accepted as a Volunteer Firefighter for the Eastern Charlotte Regional Fire Service on a six month probationary period	
CARRIED	02162022-06
8.2 Building Inspector's Report	
MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby	
Be it resolved: That the Building Inspector's Report for the month of January 2022 be approved and filed	02162022-07
CARRIED	
8.3 Public Works Report MOVED BY: Councillor Libby SECONDED BY: Councillor Thompson Be it resolved:	
That the Public Works Report for the month of January 2022 be approved and filed CARRIED	02162022-08
Mayor Craig and Councillor Welles commented that Public Works are doing a great job.	
8.4 CAO's Report	
MOVED BY: Councillor Libby SECONDED BY: Councillor Thompson Be it resolved: That the CAO's Report for the month of January 2022 & to date for February 2022 be approved and filed	
CARRIED	02162022-09

9. Accounts 9.1 Budget Figures	
MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles	
Be it resolved: That Council approve the Budget Figures for the period ending January 31, 2022 CARRIED	02162022-10
9.2 Accounts Payable	
MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby Be it resolved: That Council approve the total of Accounts Payable paid and or payable for the Month of January 2022 in the amount of \$44,896.39 and Payables to date for the month of February 2022 in the amount of \$185,500.38.	
CARRIED	02162022-11
10. Reading of Petitions/Presentations/Proclamations - nil	
11. Communications – Correspondence, Community Contacts	
11.1 Correspondence for Action 11.1(a) Royal Canadian Legion Request for Donation	
MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles	
Be it resolved; That the request for donation from Royal Canadian Legion be deferred to Finance.	
CARRIED	02162022-12

11.1(b) Proposal from YMCA	
MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt	
SECONDED BY: Councillor Thompson	
Be it resolved;	
That the proposal from YMCA be tabled to allow for more discussion.	
CARRIED	02162022-13
Councillor Thompson commented they are very close to an agreement but just have a few outstanding questions, and that we are really excited to have the opportunity to have the Y in this region.	
11.2 Correspondence for Information - nil	
12. Approval of Committee Minutes and Recommendations - nil	
13. <u>Business arising from minutes</u> - nil	
14. Unfinished Business	
14.1 Memorandum of Understanding – CDEC	
MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby	
Be it resolved; That the Memorandum of Understanding with Community Development of Eastern Charlotte be accepted and signed pending acceptance and signature at tonight's CDEC board meeting.	
CARRIED	02162022-14
Councillor Thompson explained CDEC.	
14.2 Regional Service Commission Agreement	
MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby	14 14 14 14 15
Be it resolved; That the Regional Commission Agreement be tabled to allow for more discussion.	001/2002 15
CARRIED	02162022-15

15. New Business, Motions and Notices of Motion

15.1 Purchase and Sale Agreement – Reel Shrimp

MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby

Be it resolved:

That Council table the Purchase and Sale Agreement awaiting a final Agreement.

CARRIED

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15.2 Purchase of overhead doors for arena

MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles

Be it resolved:

That Council approve the purchase and installation of the overhead doors for the arena from Atlantic Windoor for the amount of \$17 290.00 plus HST

CARRIED

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Deputy Mayor Hatt explained the need for the doors.

16. Consideration of By-Laws

16.1 Zoning of PID 15152275

a) Third and final Reading in its Entirety

MOVED BY: Councillor Libby SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Blacks Harbour deems it desirable to amend By-law Z.1:

Be it resolved:

That leave now be given for the third and final reading of By-Law Z.1.6. - A By-Law to Amend By-Law Z.1, The Rural Plan By-Law in its entirety.

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BY-LAW NO. Z.1.6 A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW Z.1, THE RURAL PLAN BY-LAW

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Blacks Harbour deems it desirable to amend By-law Z.1, as hereinafter provided;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BLACKS HARBOUR **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1 The Village of Blacks Harbour Rural Plan By-law Z.1 is amended by revising the use designations delineated on the Blacks Harbour Rural Plan Zoning Map constituting Schedule "A" to the Village of Blacks Harbour Rural Plan By-law Z.1, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "1" with a larger scale map of the portion being amended attached hereto as Schedule "2) by changing the land use designation from Rural (RR) to Single, Two & Multi-Family Residential Zone (R-2) of the lands designated on the Schedules "1" and "2" of this By-law and which form part hereof.
- 2 The land for which the land use designation is being changed is shown on the Service New Brunswick Digital Property Mapping System (PLANET) as PID 15152275 attached hereto as Schedule "2".
- 3 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 79 of the Community Planning Act, the use of the land shown on Schedule "1" shall be for residential use only.

PUBLIC HEARING: December 15, 2021

READ FIRST TIME BY TITLE: January 24, 2022

READ SECOND TIME IN ITS ENTIRETY: January 24, 2022

READ THIRD TIME BY TITLE AND ENACTMENT: February 16. 2022

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CARRIED

17. Councillor's Concerns

Mayor Craig: This past month, I attended the first meeting of the Transition Advisory for Municipal Entity 53. On this committee chaired by Neil Jacobson there are 7 different regions represented. They are Beaver Harbour, Fundy Bay, LSD of Pennfield, Saint George LSD, Saint Patrick LSD, Town of St. George, and of course our Village of Blacks Harbour. From that meeting I had Stacey Frost added to the list as well and suggested that maybe a ward system be implemented so that each of the 7 areas are guaranteed a seat at the new council table. As well a few at large seats could/should be added as well. The province from what I was told frowns on that many councillors.

What I said that night was, every existing area is distinct and has a long independent history and every area deserves a guaranteed voice at that table. That is equality. That is fairness, and that is all everyone here is asking for. We need to begin from day one showing that all areas are important, from Pennfield to Fundy Bay to the St. George LSD and all areas in between. Equality and fairness.

From this meeting and from last week's meeting there have been no decisions made by the committee. Since the initial meeting the committee seems to be leaning to a hybrid model for the next election. Where 6 possible wards will happen with approximately 1150 voters in each ward. The six wards would be Beaver Harbour & surrounding area; Blacks Harbour & surrounding area; Fundy Bay; Pennfield; Saint George LSD & a portion of Saint Patrick; Town of St. George; and then possibly 2 at large to bring a total of 8 Councillors and 1 Mayor. Nothing is a done deal as of yet.

On behalf of Village Council, I wish to extend our sympathies to the family of Sheldon Gaudett who passed away on February 8th. He was a long time employee of Connors Bros Ltd, Blacks Harbour, his first love was sardine fishing and from the time he was a boy he spent a lot of time with his father on The Lady Luck sardine carrier. He worked in the sardine manufacturing plant at Blacks Harbour as a truck driver, a meat cutter in the shopping center and as assistant manager of the Save Easy grocery store. He was a volunteer ambulance driver for Fundy Hospital for a number of years and a 13 year volunteer of the Blacks Harbour Fire Department before moving to Pennfield in 1974. When retirement came along, he would go to Hooper's every morning, have a coffee and chat with 'the boys', then off he'd go to the ferry landing and Deadmans Harbour to look out over the water. That love of the water remained with him always. He will be dearly missed by his wife Amy Gaudett. Sheldon was predeceased by his brother Allan Gaudett who worked for the Village of Blacks Harbour Works Department for many

vears.

Tonight, as well we send condolences to the family of Helen Melissa Eldridge who passes away on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at the Saint John Regional Hospital. Born in Pennfield on September 26, 1934, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Elma Hawkins.

Helen was a retired school teacher who taught most of her 35 year career at Blacks Harbour School. She was an accomplished seamstress, quilter and knitter. There were no craft projects that she could not master and she completed them meticulously.

Deputy Mayor Hatt: This weekend past, we had an incident with a dog and another dog and a person walking. I just want to remind everybody with an animal that you be courteous and have it remain on your property or tied or leashed while walking. Want to remind we all have animals and they do run on the roads or at other dogs.

I do want to say we are going to open free skating on the week of March Break from 12-2pm. Depending on if we stay in the right direction on the 18th with the Covid restrictions at level 1. Must be fully vaccinated and will be checked at the door and bubble skates will be starting again, go to the Village Facebook page and book your time.

CAO, Stacey Frost, added to remind all to register your dogs as it is mandatory in the Village.

Councillor Libby: nil

Councillor Ritchie: nil

Councillor Welles: nil

Councillor Thompson: Glad to be back in person here. Last month we had a virtual meeting and it's good to see we are working back in the right direction. Maybe just mention a couple encouraging things that council is working diligently on. John, you mentioned earlier that there are some housing and development opportunities coming up, which is really great news for this area. You hear from different stake holders and there is a real need for housing in this area – Blacks Harbour, St. George and surrounding area. It is a real challenge for some employers to get employees in the area so we are working on many different files to get housing in the area. Adam touched on some recreation in the area and some initiatives we are working

on. I am really excited about the 50 th year of the Village of Blacks and we have had some great discussions in our working sessions I would encourage anyone that has any ideas to come forward and bring them to the staff here in the Village. It's great to reinitiate a sense of community especially after these last couple of years. I would like to thank everybody and Amber for all the hard work with the Chase the Ace. It's amazing what we have been doing and the funds that we have generated for the arena is amazing. It shows what we can do when people come together.	
18. Question Period – Facebook questions Are we doing anything for Family Day? Deputy Mayor answered, yes, we will be having free skating for an hour and a half. Will post the time on the Facebook page.	
19. Next Meeting – Regular Meeting – March 16, 2022 @ 6:30pm	
20. Adjournment MOVED BY: Councillor Welles SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby	
Be it resolved: That the meeting be adjourned at7:15 pm.	
CARRIED	02162022-19

Mayor John Graig

CAO Stacey Frost