



**Village of Blacks Harbour Council**  
**Council Chambers – 65 Wallace Cove Road**

Present: Mayor James, Deputy Mayor Mahar, Councillors Breau, Harris, Hatt and Chase  
 Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, A. Hawkins

Absent: CAO, David Gray

Guests: Dale Shaw, Fire Chief, Sgt. Brent Henderson, RCMP, Briana Cowie, ECW, Maurice Chevarie, Guy Maillet, Matthew Hall, Michael Bordwine and Kathryn Ambercrombie

1. Call to order at 6:30 p.m.	
2. Recording of guests	
<p>3. <u>Business Arising from Closed Session</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Harris                  SECONDED BY: Councillor Breau</p> <p>Be it resolved:                  That the following items be brought forward from Closed Session:                  20.1 – Personnel – Public Works ad – Casual worker                  20.2 – Rescind motion #011619-13 – Property Reassessment PAN #0582736                  20.3 – Release 5-Year Revenue &amp; Expense statement for the Patrick Connors Recreational Complex to RSC #10.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	022019-01
<p>4. <u>Approval Agenda</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Mahar                  SECONDED BY: Councillor Breau</p> <p>Be it resolved:                  That the agenda for the February 20, 2019, Regular Council Meeting be accepted with the above noted items.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	022019-02
<p>5. <u>RCMP Report</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Mahar                  SECONDED BY: Councillor Chase</p>	

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<p>Be it resolved: That the RCMP Reports for the months of December 2018 &amp; January 2019 be approved and filed.</p>	
<p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	022019-03
<p>6. <u>Fire Department Report</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Chase SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Mahar</p> <p>Be it resolved: That the Fire Department Reports for December 2018 and January 2019 be approved and filed.</p>	
<p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	022019-04
<p>7. <u>Building Inspector's Report - nil</u></p>	
<p>8. <u>Opening remarks – Mayor James – nil</u></p>	
<p>9. <u>Disclosure of Conflict of Interest on Agenda Items</u> Councillor Hatt declared a Conflict of Interest on items #10, 11, 15, 18, 19, 20 &amp; 21.</p>	
<p>10. <u>Approval of Council Minutes</u> 10.1 <u>Approval of Council Minutes – Regular Meeting January 16, 2019</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Chase SECONDED BY: Councillor Breau</p> <p>Be it resolved: That the minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2019, be approved and filed.</p>	
<p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	022019-05
<p>11. <u>Approval: Budget Figures &amp; Accounts Payable</u> 11.1 <u>Approval of Budget Figures</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Harris SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Mahar</p> <p>Be it resolved: That Council approve the Budget Figures for the month of January 2019.</p>	
<p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	022019-06
<p>11.2 <u>Approval of Accounts Payable</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Harris SECONDED BY: Councillor Chase</p> <p>Be it resolved: Council approve the remainder of Accounts Payable paid and/or payable for the month of January in the amount of \$118,624.01 and Accounts</p>	

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Payable to date for the month of February 2019 in the amount of \$31,331.04.

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During the question, Mayor James questioned the authorization of expenses and that some have claimed expenses that haven't been authorized prior, stating we have a policy in which all expense forms are to be authorized before you can get reimbursement.

12. Reading of Petitions/Presentations/Proclamations

12.1 – Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) Program – Municipal Action Plan 2020-2025 – Briana Cowie, Eastern Charlotte Waterways Inc.

Briana Cowie of ECW updated Council on the draft Municipal Action Plan 2020-2025, advising they are at the stage of the plan for Community Engagement, where the draft plan is made available for public comment/feedback. Briana asked that Council members review the Plan and place a copy on our website for Public feedback - ETF on the Plan is March 31, 2019.

12.2 – Brent MacPherson – Campobello Year Round Ferry Committee – unable to attend tonight and will reschedule

12.3 – Matthew Hall – Petition/presentation re allow the keeping of hens in the Village of Blacks Harbour

Matthew Hall of Blacks Harbour gave a presentation to Council and submitted a petition requesting Council consider amending Rural Plan By-law Z.1 – section 26.2(a) to allow the keeping of urban chickens. Petitioners are seeking to be able to raise up to 6 egg laying hens (with the exception of male roosters) in an enclosed pen/coop and ask that Council consider adopting a similar by-law as other communities have in Charlotte County.

Mayor James advised Council would take the request under consideration and if Council so chooses, they can make an amendment under our Rural Plan By-law , noting the process takes several months to complete.

13. Community Contacts

Community contacts noted: complaints regarding duck hunters, ice build-up on Gaudett's Lane and several areas of Wellington Road, abandoned boats and scows in Wellington on shore, abandoned vehicle left on Main Street lawn all winter with windows down.

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Councillor Hatt requested Mayor contact Karen Ludwig, MP, asking how we go about applying for funding under the Recreation & Infrastructure fund.

Councillor Chase advised he was contacted about the ditch being blocked off at the end of McLean Drive, stating when the land owners were picking rock, it got pushed out to curb level causing the problem.

14. Correspondence

14.1 Correspondence for Action

MOVED BY: Councillor Chase  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Harris

Be it resolved;

That the Correspondence for Action report Item #1 – Request for support from the NB Command of the Royal Canadian Legion by way of purchasing an advertisement for the Military Service Recognition Book in the amount of \$210 tax included be approved.

CARRIED

022019-08

14.2 Correspondence for Information

MOVED BY: Councillor Chase  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Harris

Be it resolved;

That the Correspondence for Information Report (YMCA update) be accepted and filed.

CARRIED

022019-09

15. Staff Reports

15.1 Staff Reports - CAO's Report

MOVED BY: Councillor Chase  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Breau

Be it resolved:

That the CAO's report be tabled until next month, where he is not in attendance to answer questions on the report.

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<p>15.2 <u>Approval of the Public Works Report</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Chase SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Mahar</p> <p>Be it resolved: That the Public Works report as circulated for the month of January 2019 be approved and filed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>022019-11</p>
<p>16. <u>Committee Reports/Approval of Minutes and Recommendations</u></p> <p>16.1 – <u>Recreation Committee Report</u></p> <p>Councillor Hatt reported the Village has seen a reduction in power over last year of approx. \$5,000 and advised the arena is winding down for the season, noting we had a lot of storm days causing lost revenue hours. CAO is requested to get a quote on fixing the arena roof. March 24, 2019 is the tentative date for shut-down for the arena.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Chase SECONDED BY: Councillor Hatt</p> <p>Be it resolved; That from March 4 to 8, 2019, that the Patrick Connors Recreation Complex be open for free public skating during March Break from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., advertising the event on the Village facebook page, website and electronic sign.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Chase SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Mahar</p> <p>Be it resolved; Council accept the Recreation Committee Report for the month of January 2019 as presented by Councillor Hatt.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>022019-12</p> <p>022019-13</p>
<p>17. <u>Other Committee/Agencies Reports</u></p> <p>17.1 <u>UMNB Zone 4</u></p> <p>Councillor Harris reported on the UMNB Zone 4 meeting held in Blacks Harbour on January 22, 2019, stating they had low attendance due to the poor road conditions.</p> <p>Mayor James requested Councillor Harris ask Mayor Chorley, now that RSC 8 has been disbanded by the Government, what his thoughts are on the Minister taking away his right to govern.</p>	

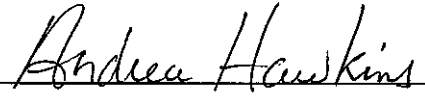
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<p>17.2 <u>Regional Service Commission #10 Report - nil</u></p>	
<p>18. <u>Business Arising from the Minutes</u></p>	
<p>19. <u>Unfinished Business</u></p>	
<p>20. <u>Closed Session</u></p>	
<p>20.1 <u>Personnel – Public Works ad – Casual worker</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Chase SECONDED BY: Councillor Harris</p> <p>Be it resolved; That the CAO or designate staff be instructed to place an ad for a Casual Public Works position, indicating to fill an immediate need but also to build our file for future staffing.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	022019-14
<p>20.2 <u>Rescind motion #011619-13, “to proceed with the appeal process on the Reassessment of PAN #0582736</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Mahar SECONDED BY: Councillor Chase</p> <p>Be it resolved; That Motion #011619-13, “to proceed with the appeal process on the Reassessment of PAN #0582736” be rescinded.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	022019-15
<p>20.3 <u>Release Five-Year Statement of Revenue &amp; Expense for the Patrick Connors Recreation Complex</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Chase SECONDED BY: Councillor Mahar</p> <p>Be it resolved; That Council instruct CAO to release the Five-Year Statement of Revenue &amp; Expense for the Patrick Connors Recreational Complex to the RSC #10 for their use in determining a tax rate rebate.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	022019-16
<p>21. <u>New Business</u></p>	
<p>21.1 <u>2019 Operating Line of Credit Scotiabank</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Chase SECONDED BY: Councillor Harris</p> <p>Be it Resolved that, WHEREAS it is necessary for the Municipality of Blacks Harbour to obtain an operating line of credit based on the current year General Operating Fund budget and the Utility Operating Fund budget, through our financial</p>	

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institution; and, WHEREAS the amount to be borrowed cannot exceed 4% of the 2019 General Operating Fund budget, that being \$61,624 and 50% of the Utility Operating Fund budget, that being \$246,508. Be it resolved that the Municipality of Blacks Harbour obtain an operating line of credit through the Bank of Nova Scotia, in the amount of \$308,132 for the 2019 fiscal year.	
CARRIED	022019-17
22. <u>Zoning Matters</u>	
23. <u>Consideration of By-laws</u>	
MOVED BY: Councillor Chase SECONDED BY: Councillor Hatt	
Be it Resolved; That CAO be instructed to gather information from the Town of St. Stephen, Town of St. George and a third community on the positive and negative feedback they received on their By-law that allows the keeping of hens in their Municipality, prior to our next Regular Council meeting.	
CARRIED	022019-18
24. <u>Appointment/s</u>	
25. Next Meeting/s: Regular Meeting - March 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.	
26. <u>Adjournment</u>	
MOVED BY: Councillor Breau SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Mahar	
Be it resolved: That the meeting be adjourned at 8:33 p.m.	
CARRIED	022019-19

  
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 Mayor, Teresa James

  
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 Asst. Clerk/Treasurer, A. Hawkins

