



**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ST. STEPHEN
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**

**October 30, 2024, 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 E. Eastman, Councillor E. Rodas

Members Absent: Councillor W. Greenlaw

Staff Present: J. Renaud, CAO/Town Clerk, Celeste Caswell, Executive Assistant

Staff Absent: S. Morton, Deputy CAO, K. Sumner, Director of Community Services

A. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Wheaton called the meeting to order.

B. FIRST NATION RECOGNITION

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

RES. NO. 154/24

Moved by Councillor Hyslop

Seconded by Councillor Eastman

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of OCTOBER 30, 2024, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

D. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

E. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting

RES. NO. 155/24

Moved by Councillor Wright

Seconded by Councillor Harding

That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on OCTOBER 2, 2024, be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

F. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Addition since writing the report:

2025 Municipal Budget - GNB has now sent the tax base information yesterday afternoon.

The Unified Tax Rate was approved for the rural sub-unit rate.

No questions from Council.

RES. NO. 156/24

Moved by Councillor Harding

Seconded by Councillor Eastman

That the Report of the Chief Administrative Officer be acknowledged and received.

MOTION CARRIED

G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mrs. Morgan, Ward 2.

Chandra Best, Ward 3.

David Whittingham, Ward 2.

Bob Brown, Ward 2.

H. REPORTS

RES. NO. 157/24

Moved by Councillor Eastman

Seconded by Councillor Harding

That the following Information Report be acknowledged and received.

MOTION CARRIED

1. Future St. Stephen Economic Development Report

Update to report provided by Genevieve Coates. Future St. Stephen voted in four new board members yesterday.

I. BYLAWS

1. A BYLAW TO AMEND BYLAW 03-23 - FIRST READING

RES. NO. 158/24

Moved by Councillor Wright

Seconded by Councillor Eastman

That Bylaw 03-23-1, A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 03-23, be given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Recognition to Councillor Earle Eastman on receiving the King Charles III's Coronation Medal

2. Requests for Decisions

a. DURETTE DRIVE

RES. NO. 159/24

Moved by Councillor Cornish

Seconded by Councillor Hyslop

That Council approves Durette Drive as the name for a new private drive located in Barter Settlement, off Barter Settlement Road.

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K. CORRESPONDENCE

RES. NO. 160/24

Moved by Councillor Harding

Seconded by Councillor Eastman

That Council receive the within correspondence for informational purposes.

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1. **Thank you Card from Carol Baker**

L. COUNCIL REPORTS

RES. NO. 161/24

Moved by Councillor Hyslop

Seconded by Councillor Harding

That the Council Reports be acknowledged and received.

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1. **Mayor MacEachern**
2. **Deputy Mayor Wheaton**
3. **Councillor Eastman**
4. **Councillor Wright**
5. **Councillor Hyslop**
6. **Councillor Greenlaw**

M. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

RES. NO. 162/24

Moved by Councillor Eastman

Seconded by Councillor Cornish

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

MOTION CARRIED

1. **Negotiation of an Agreement**
2. **Financial Matter**
3. **Potential Land Disposition**
4. **Personnel Matter**
5. **Negotiation of an Agreement**

N. ADJOURNMENT

RES. NO. 163/24

Moved by Councillor Harding

Seconded by Councillor Cornish

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Mayor

Clerk