

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Council of Fundy Albert
Multicultural Centre, 13 School Street, Alma
June 6, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Robert Rochon – Mayor

Loretta Elderkin – Councillor, Ward 2

Jeff Jonah – Councillor, Ward 4

Heather Ward Russell – Councillor, Ward 6

John Ereaux – Councillor, Ward 1

Jeff Land – Councillor, Ward 3

James Coates – Councillor, Ward 5

Hanna Downey – CAO/Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rochon called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Elderkin* and seconded by *Councillor Jonah* **THAT** the amended agenda be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

Amendments: Addition of Public Statements/Comments

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Councillor Land declared a conflict with Agenda item 8 (j) NB Railway Museum.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Elderkin* and seconded by *Councillor Coates* **THAT** the minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council on April 4, 2023, be approved. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Coates* and seconded by *Councillor Jonah* **THAT** the minutes from the Special Meeting on April 18, 2023, be approved. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Ereaux* and seconded by *Councillor Jonah* **THAT** the minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council on May 2, 2023, be approved. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Ereaux* and seconded by *Councillor Ward Russell* **THAT** the amended minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council on May 16, 2023, be approved, with an error corrected on Page 4 under Councillor Elderkin's report. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Land* and seconded by *Councillor Ereaux* **THAT** the minutes from the Special Meeting on May 18, 2023, be approved. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Deborah Carr – Shale Gas Development. Ms. Carr presented to Council her concerns with shale gas development in Fundy Albert.

Friends of Fundy, Micha Fardy – Rising Tides, Trails and Tunes Festival. Ms. Fardy provided an overview of who the Friends of Fundy are and their recent activity. Ms. Fardy stated the Alma Fleet Launch would kick off this year's Rising Tides, Trails and Tunes Festival on October 13, with events occurring throughout the week—activities scheduled throughout the Fundy Albert, Fundy St. Martins and Sussex communities.

Michael McBurnie – Infrastructure/Water. Mr. McBurnie expressed concerns with ditches and drainage at 4073 Scenic Drive in Alma. Mr. McBurnie stated that he had made several connections at the municipal and provincial levels since April 24 to have the municipality take action to complete the requested ditching that the municipality is responsible for. Mr. McBurnie is hoping for a timely solution so he can proceed with his plans to invest in the property.

Councillor Land declared a conflict of interest and recused himself at 6:32 PM.

Steve Milburn – NB Railway Museum. Mr. Milburn asked Council to consider tabling motions related to the transfer of ownership of the station and to discharge the mortgage.

Councillor Land re-entered the meeting at 6:34 PM.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Jonah* and seconded by *Councillor Ward Russell* **THAT** the Fundy Albert Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the Public Works Committee, as presented, effective June 6, 2023.

Question on the motion: Councillor Ereaux offered himself, as a former engineer, to be on the Public Works Committee; he posed the question to Councillor Land if he would agree to have him on the Committee. Per Councillor Land, he would have to bring that back to the Director of Operations. **MOTION CARRIED** (nay: Councillor Ereaux).

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Coates* and seconded by *Councillor Ward Russell* **THAT** the Fundy Albert Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the Emergency Measures Committee, as presented, effective June 6, 2023. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Ward Russell* and seconded by *Councillor Land* **THAT** the Fundy Albert Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the Personnel Committee, as presented, effective June 6, 2023. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Ward Russell* and seconded by *Councillor Jonah* that **WHEREAS** Section 81 of the *Local Governance Act*, SNB 2017, c.18 authorizes a local government to prescribe the Chief Administrative Officer's duties and powers by by-law or by resolution; **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fundy Albert Council adopt the CAO Policy as presented, effective June 6, 2023. **MOTION CARRIED** (nay: Councillor Ereaux, Councillor Jonah).

The draft Employee Policy was circulated. *Mayor Rochon* suggested that the matter be deferred to the June Committee of the Whole Meeting.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Rochon – reviewed business arising from the previous minutes.

CAO Report – There were four (4) building permits issued during April, with a combined value of \$880,459. There were nine (9) building permits issued during May, with a combined value of \$1,762,093. The public washrooms in Alma are now open; thank you to Kris Kelly, who has partnered with the Village to make this happen, along with a new hire who will manage the washrooms over the weekend. Friends of Fundy is hosting Day of Caring on June 9 and will focus efforts on the pollinator garden in Alma. CCRC is hosting Day of Caring in Riverside-Albert and will focus efforts on gardens at the Post Office Museum; they will use the Rec Centre's lower room to offer their volunteers a lunch. I emailed the Council today inquiring about the availability of Council hosting a presentation from Plan360; please confirm your availability for the meeting on June 20 at 3 PM. I received correspondence from the Library Manager inquiring about the library's 2023 budget to proceed with facility requirements. In September 2022, the Library Board submitted their annual budget request to the former Village of Hillsborough. The request outlined the financial responsibilities of the municipality and included anticipated operational and facility expenditures. This document was shared with the Transition Facilitator for consideration in the 2023 village of Fundy Albert budget. The budget request was increased from the previous year's request to include asset procurement items such as a baby changing station in the public washroom, refinishing the façade of the bookshelves, radiator covers to remedy safety concerns, period carpet cleaning, and mini split cleaning. The Mayor stated the amount requested was not reflected in the current budget. The CAO stated that during May's Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Treasurer stated that she was directed to split the Library Personnel budget line item to allocate \$3000 of that for Literacy Express. Mayor Rochon suggested we not speak on that so Councillor Land doesn't have to go in and out of the meeting. Councillor Land recused himself and exited the meeting at 7:07 PM due to a conflict of interest. The CAO stated that in 2021, the Library Board requested the former Village of Hillsborough council to sever the connection between the Board and Literacy Express. Councillor Jonah stated it is his understanding that the Literacy Express funding is included in the Library budget; Mayor Rochon noted that is also his understanding, but it is not everyone's understanding. Mayor Rochon asked the CAO to develop a recommendation for the Committee of the Whole. Councillor Coates attended a Library Board meeting, and the radiator covers were discussed because of the safety concern and the dirty carpets. Councillor Land re-entered the meeting at 7:14 PM. The CAO was provided with a schedule of upcoming events at the Harvey Hall and shared this with members of the Council. Members of the Harvey Hall had reached out to express interest in hosting the July or August meeting of the Council. Council expressed concerns about hosting the meeting at the Harvey Hall. Mayor Rochon said they might utilize Harvey Hall for public consultation meetings but not regular meetings of Council.

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Elderkin* and seconded by *Councillor Coates* **THAT** the Village of Fundy Albert proceeds with utilizing the advertising services of Connecting Albert County for six months at the cost of \$1,500 plus HST. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

The Alma Water Exploration Project – The CAO stated that correspondence was received from the Department of Environment and Local Government. The Technical Review Committee has reviewed the next steps proposed by Englobe and provided approval to proceed. Consent was also given to proceed with the required pumping test for two wells. The CAO stated that under

the recommendation of Englobe, a precautionary boil order may be required. Following the pump test procedure, a hydrogeological assessment report will subsequently be submitted to DELG for review and approval. The Riverside-Albert Water Main Project has started. Mayor Rochon stated that a preconstruction meeting was held with EXP on May 25. The CAO noted that the former Village of Hillsborough received funds to conduct Phase 2 or an asset management plan. She has been providing Englobe various types of information. The summer student has been gathering information such as the 2022 hydro and gas bills. A contractor will be reaching out to conduct a CCTV inspection of Hillsborough storm and sanitary pipes as part of the asset management plan. The Director of Operations brought it to my attention that a new construction build on Elvin Jay Drive encountered a problem with a village sewer service line crossing the property. The sewer lines are not within an approved sewer easement. The Director and I determined it best to consult Englobe to determine an action plan. The landowner has applied for a building permit which cannot proceed until this concern is rectified. Englobe will review all available information and as-built drawings, and survey the existing system to compare with the existing easement. They will research to confirm if there are other easements in place for the existing pipe, an options analysis to relocate the pipe, and a preliminary cost assessment. Englobe will also work on a new easement and provide stamped engineered drawings for the selected option. The CAO stated she spoke with Plan360, who indicated this would be a municipal cost as the municipality will have to install a trunk line to service the property.

Professional Services Proposal/Electrical Condition Assessment of Activity Centre and Village Office – Englobe was contracted to conduct an electrical building assessment of the Municipal Office and Activity Centre. The purpose of the evaluation was to:

Assess the existing transformer in the main electrical room that was expressed as a cause for concern, provide recommendations and construction costs for actions required;

Assess the existing generator, transfer switch and provide improvement recommendations and construction costs;

Assess the building's existing electrical systems for code compliance, potential improvements, recommendations, and construction costs as required.

Following the assessment and analysis, the buildings were found to have electrical signs of aging and needing replacement due to end-of-life or failing to meet minimum code requirements.

Replacing the transformer would depend on the plans for the generator. The generator and ATS are at end of life and are due to be replaced if backup power is still required. If a backup is not required and there will be no immediate plans to replace the generator, the existing transformer feeding the normal power of the generator switch will need to be investigated for replacement.

Mayor Rochon would like a more thorough discussion at the Committee of the Whole.

Councillor Ereaux stated this is an example of how the Public Works Committee would benefit by having members with this type of expertise to review these types of technical reports.

Line Cross Hatching on Route 114 – Parking in this area impedes visibility for vehicles turning out of Duffy Lane onto Route 114. Council approved crosshatching along Main Street in Hillsborough near Duffy Lane

ACTA Request; Office Space in Riverside-Albert – ACTA has been looking for a central area to set up an office for meetings and storage. Mayor Rochon asked the CAO to follow up with ACTA for more information about the request.

Donations/Sponsorship Requests – The CAO stated the following donations/sponsorship requests: 2023 Team New Brunswick to advertise in the Provincial Football Program, New Brunswick Association of Fire Chiefs. A grant request was received from the Harvey Hall. These requests will go to the Finance Committee for review and recommendations to Council.

Revised Calculation for Hillsborough Sewerage Rate –

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Land* and seconded by *Councillor Jonah* **THAT** the Council of the Local Government of Fundy Albert **RESOLVE** that pursuant to subsection 117(4) of the *Local Governance Act*, the total revenues for the Hillsborough Wastewater Disposal Service for 2023, as approved by the Department of Environment and Local Government, being \$269,355, **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** the annual user charges be increased from \$361 per annum to \$495.13 per annum; **AND** Furthermore that this user charge increase be reflected on the second quarter billing period of April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

Refinancing of Riverside-Albert Debenture –

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Elderkin* and seconded by *Councillor Coates* **THAT** the Clerk and/or Treasurer and/or Mayor be authorized to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation a Municipality of Fundy Albert debenture in the principal amount of \$212,000 on such terms and conditions as are recommended by the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation; and **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality of Fundy Albert agree to issue post-dated cheques payable to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation as and when they are requested in payment of principal and interest charges on the above debenture. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

Question on the motion: *Councillor Ereaux* asked if the debenture is for the new water project in Riverside-Albert. *Mayor Rochon* stated that this is not for a new debenture but for an existing debenture that has come to maturity and needs to be renewed for an additional ten years.

Fundy Albert Building By-Law –

The proposed By-law is entitled By-law Number 5, a Building By-law for the Village of Fundy Albert. This By-law replaces the former Village of Alma's By-law No. 80, the former Village of Hillsborough's By-law No. 38, and the former Village of Riverside-Albert's By-law No. 21; and also regulates the building permitting fees for the outside area. This By-law aims to determine the permitting requirements, application process, and fees for all of Fundy Albert, including the three former incorporated municipalities and former local service districts. The primary changes are to make the fees consistent, remove the maximum threshold, and update the By-law to new provincial legislation. The CAO stated that a proposed by-law may be amended at any time prior to the third reading and enactment of the by-law as long as it is nothing significant that would alter the intent of the original motion. This proposed By-law will be posted on the Fundy Albert website and Facebook page, and will be available at the Clerk's office for review.

First Reading of By-law No. 5, a Building By-law for the Village of Fundy Albert.

Second Reading of By-law No. 5, a Building By-law for the Village of Fundy Albert.

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Ereaux* and seconded by *Councillor Coates* **THAT** this constitutes the First and Second Reading of By-law No. 5, a Building By-law for the Village of Fundy Albert, by title only. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

Question on the motion: *Councillor Land* asked if the rate should be determined first. *Mayor Rochon* stated that is his question as well. Council would like to discuss this at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councillor Jonah exited the meeting at 7:59 PM.

Crown Lands Branch Easement –

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Coates* and seconded by *Councillor Land* **THAT** the Council of the Village of Fundy Albert authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the acceptance of the terms and conditions of an offer by the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development to secure an easement along the property in question, PID 05060843. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

Councillor Jonah re-entered the meeting at 8:01 PM.

Councillor Land recused himself and exited the meeting at 8:01 PM due to a conflict of interest.

NB Railway Museum –

Mayor Rochon stated the matter of the NB Railway Museum remains unresolved. *Mayor Rochon* indicated there are two separate and distinct issues. One is the large 3.14-hectare parcel of land that the Museum sits on, and the other is a replica train station that is currently in the name of the Village of Fundy Albert that sits on a parcel of land owned by the Province of NB that the Village leases. Mayor Rochon stated that there are two documents related to the 3.14-hectare parcel of land; one is a 99-year lease. The NB Railway Museum contends that this document is no longer relevant and that it became obsolete when the former Village of Hillsborough signed a mortgage document with the Board of the Canadian Railway Historical Association in 1983. The mortgage that valued the land at \$85,000 was to accrue an annual interest rate of seven percent (7%) and has been carried on the Village of Hillsborough financial books since that time. The Board of the NB Railway Museum contends that this document is expired and was never renewed. Mayor Rochon stated that appears to be the case as the mortgage includes a clause where the CRHA would need to pay the Village the principal with accrued interest if the property were to go up for sale or be disposed of prior to July 1, 1999. There are no other documents or provisions for any other measures, nor are there any other documents indicating what should happen after July 1, 1999. The NB Railway Museum is now eligible to receive a government grant. The NB Railway Museum Board contend that this mortgage still in place is preventing them from obtaining interim financing to access the funding. They are asking the Village of Fundy Albert to discharge/forgive the mortgage or any other monies owed related to the documents, so investment plans for the historic property can proceed. Mayor Rochon stated legal advice was obtained in 2022, indicating that the mortgage could be released by signing appropriate documents. Further legal advice was provided that the lease could be discharged. The second matter is the replica train station building on a parcel of land leased by the Village of Fundy Albert. The NB Railway Museum contends that the building

should be turned over to the Railway Museum as it was, in their view, built by members of the former Salem and Hillsborough Railroad. The building is owned by the Village of Fundy Albert and occupied by the NB Railway Museum. Mayor Rochon stated there is also an early childhood education program that is operated from the second floor of the building, known as the Literacy Express. The Village of Fundy Albert pays operating costs for the building, maintenance, insurance, utilities, and invoices the NB Railway Museum 5/12 of the annual operating costs. During a council meeting with MLA Holland, the NB Railway Museum and its supporters, the NB Railway Museum made it clear that they view the building as theirs and seek to have it transferred into their name. Concern has been expressed about the Literacy Express's ability to remain. The NB Railway Museum have offered a commitment to allow the Literacy Express to remain for a period of time. Some concern has been expressed surrounding the fate of the Literacy Express program. During the meeting with MLA Holland the need for a legal agreement to protect the program's interest was discussed. There were also suggestion that finding the Literacy Express program an alternate location should be explored. The NB Railway Museum group have confirmed the Village of Fundy Albert would no longer have to pay operational costs related to the building if it is turned over to them. They feel they will have the means to support these costs. They also indicated they might require grant funding like other museums and groups. Mayor Rochon said this is open for discussion. Mayor Rochon stated there were conversations about public consultation in a previous meeting.

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Elderkin* and seconded by *Councillor Coates* **THAT** the Village of Fundy Albert begins the legal process to release the NB Railway Museum from any financial obligations related to the mortgage and/or the lease signed by the former municipality of Hillsborough; **AND FURTHERMORE** that the NB Railway Museum cover all legal fees resulting from this transaction. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

Question on the motion: *Councillor Ereaux* asked if this motion concerns just the land and not the station; per *Mayor Rochon*, that is correct.

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Ereaux* and seconded by *Councillor Coates* **THAT** whereas the Village of Fundy Albert is considering a request by the NB Railway Museum concerning the replica train station, and **WHEREAS** the disposal of this asset is a matter that may be of interest to to the public, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Fundy Albert Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to arrange a public consultation session to be held within sixty (60) days. **MOTION CARRIED** (Nay vote: Councillor Ward Russell, Councillor Elderkin).

Question on the motion: *Councillor Elderkin* asked what is the question for the public. *Councillor Ereaux* stated that the question is really to gather any concerns from the public that haven't already been voiced.

Councillor Land re-entered the meeting at 8:18 PM.

Overdraft Approval for RBC –

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Elderkin* and seconded by *Councillor Ereaux* **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Fundy Albert authorize for the borrowing of \$50,000 as an overdraft on RBC Account ended 181, pursuant to Ministerial Order 23-0016 for Fundy Albert, Environmental Health Services (Utility), for a term not to exceed three (3) years. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Elderkin* and seconded by *Councillor Land* **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Fundy Albert authorize for the borrowing of \$100,000 as an overdraft on RBC Account ended 911, pursuant to Ministerial Order 23-0024 for Fundy Albert, Environmental Health Services (Utility), for a term not to exceed three (3) years. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

MAYOR & COUNCILLOR STATEMENTS & INQUIRIES

Councillor Coates asked the CAO if there was any action taken on the overdue water account previously discussed; per the CAO, as it relates to the water shut-off, the payment was made in full and the shut-off was not necessary.

Councillor Ereaux reported that he and Mayor Rochon met with the management team of FNP on May 26. Councillor Ereaux says that visitorship to FNP is increasing, with an annual 400,000 visitors. These visitors want and use the services of Fundy Albert and visit local attractions. A new visitor map is needed. Indigenous People's Day will be observed on June 21, 22 at FNP. Support for a generator for the emergency shelter at the activity centre was discussed. Mayor Rochon stated that are areas for potential partnership and that FNP is looking for a level 3 water operator. Councillor Ereaux received numerous concerns about Alma's Main Street beautification and groundskeeping service levels. Councillor Ereaux stated that work is needed for an emergency shelter in Alma. Councillor Ereaux raised concerns about not having an incumbent in the position of Director of Community Services to manage the website, communications, and event planning. Councillor Ereaux stated that he favours hiring a third party to deal with drainage issues if we cannot manage the work internally. Councillor Ereaux stated that he continues to receive complaints related to unsightly premises. Councillor Ereaux would like to reach out to DTI to have the speed limit posted next to the digital radar sign at 8566 Main Street in Alma.

Councillor Ward Russell is working with MLA Holland on an action plan for the extension needed for Riverview East School. Councillor Ward Russell asked the CAO for an update on the arena season extension. Mayor Rochon stated that an assessment and recommendation should come from the Administration as an extension impacts staffing. Councillor Ward Russell was contacted about zoning in Lower Coverdale; she connected them with Plan360. Councillor Ward Russell attended a Heritage Hillsborough Board meeting; the Museum is set to open soon for the season, and plans are underway for Hillsborough Homecoming on July 15. Councillor Ward Russell asked for an update on the Fundy Albert bursaries; Mayor Rochon stated that two had been finalized for Riverview High and one had been finalized for Caledonia, with one more anticipated. Councillor Ward Russell would like to see quotes for animal control for all of Fundy Albert. Councillor Ward Russell asked for an update on the summer students.

The CAO asked to go back and address some of the previous concerns. The CAO stated that the Arena Manager is not inclined to an early season opening but can extend a week or two at the end of the season due to a lack of interest in rentals. He stated there wouldn't be enough revenue to justify an extension. The CAO stated that the weather is too mild to start the plant in September. Mayor Rochon said he is alarmed to hear that employees aren't interested. The CAO stated this is the recommendation of the Arena Manager. Mayor Rochon asked the CAO to choose words differently than "we're not interested." Mayor Rochon stated if the municipality pays them to operate those facilities outside of those times, and it's a decision by Council, then that's the decision of Council. Councillor Land stated that the Director of Operations needs to be involved in the

decision as well as arena management. Councillor Land stated there are spring hockey leagues that could be contacted. Councillor Land suggested that someone sit down with Fundy Blades and HDMHA to see what their shoulder seasons would look like regarding rental hours. The CAO asked for clarification from the Mayor if the recommendation is to come from the Director of Operations or the Arena Manager. Mayor Rochon stated the recommendation would come from Administration. The CAO stated that three summers students are already hired: a groundskeeper, a lifeguard, and an admin assistant. The CAO noted the other three to be hired are two additional groundskeepers and a pool assistant. Councillor Ward Russell asked if the CAO started the interview process; yes. Councillor Ward Russell asked the initial start date for the groundskeepers and pool assistant; the grant is for 8 weeks only.

Councillor Elderkin stated she attended a Personnel Committee meeting, the kick-off meeting for the Riverside-Albert Watermain Project, a NB Railway Museum tour, a meeting with the CAO and a representative from the Riverside-Albert Fire Department regarding a change to the process for issuing income tax receipts, and a presentation at the Albert County Museum.

Councillor Jonah commends the group that has taken on the restoration of the Harvey Hall, and encourages Council to help however they can. Councillor Jonah has made contacts related to Hillsborough Canada Day events. Councillor Jonah stated the Hillsborough Fire Department responded to two fires, eleven rescues, seven public service calls, and one false alarm in the first quarter of 2023. There are concerns about the cost associated with the new regional dispatch system. The Fire Department members will participate in first aid and forest fire training. Councillor Land expressed how fortunate we are to have the three volunteer fire departments and thanked the members.

Councillor Land stated the pool would be ready to open for the first of July. The public works department are scraping and painting, and putting siding on the pool building. Councillor Land is working on the lighting situation in the basketball court.

Mayor Rochon met with the General Manager and Manager of the Hopewell Rocks. Mayor Rochon attended the Shepody Food Bank AGM; Mayor Rochon stated he was left in awe of their commitment to our community. Mayor Rochon attended a meeting with Councillor Ereaux at Fundy National Park. Mayor Rochon attended the unveiling of the Honorable Abner Reid McClelan at the Albert County Museum. Mayor Rochon met with Francesco Calazzo, Director of Economic Development for the SERSC. Mayor Rochon met with the CAO and Mr. Dave Crandall to discuss the regional cost-sharing of sports, recreational and cultural facilities; the White Rock Recreational Area was discussed during that meeting. Mayor Rochon received concerns about the conditions of the Caledonia Regional High School soccer field; Mayor Rochon asked for meetings with DECH and the Anglophone East School District to hear what the plans are going forward. Mayor Rochon asked if there was any progress to the Alma culvert on Main Street. The CAO will follow up with Englobe to get an update. Mayor Rochon attended the AGM of the SERSC and regular Board Meeting, along with Councillor Land.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/STATEMENTS

Residents were provided with the opportunity to ask questions to the Mayor and Council.

CLOSED SESSION

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Land* and seconded by *Councillor Ereaux* that the meeting enters Closed Session at 9:08 PM per the NB *Local Governance Act*, SNB 2017, 68 (1)(a) information of which the confidentiality is protected by law. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

Councillor Land recused himself from the closed session at 9:24 PM due to a conflict of interest. Councillor Land re-entered the closed session at 9:36 PM.

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Coates* and seconded by *Councillor Jonah* **THAT** the Closed Session ceases at 9:48 PM. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

Council returned to regular session at 9:48 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Land* **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:48 PM.

Robert Rochon, Mayor

Hanna Downey, Clerk