

Present: Councillor Elderkin
Councillor Land
Councillor Jonah
Councillor Coates
Councillor Ward-Russell – Virtual

Staff Present: Linda Sabourin – CAO
Jillian Hutchinson – Treasurer
Kim Beers – Director of Legislative Services

Call to Order

Ms. Beers the Director, Legislative Services called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Ms. Beers advised where there is no Mayor and Deputy Mayor, she asked for a volunteer councillor to preside over the meeting.

Councillor Elderkin volunteered to preside over the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda

Councillor Ward-Russell requested to include a closed session of Council under the Local Governance Act, SNB 2017, 68(1)(j) labour and employment matters, including the negotiation of collective agreements.

IT WAS MOVED by **Councillor Coates** and **SECONDED** by **Councillor Land** **THAT** the agenda be adopted with the following amendments:

- Local Governance Act, SNB 2017, 68(1)(j) labour and employment matters, including the negotiation of collective agreements

MOTION CARRIED (unanimously)

Conflict of Interest Declarations

NONE

Resolution accepting the resignation of Ward 1 Councillor

Councillor Elderkin read the resignation letter from Deputy Mayor/Ward 1 **Councillor John Ereaux**.

IT WAS MOVED by **Councillor Land** and **SECONDED** by **Councillor Jonah**

WHEREAS, Councillor John Ereaux resigned from his position, effective January 25, 2025 as a Councillor Ward 1; and

WHEREAS, the New Brunswick Local Governance Act, Section 50(1)(b) states “A vacancy results in a council when: ...(b) a member resigns from office”; and

WHEREAS, the New Brunswick Local Governance Act, Section 51(1) states “...Council shall by resolution within two months after the date that a vacancy arises, declare any vacancy resulting under paragraphs 50(1)(b) to (h) and, within ten days after the declaration, the clerk shall forward a certified copy of the resolution to the Municipal Electoral Officer, who shall hold a by-election to fill the vacancy”;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Council accepts Councillor Ereaux’s resignation.
2. Council declares Councillor Ereaux’s position vacant and that it shall be filled through a by-election as provided by law.
3. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimously)

Appointing Deputy Mayor

Councillor Elderkin asked for nominations for the Deputy Mayor position.

Councillor Land nominated **Councillor Ward-Russell**

Councillor Ward-Russell accepted the nomination

Councillor Elderkin asked for nominations three times.

Councillor Elderkin congratulated Ward 6 **Councillor Ward-Russell** as the Deputy Mayor

Councillor Ward-Russell made a statement.

Resolution to appoint a bank Signatory

IT WAS MOVED by **Councillor Jonah** and **SECONDED** by **Councillor Coates**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint a bank signatory for the council's bank accounts to ensure the smooth operation of financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, Councillor Elderkin is currently serving as the secondary signatory; and

WHEREAS, the council has identified **Deputy Mayor Ward-Russell** to fulfill the role of the primary signatory;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Fundy Albert as follows:

1. The Council hereby appoints **Deputy Mayor Ward-Russell** as the primary signatory for the council's bank accounts, effective immediately.
2. This appointment shall remain in effect until the election of a new mayor, or until further action is taken by the council.
3. The Council directs the Treasurer to notify the relevant financial institutions and take all necessary steps to implement this resolution.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimously)

Closed Session

IT WAS MOVED by **Councillor Land** and **SECONDED** by **Councillor Coates** that Council have an in-camera session at 4:41 pm. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

- a. Local Governance Act, SNB 2017, 68(1)(j) labour and employment matters, including the negotiation of collective agreements.

IT WAS MOVED by **Councillor Jonah** and **SECONDED** by **Councillor Coates** to return to the regular session at 4:49 pm. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Land that the meeting be adjourned at 4:49 pm

Deputy Mayor

Clerk