

**Special Council Meeting
July 25, 2025
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Mayor S. Cameron
Deputy Mayor D. Roberts
Councillor L. MacLellan
Councillor, P. McKenna
Councillor A. Murray
Councillor J. Sullivan

Also in Attendance

R. Delorey, CAO
M. Fougere, Deputy Clerk
K. Meisner, P.Eng., Director of Infrastructure and Engineering Public Works
S. Long, Director of Community Development
M. Williams, Marketing and Communications Officer
M. Barkhouse, Director of Corporate Services

Media

Members of the Gallery

Regrets

Councillor J. Pelly

1. Call to Order

Mayor S. Cameron called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people and recognized that we are all treaty people.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Councillor MacLellan

Seconded: Councillor Murray

Motion: To approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Sponsorship/ Financial Requests

3.1 Arm Wrestling National Championships – Gary Kell

Moved: Councillor MacLellan

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roberts

Motion: That Council allocate \$200, from Council's discretionary fund, in Town support of Gary Kell's participation in the National Arm-Wrestling championship.

Motion Carried

3.2 Team Nova Scotia, Women's Soccer (Canada Games Nationals) – Sadie Delorey

Moved: Councillor McKenna

Seconded: Councillor Murray

Motion: That Council allocate \$200, from Council's discretionary fund, in Town support of Sadie Delorey's participation as part of Team NS women's soccer team at the 2025 Canada Games.

Motion Carried

3.3 Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition – Financial Request

Moved: Sullivan

Seconded: McKenna

Motion: That Council allocate \$500, from Council's discretionary fund, in Town support of the 2025 Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition.

Motion Carried

3.4 2025 Emancipation Celebrations - Financial Request

Moved: MacLellan

Seconded: McKenna

Motion: That Council allocate \$500.00, from Council's discretionary fund, in Town support of the 2025 Emancipation Celebrations.

Motion Carried

Discussion included questions about why the Town would contribute to an event outside the municipality, with clarification that it is a separate celebration from Town-hosted events. Further discussion ensued.

3.5 Knights of Columbus / HOW Club – Financial Request

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roberts

Seconded: Councillor McKenna

Motion: To provide funding equal to the amount of property taxes for the upcoming fiscal year to the How Club in consideration of tax account #02083035.

Motion Carried

4. New Business

4.1 Sewer Treatment Plant Odor

Mayor Cameron stepped down as Chair; Deputy Mayor Roberts assumed the Chair at 3:32 PM.

K. Meisner, Director of Infrastructure & Engineering updated Council on odor issues at the Sewer Treatment Plant (STP) since July 1, caused by elevated Total Suspended Solids (TSS), Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), and lagoon temperatures above the plant's 20°C design capacity, leading to reduced oxygen levels. The CAO noted that influent takes approximately one month to travel through the system.

Mr. Meisner also provided an update on mitigation measures outlined in the CBCL 2024 Report, including recirculation of plant flow, increased blower airflow, sludge removal, temporary air supply, redirecting influent, aeration upgrades, cold water addition, and de-

odorizer application. Three of the seven measures have been completed, with the remaining measures underway.

Council discussed the plant's original design capacity and its ability to meet current and future demands. There was interest in the feasibility of drilling a well to supply untreated water to help cool the lagoons and support oxygen levels. Staff confirmed that three of the seven mitigation recommendations from the CBCL report have been completed, with additional measures underway. It was noted that the influent contributing to the odor issue is still moving through the system.

Suggestions were made to explore wind redirection options, additional blower capacity, and long-term infrastructure planning. The potential impact of upcoming residential development and population increases was also raised. Staff advised that temporary blowers are currently being refurbished, with installation expected by late August. Shading options (e.g., tenting the lagoons) were identified as a future consideration once screening equipment is in place.

Council emphasized the importance of a clear, medium-term communication plan to keep the public informed about progress and mitigation efforts.

Meeting recessed at 5:08 PM.

Mayor and Deputy Mayor resumed original roles.

Meeting reconvened at 5:17 PM.

4.2 Water Conservation (Splash Pad & Flower Watering)

K. Meisner, Director of Infrastructure & Engineering, updated Council on water conservation measures, noting the dam ceased spilling in the early hours of July 14. Voluntary conservation protocols include suspending the splash pad and flower watering to lead by example. Historical context was provided on past dam stoppages and program adjustments, including reductions in hanging and bridge baskets. Resident feedback was noted, with some suggesting a community survey and others supporting continued flower watering and limited splash pad operations.

A motion to conduct a community survey regarding flower watering during voluntary conservation was defeated.

An amended motion to continue both flower watering and splash pad operations during voluntary conservation was also defeated.

Council reached consensus to continue flower watering during voluntary conservation without a survey.

Moved by: McKenna

Seconded by: Sullivan

Motion: That during voluntary water conservation measures, the splash pad be activated daily from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Motion Carried

Council briefly discussed the importance of managing restricted watering hours as conservation measures escalate.

5. **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 PM.



Mayor Sean Cameron



Randy Delorey, CAO