



**REGIONAL CENTRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
December 9, 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor Sam Austin, Chair
Councillor Becky Kent, Vice Chair
Councillor Laura White
Councillor Virginia Hinch
Councillor Shawn Cleary

REGRETS: Councillor Tony Mancini

STAFF: Elise Martino, Solicitor
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant
Kim Johnson, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

1.1. TABLING OF 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The following was before Community Council:

- Staff report dated December 9, 2024

Public Participation for Annual Report

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any speakers present to address Community Council; there were none.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Regional Centre Community Council table the 2024 Annual Report as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 18, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the minutes of November 18, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Hinch

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. HEARINGS

10.1 PUBLIC HEARINGS

10.1.1 2024-02794: Update to Cultural Use Requirements in Regional Centre – Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre

The following was before Community Council:

- Staff report dated October 22, 2024
- Extract from the November 18, 2024 Regional Centre Community Council draft minutes
- Staff presentation dated December 9, 2024

Brandon Umpherville, Planner III gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Community Council.

The hearing opened at 6:20 p.m.

The Chair noted that the Municipality was the applicant for this matter.

The Chair reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings and called for anyone wishing to speak on the matter.

Pam Glode Derochers, Executive Director, Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre spoke in support of the updated cultural use requirements, and indicated that the changes supported the work of the Friendship Centre, the people it served, as well as the work of other cultural organizations in the future. They described a unique space that the Friendship Centre and the entire Municipality would take pride in, and acknowledged the collaborative work of municipal staff as a true act of reconciliation.

The Chair called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The hearing closed at 6:24 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Hinch

THAT Regional Centre Community Council adopt the amendments to the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated October 22, 2024.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

11.1 Correspondence – None

11.2 Petitions – None

11.3 Presentations – None

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

14. REPORTS

14.1 STAFF

14.1.1 Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule

The following was before Community Council:

- Staff memorandum dated December 9, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Regional Centre Community Council approve the proposed 2025 Regional Centre Community Council meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Community Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. MOTIONS – NONE

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

17. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

18. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 22, 2025

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Kim Johnson
Legislative Support