



NASHWAAK

REGULAR MEETING OF NASHWAAK COUNCIL

February 18th , 2026 7:00 p.m.
Nashwaak Community Office

ATTENDANCE / CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Sweeney
Deputy Mayor Heather Holt-Logan
Councillor Doug Koch
Councillor Victoria Green
Councillor Jeff Foster

Councillor Mike Mulherin
Councillor Andrew Ferris
CAO Bethany Ryan
Anouchka Hawkes-O'Hara

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sweeney at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF PREPARED AGENDA

Motion: To move item 9(a) to the top of section 7 of the agenda.
Moved by: H. Holt - Logan
Seconded: D. Koch
Result: Carried

Motion: To approve the revised agenda as presented.
Moved by: H. Holt - Logan
Seconded: D. Koch
Result: Carried

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular meeting of Nashwaak Council of January 21, 2026 were reviewed.

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.
Moved by: V. Green
Seconded: A. Ferris
Result: Carried

Minutes of the COTW meeting of Nashwaak Council of February 4th, 2026 were reviewed.

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.
Moved by: J. Foster
Seconded: V. Green
Result: Carried

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Municipal Report

The CAO presented the monthly report.

CRSC (Capital Regional Service Commission)

Board Report: Mayor Sweeney provided the CRSC Board report, including updates on: regional infrastructure, community development, public safety and oversight and tenders

Public Safety: Councillor Ferris provided a positive report regarding a Zoom meeting with the new RCMP Sergeant/Captain for the Keswick detachment, including discussion of the Security Check Advisory Network (SCAN)

Economic Expansion: Councilor Green discussed invasive aquatic species, including zebra mussels in the Saint John River. Emphasis remains on prevention and education through signage and social media, as provincial mandates and funding for enforcement are limited.

Nashwaak Villa Board: Deputy Mayor Holt - Logan provided the report which included; Electronic scheduling implementation, appointment of a full-time Nursing Homes Without Walls Coordinator and the PCC plans courtyard upgrades to improve wheelchair accessibility and add shaded areas.

COTW Recommendations

Motion: To accept the recommendations from the February 4th 2026 COTW meeting to bring forward the relevant bylaws, policies, and reports for consideration.

Moved by: J. Foster

Seconded: D. Koch

Result: Carried

BY-LAWS & POLICIES AND REPORTS

Closed Session

Motion: To enter a closed session (*closed session pursuant to Section 68(1)(j) of the LGA*)

Moved by: A. Ferris

Seconded: D. Koch

Result: Carried

Motion: To leave the closed session

Moved by: V. Green

Seconded: D. Koch

Result: Carried

Motion: To accept all but recommendations #8 and #11 of the Mediators report

Moved by: V. Green

Seconded: M. Mulherin

Result: Carried

By-Law 26-01

Motion: To complete the first reading and 26-01: A By-Law to Amend 23-01(Procedural By-law).

Moved by: D. Koch

Seconded: M. Mulherin

Result: Carried

Motion: To complete the second reading and 26-01: A
By-Law to Amend 23-01(Procedural By-law).

Moved by: M. Mulherin

Seconded: V. Green

Result: Carried

CAO By-law

Motion: For discussion be moved to March COTW meeting.

Moved by: J. Foster

Seconded: D. Koch

Result: Carried

Mayoral Responsibilities Policy

Motion: To approve the policy as presented.

Moved by: H. Holt-Logan

Seconded: V. Green

Result: Carried

Dog By-law

Motion: That Council directs the CAO to gather information from the SPCA and provincial guidelines regarding a Dog By-law.

Moved by: M. Mulherin

Seconded: D. Koch

Result: Carried

Noise and Gatherings By-law

Motion: That Council directs the CAO to gather information on provincial regulations and by-laws from similar communities regarding Noise and Gathering By-laws for further debate at Committee of the Whole.

Moved by: D. Koch

Seconded: V. Green

Result: Carried

Streetlights in Penniac

Motion: That discussion regarding the two requested street light locations be tabled to the next COTW meeting pending confirmation of exact locations.

Moved by: J. Foster

Seconded: D. Koch

Result: Carried

Website Migration

Motion: That Council directs the CAO to gather information on the cost and time required for website migration, including both internal and external options.

Moved by: J. Foster

Seconded: D. Koch

Result: Carried

Subdivision By-law

Motion: That Council directs the CAO to coordinate the preparation of a draft Subdivision By-law for the Nashwaak Rural Community, focused on public safety, environmental protection, and recreation and access considerations, and to return to Council with a draft by-law and implementation approach for consideration.

Moved by: M. Mulherin

Seconded: A. Ferris
Result: Carried

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE/MISCELLANEOUS

Canada Post Resolution

Motion: That Council directs the CAO to draft a letter to the relevant Minister and Member of Parliament regarding Canada Post service changes, supporting retention of local post office services while acknowledging the need for change.

Moved by: D. Koch
Seconded: V. Green
Result: Carried

Clarification of Funding Source - Wastewater Options Analysis Contract

Motion: That Council confirms that the Wastewater Lagoon Upgrade/Replacement Options Analysis contract awarded to EXP Services Inc. on October 15, 2025, is to be funded from the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund, as outlined in the October 1, 2025 Council briefing.

Moved by: D. Koch
Seconded: V. Green
Result: Carried

Council Meeting Decorum and Information Accuracy

Motion: That council participate in the recommended training from Worksafe NB
Moved by: H. Holt-Logan
Seconded: V. Green
Result: Carried

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Councillor Mulherin at 9:30pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

Committee of the Whole: March 4, 2026

Regular Council meeting: March 18, 2026.