



NASHWAAK

REGULAR MEETING OF NASHWAAK COUNCIL

January 21st , 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 approve the agenda as presented.
Moved by: M. Mulherin
Seconded: D. Koch
Result: Carried

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular meeting of Nashwaak Council of December 17, 2025 were reviewed.

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.
Moved by: H. Holt-Logan
Seconded: V. Green
Result: Carried

Minutes of the Special meeting of Nashwaak Council of December 30, 2025 were reviewed.

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

Minutes of the COTW meeting of Nashwaak Council of January 7, 2026 were reviewed.

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.
Moved by: M. Mulherin
Seconded: D. Koch
Result: Carried

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Municipal Report

The CAO presented the monthly report.

Positive Community Feedback

Council received and acknowledged positive feedback from external partners and community stakeholders, including:

- Commendations from the local Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI) supervisor regarding the professionalism, upgraded training, and growing regional reputation of the Stanley Fire Department and its members;
- Positive remarks on the strong collaboration between Public Works and the local DTI shed, particularly with respect to winter maintenance operations;
- Favourable feedback on the municipality's communications and newsletter, noting increased visibility, consistency, and community appreciation;
- Praise from the School District community coordinator regarding the effectiveness of municipal recreation programs and community use of schools, with comments that these programs are exemplary;
- Appreciation expressed for the firefighter appreciation dinner held on Saturday, with a request that the event be considered as an annual initiative.

CRSC (Capital Regional Service Commission)

Board Report: No meeting.

Public Safety: Councillor Ferris attended a Zoom meeting to formalize the upcoming meeting schedule.

Economic Expansion: Nothing to report.

Nashwaak Villa Board: Nothing to report.

COTW Recommendations

Procedural By-law – Council Meeting Package Timelines

Motion: That Council directs the CAO to amend the Procedural By-law to:

- Require Council meeting packages to be distributed on the **Friday prior to a Council meeting**, rather than the current Monday distribution.
- Require Council members to submit agenda items by **Wednesday of the preceding week**.
- Require agendas to be posted to the municipal website on the **Monday prior to a Council meeting**.
- Adjust deadlines that fall on holidays to the preceding or following business day, as applicable.
- Clarify that the Mayor, as Chair, remains impartial and votes only in the case of a tie.

- Require recorded votes to be announced openly and individually, with non-responses recorded as affirmative.

Moved by: H. Holt-Logan

Seconded: V. Green

Result: Carried

Nashwaak Valley School (NVS) Outdoor Courts

Motion: That Council supports the NVS outdoor courts project by approving up to \$12,000 in operating funds to cover engineering costs.

Moved by: M. Mulherin

Seconded: A. Ferris

Result: Carried

Crown Lease – Miramichi Lake

Motion: That Council moves to retain the Crown lease.

Moved by: D. Koch

Seconded: J. Foster

Result: Carried

CEEP / QUEST Workshop

Motion: That Council participate in the CEEP workshop.

Moved by: V. Green

Seconded: A. Ferris

Result: Carried

Active Communities Grant

Motion: That Council proceed with an application for the Active Communities Grant.

Moved by: D. Koch

Seconded: A. Ferris

Result: Carried

Fire Department Study – Request for Proposals

Motion: That Council authorizes the posting of an RFP for a Fire Department Study.

Moved by: V. Green

Seconded: A. Ferris

Result: Carried

BY-LAWS & POLICIES AND REPORTS

By-Law 25-05

Motion: To complete the third and final reading and enact By-Law 25-05: A By-Law to Amend the Nashwaak Valley Planning Area Rural Plan.

Moved by: J. Foster

Seconded: D. Koch

Result: Carried

CAO By-law

Discussion moved to March COTW meeting.

2024 Annual Report

Motion: To approve the 2024 Annual Report as presented.

Moved by: V. Green

Seconded: A. Ferris

Result: Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Canada Post Resolution

Discussion moved to February COTW.

Streetlights in Penniac

Motion: To direct the CAO to investigate the price of streetlights.

Moved by: D. Koch

Seconded: V. Green

Result: Carried

EMO Tabletop exercise

Council chose March 12th as the date for the exercise.

DTI Sand

Mayor Sweeney has an upcoming meeting through CRSC about communications with DTI and will speak with the Minister to get more information.

Closed Session

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

Moved by: D. Koch

Seconded: A. Ferris

Result: Carried

Motion: To leave the closed session

Moved by: V. Green

Seconded: M. Mulherin

Result: Carried

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Moved by: D. Koch

Seconded: M. Mulherin

Result: Carried

Motion: To leave the closed session

Moved by: V. Green

Seconded: M. Mulherin

Result: Carried

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Deputy Mayor Holt-Logan at 8:30pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

Committee of the Whole: February 4, 2026

Regular Council meeting: February 17, 2026.