NASHWAAK

Committee of the Whole Meeting

October 7, 2026 7:00pm

Nashwaak Community Office

Call to Order

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

Record of Attendance

Present: Mayor David Sweeney, Deputy Mayor Victoria Green, Councillor Jeff Foster, Councillor Angel Merrett, Councillor Sacha Boies, Councillor Doug Koch, CAO Bethany Ryan, Clerk Anouchka Hawkes-O'Hara

Absent: Councillor Mike Mulherin (regrets)

Approval of Agenda

Motion: That the agenda for the October 7, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as amended to include a discussion regarding the snowmobile trail and a closed session pursuant to sections 68(1)(f) and 68(1)(j) of the Local Governance Act.

Moved by: A. Merrett
Seconded: J. Foster
Result: Carried

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

Members were asked to declare any conflicts of interest. None declared.

Presentations/Delegations

The delegates attended the Nashwaak Valley Rec Centre instead of Council Chambers.

Discussion Items

Council discussed the Noise and Gathering By-law, the Special Events Policy, the 2026-2030 NRC Strategic Plan, 2027 Budget dates, the PMHP Program, the Rural Plan Process meeting on 10/14/26, the CRSC Blue Trails Initiative, and the proposed snowmobile trail in Stanley.

Closed Session

Motion: Council moved into a closed session under section 68(1) (f) & (j)
Moved by: D. Koch
Seconded: A. Merrett
Result: Carried

Motion: To leave the closed session
Moved by: M. Hunter
Seconded: J. Foster
Result: Carried

Upon returning to open session, the Mayor requested a mover on three occasions for a proposed administrative directive introduced during the closed session. The proposed resolution was not read aloud in open session, and a copy had not been provided to the Clerk for the meeting record.

The CAO advised that Committee of the Whole could not make binding decisions of Council. The Mayor stated that it could.

Council members expressed a preference to discuss and debate the proposed directive at a duly convened special or regular meeting of Council.

Recommendations to Council

The Committee of the Whole recommends that Council:

- Direct Staff to apply the following changes to the proposed Noise and Gathering By-law:

  1. Add a clause stating, "For the purpose of this bylaw, a person shall not be considered **in the vicinity** if they are present for the purpose of provoking, recording, or manufacturing a complaint."
  2. Section 7.1: Remove "public address systems" since this is already covered in 7.2.
  3. In Section 10 Enforcement, add: "For the purposes of enforcement, a person shall be deemed responsible for a nuisance gathering if they organized, sponsored, permitted or participated in the activity in a manner that contributed to the disturbance. Where the gathering occurs in a public place enforcement may be directed toward the organizer, participant or any person exercising control over the activities.
  4. Section 12.4: Reference the policy instead.

- Direct staff to seek information on how other municipalities handle noise from agricultural properties.
- Have the Community's Lawyer perform a review of the bylaw once the draft is complete.

Adjournment

Motion: That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:58pm

Moved by: D. Koch

Result: Carried