



**REGIONAL CENTRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
November 18, 2024**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Tony Mancini  
Councillor Shawn Cleary

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

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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 Annual Election of Chair**

Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Regional Centre Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Hinch

**THAT Councillor Austin be nominated Chair of the Regional Centre Community Council.**

Councillor Austin was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Hinch

**THAT Councillor Austin be appointed Chair of the Regional Centre Community Council.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Austin was declared the Chair of the Regional Centre Community Council.

Councillor Austin assumed the Chair.

### **1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair**

Councillor Austin called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Regional Centre Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hinch, seconded by Councillor White

**THAT Councillor Kent be nominated Vice Chair of the Regional Centre Community Council.**

Councillor Kent was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Hinch, seconded by Councillor White

**THAT Councillor Kent be appointed Vice Chair of the Regional Centre Community Council.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Kent was declared the Vice Chair of the Regional Centre Community Council.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 4, 2024**

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Hinch

**THAT the minutes of September 4, 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

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant requested that Item 14.1.2 2024-02794: Update to Cultural Use Requirements in Regional Centre – Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre be considered prior to Item 14.1.1.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor White

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Later in the meeting, it was MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Hinch

**THAT the following item be deferred to the January 2025 meeting of Regional Centre Community Council:**

- **Item 14.1.1 Overview of Centre Plan – Presentation**

**MOTION TO DEFER 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 – NONE**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**11.1 Correspondence – None**

**11.2 Petitions – None**

**11.3 Presentation – 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 Overview of Centre Plan – Presentation**

This matter was deferred; refer to the Order of Business.

**14.1.2 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

- Staff presentation dated November 18, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Regional Centre Community Council give First Reading to consider approval of the proposed amendments to the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated October 22, 2024, and schedule a public hearing.**

**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 – December 9, 2024**

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood  
Legislative Assistant