



**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