

**Village of Fredericton Junction
Council Minutes
March 24th, 2025**

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Falconer	Councillor Daley
Deputy Mayor Hartt	Councillor Mersereau
Councillor Webb	Grant Artes
Kristie Fowler	Laurie Nason

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

"Moved by Councillor Webb and Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartt that the March 24th, 2025 Minutes be accepted as distributed." Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

"Moved by Councillor Daley and Seconded by Councillor Mersereau that the Agenda be accepted as distributed." Motion Carried.

DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- April Newsletter draft
 - A couple of additions to make should be SCAN (Safer Communities and Neighborhoods)
 - DNR – information on burning and where to find the fire index
 - eVisitNB- information on Medical Services New Brunswick
- UMNb Advocacy Days March 26-27th, 2025 Municipal Café confirmations
- Horizon Health Network – Organ and Tissue Program – Raising awareness for organ and tissue donation on Green Shirt Day (April 7th) and National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week (April 20-26, 2025)
- Quality Sound Alarm – Notice of 3G Network discontinuation and required 5G upgrade
 - The Clerk to contact, and order sooner rather than later

Moved by Councillor Webb and Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartt to go ahead with required 5G upgrade." Motion Carried.

- Heart and Stroke Foundation – Annual door to door campaign is scheduled to happen from May 2025 to September 2025
- Heat pump units for the Fire Hall
 - The preferred units are over budget but they will honor a 10-year parts and labor warranty

Moved by Councillor Webb and Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartt to rescind the motion made on February 24th, 2025 to purchase the heat pump units from JayCo.” Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Webb and Seconded by Councillor Daley to purchase two Fujitsu heat pumps for the Fire Hall from Valley Refrigeration for the sum of \$16,442.75 plus HST.” Motion Carried.

- Communities in bloom – haven’t participated in this program for a few years
- NB Municipal Finance Corporation – Canvassing municipalities to determine current new financing and re-financing requirements
- Resident request for backyard chickens
 - Let her know that she can apply for a 1-year temporary permit through CRSC
 - We should also ask CRSC about changing our Rural Plan By-Law – limiting to 5 or less chickens in a caged area and no roosters
- MetalFab – still waiting for the chassis. The Fire Chief is going to call for an update
- Department of Environment and Local Government - 2024 Audited Financial Statements are due in April
- NB EMO – Department of Justice and Public Safety – Community Capacity Assessment for Emergency Management

CORRESPONDENCE SENT:

- CCBF Clerk meeting with Dillon Consulting
- Hayward Award – we will split between the Heritage Christian School and OHS and let the schools each choose a deserving student from the Tri County area

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

COUNCIL STATEMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Hartt: Thank you to the Public Works staff for getting the banners changed.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Policing / Recreation / Land Development:

Councillor Mersereau:

Policing

- RCMP have been monitoring the road by the school watching for speeding, it’s great they are out and around. Public Safety was out the Diamond Square Road

Recreation

- Spoke to Garry Brooks Construction about property behind the church and he may be interested in selling a piece for a park. Will go and look at the place that we talked about
- Spoke to the resident who helped with the playground petition and mentioned to look around if anyone can come up with ideas for a park placement
- The school may be the best area to look at, there would be lots of parking available
- Deputy Mayor Hartt to email Councillor Mersereau the RDC contact info again

Mayor Falconer:

CRSC / Economic Development:

CRSC

- We haven't had a CRSC meeting since last month. The CRSC audit meeting will be held tomorrow
- There was lots going on in the area over the weekend – The Schooner Spiel at the Curling Club, dog training, a market upstairs at the Tri County and a U7/U9 hockey tournament. Tri County had record canteen sales
- The fireworks for Come Home Week done by Matt Harris were amazing as always
- Had a call and meeting with someone looking to build assisted living in the area. The concept is a home by Maple Leaf Homes with five bedrooms and a common room in the basement, the problem is where. I let him know he needs to come up with a plan
- There was a pipe sticking up in the Catholic Church parking lot that could have caught a tire. The PW supervisor took care of it.
- Government NB has amended their Goods and Services Act for the Procurement Act permitting the refusal of goods and services from the US
- There will be some changes over the next couple of years with the Governance Act. There has been some issues in municipalities and hopefully this will change things and make it right
- Flashing light signs in the school zone would be beneficial, might have to ask the school board. They cost appx \$3500 each
- Unsightly Premises – to follow up with CRSC about where the process is at
- Our next meeting that is changed from April 14th to the 7th of April needs added to the website and Facebook
- I was asked by Tourism about when the Blockhouse might be open to the public. Fredericton is doing a loop tour to nearby communities
 - We would need to see what still needs done for the Blockhouse to be finished
 - There was no money put in the Budget for the Blockhouse for 2025

Deputy Mayor Hartt:

Community & Health Affairs / Finance:

Community & Health Affairs

- Cyber Security for Municipalities February 13th, 2025 – working on a new policy
- Healthcare Recruitment Meeting - presentation regarding physicians and nursing
- PRAC meets tomorrow night, March 25th, 2025
- Welcome Wagon- has an upcoming Meet and Greet on March 29th from 1-3pm at the Curling Club
 - There are three new families in the community

- Sunbury Snowblast
 - There are talks of moving this event to the weekends on either side of March break for next year
- Advocacy Days is March 26th and 27th at the Crowne Plaza. Kristie and I will be attending and we have chats scheduled for the municipal café as well

Finance

- Shannon and Buffet are still working on the 2024 Audit

Administration / Public Works / Transportation:

Councillor Daley:

Public Works

- Will plan a meeting with the Public Works supervisor to make plans for the summer season and summer students
- Will find out about Riverside Drive

Water & Sewer / Fire:

Councillor Webb:

Water & Sewer

- Turbidity Meter meeting – will call Dillon Consulting about this
 - PW Supervisor asked the PanelShop for price for SCADA
- Spring Flushing will be the week of April 14th, 2025 – notices to be sent out the first of April
- The resident's water sample was taken and sent in, it could take a couple weeks to have the results back

Fire Department

- Already talked about the heat pumps for the Fire Hall
- The Fire Department's breathing apparatuses have been ordered and are slightly under budget
- The Fire Chief plans to reach out to MetalFab for an update on the Fire Truck
- There has only been one fire call for March on the weekend, an MVA

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

"Moved by Councillor Webb and Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartt that the bills be paid as approved by the appropriate Councillor." Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

"Moved by Councillor Mersereau and Seconded by Councillor Daley that the meeting be adjourned." Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Prepared by: Kristie Fowler

Approved by: Les Falon

Date: April 8, 2025