Minutes

Regular Meeting

DATE OF MEETING	**Aug 17th, 2026**
TIME	**7:00 PM**
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	**Mayor Jones**

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Aaron Jones, Deputy Mayor Laurie Barry-Kinney, Councillor Tony Wright, Councillor James Parish, Councillor John Sharkey, Councillor William Eagles

Absent: Councillor Kevin Thompson

Staff: Patty St. Peter, CAO/Clerk, Raeleta Ruff, Admin Support

Gallery attendance

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Mayor Jones stated, "We begin today by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoquey. These territories are covered by treaties of peace and friendship of the Wolastoquey people first signed with the British Crown in 1725."

AGENDA

MOTION: Councillor Sharkey motioned he would like to add one item to the agenda:

- The Ronnie Warren Hockey Tournament.

RESOLUTION: To accept the agenda with the addition of the Ronnie Warren Hockey Tournament

Moved by: Councillor Sharkey
Seconded By: Councillor Wright

Motion Carried 202608-01

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mayor Aaron Jones noted a correction to the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 20th, 2026:

- To give the Arthurette Legion in care of Angela Michaud $1,000.00 instead of the requested $2,500.00 for Thirsty Thursday & activities program

RESOLUTION: To adopt Regular Meeting Minutes of July 20th, 2026, with the correction of $1,000.00 given to the Arthurette Legion in care of Angela Michaud.
Moved by: Councillor Sharkey
Seconded by: Councillor Parish

Motion Carried 202608-02

To adopt Special Meeting Minutes of July 16th, 2026.
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Barry-Kinney
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

Motion Carried 202608-03

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT

Complaint has been received from Carol Marsh & Brian Vincent on July 22, 2026, regarding the Council meeting on July 20th, 2026, against Councillor Tony Wright under the Code of Conduct By-Law 2026-09. A summary of the concerned notes are:

- Failure to promote public confidence
- Failure to prioritize public interest over personal beliefs

Mayor Jones asked the complainants and Councillor Wright to please remove themselves from the room.

7:04pm Councillor Wright & Brian Vincent vacated the meeting

Deputy Mayor Barry-Kinney gave the summary from the Committee, formed by the mayor, consisting of Deputy Mayor Barry-Kinney, Councillor Parish and Councillor Thompson. The purpose of the investigation was to initiate a response to the formal complaint from Carol Marsh & Brian Vincent alleging that Councillor Wright breached By-Law 2026-09 section 3a. Councillor Wright has denied the allegations asserting that his conduct in question is protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom. This gives him the Right to Expression. The purpose of the investigation is to gather and review all irrelevant evidence, determine that facts of the matter, assess whether the respondents conduct is consistent with requirements of section 3a of By-Law 2026-09, and provide findings based on the available evidence and applicable policies, legislations and governing standards. Parties involved were:
Complainant: Carol Marsh and Brian Vincent

Respondent: Councillor Tony Wright

The complaint was as the mayor stated, the complainants state is alleging that Councillor Wright breached section 3a of By-Law 2026-09, Councillors Code of Conduct policy. When Councillor Wright voiced his personal opinion, the complaints alleged this conduct undermined a public confidence, prioritized personal religious beliefs over public interest and contribute to an already tense atmosphere preceding the meeting. The complainants request determination as to whether the Councils action breached the Code of Conduct. During the investigation, Council Wright had the right to reply to the complaint, which he replied via email. The committee took six days to review the documentation they had, reviewed the complaint, By-Law 2026-09 Code of Conduct, the Charter of Rights and Freedom, video footage, and sought legal counsel on making their decision. The committee reviewed the written complaint, the respondents written response, the official council livestream, section 3a of By-Law 2026-09, section 2 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the evidence consisted primarily of undisputed documentary and video evidence with no conflicting accounts of the respondent's comments. The committee sought legal advice regarding: the interaction between the Charter and the municipal By-Law 2026-09. Legal counsel advised that the respondent's comments are protected by the Charters. Guarantees our Freedom of Expression, our Freedom of Conscience and that in these circumstances, those Charters protections prevail over the application of the municipal By-Law 2026-09 section 3a. Based on the evidence reviewed and the legal advice received, the committee found insufficient grounds to conclude that the respondent breached section 3a of By-Law 2026-09.

Mayor Jones asked if Council had read the report and if there were any comments. Councillor Eagles commented, He finds no fault in Councillor Wright's comment.

Councillor Parish commented, the councillors are able to speak on what their constituents want them to speak on and are free to do that. Of course, not name call or encourage to break the law, which he feels did not happen. But councillors should be able to represent the constituents.

Councillor Sharkey commented, Councillor Wright's comments were carefully worded, not emotionally stated. He finds no fault with Councillor Wright.

MOTION: Mayor Jones called for a vote on whether Councillor Wright had a breach of conduct.

RESOLUTION: To move a Code of Conduct breach did not occur during Councillor Wright's comments during the council meeting on July 20th, 2026
Moved by: Councillor Eagles
Seconded by: Councillor Sharkey

7:12pm Councillor Wright & Brian Vincent returned to the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Jim Melanson

Proposal to the District of Tobique Valley to pursue The New Brunswick Age-Friendly Community Recognition Program

He is asking the District of Tobique Valley to pursue the designation as an age-friendly community through the province of New Brunswick recognition program. Jim brought forth information concerning the municipality population and noted the senior age is prominent. We don't need to prepare for age friendly population; we already have one.

Age-Friendly organization is a World Health Organization initiative supported by the Public Health Agency in Canada.

The NB Age-Friendly Community Recognition Program has eight areas: Healthcare, Transportation, Housing, Communication, Recreation, Accessibility, Inclusion and Community Services.

The program is made up of a committee for planning. It gives municipalities a stronger position to apply grants as they can identify needs rather than assumptions. A $2500.00 grant is available once a resolution has been passed and a committee established for the use of the committee; surveys, polls, etc.

Jim is asking the District of Tobique Valley to approve the beginning of the process:

- Council pass a resolution
- Create an advisory committee – Older member, councillor & town administrator
- Conduct a Needs assessment – don't assume; ask. Not a quick process.
- Action plan – identify priorities
- Come before community recognition
- Start implementation
- Report back

7:21pm - Constable with the RCMP entered the meeting

Councillor Eagles asked about a housing survey. The committee will decide if a housing survey will be conducted. Jim Melanson stated that the committee would be making more then one survey.

Councillor Parish asked about opening to availability for grants. Jim Melanson made clear this is not a grant, however, could have grants made availability along the way.

Mayor Jones mentioned he was interested in checking into the program more over the next month or so and planning. Jim Melanson stated he has more information if anyone was needing it.

Jim Melanson

Proposal to the District of Tobique Valley to support the Gathering Place for Seniors

Asking the District of Tobique Valley to help establish the Gathering Place for Seniors. Volunteer Run

- Drop-in center
- Pay what you can – donations, fundraising
- No one turned away
- Refreshments

- Puzzles, games, crafts, books, etc.
- Attendance will be monitored.
- Not a competitor with Nursing Home Without Walls
- Will be opening Sept. 7 – 2 days/week Mon & Thurs 9 – 3

Event will be conducted through the Lion's Club.

Jim is asking the District of Tobique Valley:

- To help with the snow removal.
- Sept thru April to support with $650/month for heating and lights and to use the large auditorium space
- Letter of support for grants

Councillor Eagles stated it was s great idea for seniors. We can look at the numbers and see what we can do.

Councillor Parish asked who plows the yard now. Information will be forthcoming.

Mayor Jones stated it is a great idea, and he likes that he is aiming towards the Meals on Wheels program. Mayor mentioned they would look at it at budget time.

Thomas Argue

Thomas made a PRIIDE presentation to Council the six colors of the flag:

- Red – forgiveness
- Orange – healing
- Yellow – consciousness
- Green – grounding or the earth
- Blue – spirit
- Purple – serenity

Thomas added he wanted to create a community healing garden and have homelessness removed.

Community means one – we have committees for Pond Hockey and Christmas, so now we need to create a committee for Pride.

Thomas stated he is doing a fundraiser in hopes of having a community garden on the old arena site on Centennial St.

Carol Marsh and Brian Vincent – Complaint Investigation Summary Report – File Reference 07222026.

Brian Vincent stated Carol apologised for not being able to attend meeting. He read a letter to council concerning the internal summary report regarding File 07222026 stating that the report is an incomplete and procedurally flawed document. The committee reviewing this case explicitly admitted in writing on page 3, that they refused to conduct a single witness interview. By doing so, they completely ignored the physical reality of the hostile swarming that occurred on the steps of the building where the municipal council meeting happened on July 20th. You cannot

claim to protect public confidence while turning a blind eye to intimidation of local residents. Furthermore, we do not believe Councillor Tony Wright, Freedom of Expression, supersedes his duty as an elected official to remain impartial. We have officially filed an administrative fairness complaint with Ombud NB who have asked we first file with NB Municipal Governance office, which we have now done. We are asking this Council to defer accepting this report until the province reviews the integrity of your internal process. Thank you.

7:53pm Member of the Gallery vacated meeting civily.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Jones

Regional Service Commission

Local Initiatives:

- July 1st Canada Day in Perth & Hartland
- July 25th Perth-Andover Tuff Muck

RSC-12 (Western Valley)

Stats:

- # of calls for service: 463
- # of traffic stats issued: 21 tickets, 17 warnings, 0 defects/inspection orders
- # of checkpoints: 0

RSC-12 (Perth &TFN)

Stats:

- # of calls for service: 302
- # of traffic stats issued: 15 tickets, 17 warnings, 0 defects/inspection orders
- # of checkpoints: 0

The last meeting the mayor attended, RSC is compiling a crisis for a By-Law enforcement. There may be a good chance other municipalities will be joining, too. May be beneficial for us to look into as well.

Council members proposed questions to the RCMP representative on site.

UMNB

No Report

Deputy Mayor Laurie Barry-Kinney

Tourism

Melanie and Deputy Mayor are making plans to meet to talk about plans for Tourism. As for the presentation at the last meeting, I am waiting to have a follow-up plan with Dan from the Glenn Group, to see if Council decides to proceed with what they proposed or portions of it, what the next steps would be and their involvement.

Christmas Committee

Plans will be started in September.

Education

Reports will begin when school starts in September.

Questions have been asked concerning the one way going down Dennis Hill St. connecting to Brook St. and why it was deemed one way; because of traffic? Yes, it's one way going down because coming up people spin out in the winter at the top. An individual driving up Ab Beaulieu Lane had to back down the street as someone was coming down the Lane. That is only one lane beside NAPA. Would we consider making it one lane? It would have to be one way down.

Question concerning the proposal from Mark & Sandy Green-Glass about the streaming, if anything was checked into. CAO mentioned not as of yet, and mayor advised checking into information regarding the set up for the next budget season.

Councillor James Parish

Economic Development

There are some things coming up:

- Chamber for businesses
- Signage for businesses to advertise on

Health

There was not a meeting this month. Jennifer Eagan is on fire at the Health Center with resources. We are getting some of the services back we had lost. People are encouraged to check out the services locally before going other places; Bloodwork, Physiotherapy, etc.

Finance

Councillor Parish met with CAO Patty St. Peter and excited on how the budget is going to go and get some new things coming up.

Councillor Tony Wright

Pond Hockey

Registration is on going for the upcoming season

Facility Maintenance

Fields:

- Soccer field prepped and lined
- Ball diamond regularly lined and dragged for games
- Regular lawn maintenance

Pool:

- chemically maintained
- new pump installed for filter 6

Nature trail:

- Bench on nature trail repaired
- Bushes trimmed
- New bench installed on north end
- Assessed benches around trail for repairs

Park:

- Pavilion washed and ready for summer rentals
- Welcome Centre steps painted
- 11 picnic tables painted
- Boat house stained
- Healing Garden maintained

Arena:

- Stairs resurfaced out front
- Tools organized
- Lights replaced in office and Fitness Centre

Fire Department

No Report

Councillor Kevin Thompson

Policy & By Laws

No Report

Transportation

No Report

Cemetery

No Report

Councillor John Sharkey

Parks Development & Recreation

National Lasagna Day

Hosted a National Lasagna Day event at the Arena

- Participants enjoyed a meal and social time together at the arena canteen with 82 people in attendance.

Pool Operations

- Continued daily pool operations, including public swims, swimming lessons, and scheduled programming.
- Managed staff schedules and coverage to ensure proper staffing.
- Monitored pool cleanliness, maintenance, and daily operations.

Park Operations

- Maintained bathrooms, grounds, garbage, and general cleanliness.
- Checked reservations and assisted campers and park visitors.
- Ensured the park remained clean, safe, and welcoming.

Induction Ceremony for Wall of Fame

- Organized and coordinated the induction ceremony recognizing Robert Paget and the 1985 Plaster Rock Alpines.
- Recognized and celebrated the accomplishments and contributions of these important members of the community.

Members of the community commented this was a First-Class Event. Also, mentioned the amount of Council which was on site was very nice.

Seniors Social

- Organized and hosted a Seniors Social/Picnic.
- Coordinated registration, food, refreshments, seating, and event setup.

Library

- An open competition is in progress for the hiring of the Library Assistant. Applications were received from July 16 to 27th. I will update when I know more.
- Tara from Talk with Me will be offering a special bubble themed program for ages 0-5yrs at 10:00 on Tuesday, August 18th. She will return for another series of Songs & Rhymes programs in September.
- Lego Club, Book Club & Rug Hooking will be on pause for July & August; they will return in September.
- The library's board will meet again in September.
- Spice Club's spice/seasoning pick up was ready for pick up on Friday, August 8th. The spice for August is Cumin.
- Free passes for the NB Provincial Parks are available from May 15 – October 11. Passes can be redeemed during their summer season (same dates). Once issued passes are only good for 3 days, so patrons must plan accordingly.
- Free passes for Huntsman Aquarium in St. Andrew's, are available from Aug. 10-21st. Passes can be redeemed during the same period.
- Summer Reading Club Closing Party is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 13th at 2:00. We will play water games, decorate cupcakes, take a whack at the pinata, and be drawing names for prizes. It has been a wonderful summer that has flown by!
- A new feature of this years Summer Reading Club is a Story Walk. Thank you to the District of Tobique Valley for allowing us to place our story signs around Sadler's Nature Trail. Families can follow the story of Colette: The Solitary Bee as they stroll around the nature trail. Signs will remain around the trail until August 25th. Library staff take down the signs and check them periodically throughout the summer. We have asked in our social media post, that if anyone sees a damaged sign to report it to the library.
- August will have 2 craft nights. The first will be for teens on August 20th at 6:30 and the second will be for adults on August 27 at 6:30.
- We will be having the occasional evening Story Time (called Fish Tales) on Thursdays at 6:15. Children are welcome to wear their pj's and join us for a bedtime story & snack. The final evening will be August 20th. Stay tuned to our Facebook and Instagram page for more details.
- We will be having our first ever Back to School event on Thursday, Aug. 27th from 3:00-5:00. We hope to partner with a couple local organizations to provide info, free hair cuts

and a chance to win some school supplies. More info will be available on our Facebook & Instagram pages in the coming days.

Long Term/Palliative Care

No Report

Councillor William Eagles

Public Works

- New sewer line completed at 46 Riverside Drive (United Church)
- New water and sewer service installed for 75 Fraser St
- Patching on Centennial St., Hemingway, Sunrise, Spruce and Cedar (total of 90 ton on these streets)
- Scheduled Mr. Line Painter to paint new lane lines (completed July 6)
- 7 water samples all acceptable results

Planned work for Aug & Sept:

- Hillcrest/ Aberdeen apron reconstruction
- Main Street retaining wall rebuild & removal of remaining concrete sidewalks and paved
- North End of Roulston Avenue to be milled and paved
- Patching on Orange, Hillcrest, & Wellington St

EMO

- Meeting July 29 @ 7pm – with Regional EMO – Josh Corey, Dept of Health -Louise Lockhart, Regional Resiliency – Tasha Baker, Arthurette Legion – Angela Michaud: about Heat Resiliency Cooling Center Program – an agreement was signed with the Arthurette Legion for the funding of $450 issued from the DOH
- HARS Level 1 activated for August 5 – Arthurette Legion opened a cooling center for Wednesday and Thursday
- Next Regional Public Safety meeting is August 27th in Woodstock

Tobique Forestry Advisory Committee

No Report

Motion: Reports be accepted as submitted and accounts payable
Moved by: Tony Wright
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Barry-Kinney

Motion Carried 202608 – 04

Deputy Mayor Barry-Kinney addressed Councillor Sharkey concerning the Maritime Hockey presentation via zoom meeting. Councillor Sharkey mentioned it was a half hour presentation and plan a follow-up meeting. They are wanting some background information. Requesting options:
1) having a UA team
2) U16 team – they are away of the junior team coming this year. Possible 3-year term

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Chief Administrative Officer

Community & Administration

- The Lagoon Project is ongoing.
- A letter of interest was forwarded to the RSC regarding the provision of by-law enforcement officer services.
- A dog complaint was addressed by sending a letter to the owner.
- An unsightly premises letter was sent to a resident in Ward 1.
- Chain Saw and Ground Disturbance training is scheduled for September 10th.
- The district is receiving an Air Quality sensor thorough collaboration from Danny Braun of Community Development and Lung NB. The district is responsible for the installation costs of the sensor.
- Information regarding Canada Post was provided to Council.
- Regular financial and administrative duties continue to be addressed.

By-Law Enforcement

- The district is looking for someone locally who can provide animal control services. A meeting will be held when a response is given in the near future.

Councillor Eagles asked about the development regarding the air quality sensor and the district being responsible for the installation cost. CAO replied, we will be given a device to assess the air quality in the building. It's a small unit and will be installed in the lobby of the arena. The device was obtained through collaboration with Danny Braun of the Community Health Center and NB Lung Association.

The Chief Administrative Officer report be accepted
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Barry-Kinney
Seconded by: Councillor Eagles

Motion Carried 202608-05

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

A) Joe Mauro requests to purchase a portion of the property of .1 of an acre from the district PID 65203556

MOTION: To sell the property for $250.00 as well as all surveying and legal costs for the transaction.

RESOLUTION: For the District to sell the property for $250.00 as well as all surveying and legal costs for the transaction.
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Barry-Kinney
Seconded by: Councillor Eagles

Motion Carried 202608-06

B) Lisa-Gay Taylor from NB FASD Center of Excellence, Vitalie Health Network requesting the District of Tobique Valley proclaim September 9 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day.

MOTION: To recognize September 9 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day.

RESOLUTION: For the District to recognize September 9 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day.
Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Sharkey

Motion Carried 202608-07

C) James Faulkner from Maritime Hockey League is inviting Destination Marketing Organizations Government Leaders, Arena Managers, MHL Franchise, Economic Development Agencies and Hospitality Partners to submit collaborative expressions of interest in hosting one of the Leagues marquee events during the 2026-27 season. Expression of interest to be submitted by Friday September 4, 2026.

MOTION: To forego the invitation to submit an Expression of Interest.

RESOLUTION: For the District to forego the invitation to submit an Expression of Interest
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Barry-Kinney
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

Motion Carried 202607-08

D) Dean Dionne gifting the sign from the Estate of Maurice Dionne at the end of Fraser Street to the District of Tobique Valley to help bring more traffic to our community.

MOTION: To accept the offer of the sign.

RESOLUTION: For the District of Tobique Valley to accept the offer of the sign
Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Eagles

Motion Carried 202608-09

E) Tender – Project No:26-0708-1 – Roulston Avenue

MOTION: To accept Ray's Paving tender for Project No: 26-0708-1 – Roulston Avenue of $107,088.00 HST included.

RESOLUTION: For the District of Tobique Valley to accept Ray's Paving tender of $107,088.00 HST included for the paving of Roulston Avenue
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Barry-Kinney
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

Motion Carried 202608-10

F) Tender – Project No: 26-0729-1 – Main Street Sidewalk

MOTON: To accept Ray's Paving tender for Project No: 26-0729-1 – Main Street Sidewalk of $41,975.00 HST included

RESOLUTION: For the District of Tobique Valley to accept Ray's Paving tender of $41,975.00 HST included for the paving of Main Street Sidewalk
Moved by: Councillor Eagles
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

Motion Carried 202608-11

G) Ronnie Warren Hockey Tournament – Councillor Sharkey gave an update: This is the 5th year of this group coming to the arena on the same weekend and the Chris Eagles Hockey School is scheduled for the same weekend. There are lots of volunteers involved with Robert Paget being the lead of the Tournament. They try to work around Minor Hockey schedules for the referees and coaches. Money is given to support local sports groups.

MOTION: To allow Ronnie Warren Memorial Tournament to keep their regular weekend they have used the last 4 years.

RESOLUTION: For the District to honor the weekend to the Ronnie Warren Memorial Tournament.
Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Sharkey

Motion Carried 202608-12

Councillor Parish asked about the name change of Fraser St. and the timeline to change the name.

MOTION: To change Fraser St. extension from Centennial St. to Route 108.

RESOLUTION: For the District to rename Fraser St. extension from Centennial St. to Route 108 to Dionne Street.
Moved by: Councillor Parish
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

Motion Carried 202608-13

CORRESPONDENCE

A) Circular Materials announce that the recycling collection Program for the Western Valley Region in order to support an efficient and effective recycling system in the region, the recycling program will experience shifting from monthly to bi-weekly recycling collection, effective September 1, 2026.

To move that the next Regular Council meeting will be Monday, Sept. 14th, 2026, at 7 p.m.
Moved by: Councillor Eagles
Seconded by: Councillor Sharkey

Motion Carried 202608-14

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Barry-Kinney

Motion Carried 202608-15

Aaron Jones, Mayor **Patty St. Peter, Clerk**