



Arcadia

Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Jemseg Fire Hall, Jemseg

Date: Monday, March 2, 2026 – Committee of the Whole

Time: 7:00 pm

1) Call to Order

Mayor Sharpe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Sharpe, Deputy Mayor Sharpe, Councillor Black, Councillor Thomson, Councillor Mennier, Councillor Gahan-MaGee, Councillor Gordon, CAO Bedford and Clerk McGarity.

2) Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Sharpe removed item 4a) Approval of the Minutes as they are unavailable and will be added to the agenda for the next meeting for approval.

It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Councillor Gordon to approve the agenda as amended.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

3) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Mayor Sharpe asked if there are any conflicts to declare pertaining to the approved agenda. No conflicts were declared.

Mayor Sharpe read Arcadia's Vision and Mission statements:

- Vision Statement: "A united community where rural lifestyle, harmony with nature, and a relaxed pace of life thrive, creating a foundation for sustainable growth, unity, and well-being for all".
- Mission Statement: "To foster a vibrant and inclusive rural community by engaging with residents, collaborating with partners, and maintaining open governance. We are committed to preserving Arcadia's natural beauty, enhancing our quality of life, and building a harmonious future through thoughtful planning, sustainable services, and a shared sense of unity".

4) Correspondence

- No items discussed at this time

5) Presentation and Discussions

a) Presentation: Cambridge-Narrows Regional Library

- Brenda Dunsmore presented on behalf of the Cambridge-Narrows Regional Library giving a review of 2025.

- The library has 23 volunteers with over 500 families registered.
- Some projects and events from 2025 include: Life at the Lakes, Hackmatack Book Club, Lakeview Bookworm Book Club, annual puzzle swap, seed library, Community Gathering Committee, Coffee and Cards, Writer's Guild, and multiple author visits.
- The library had 60 free radon test kits that were given out to the public.
- There are now two EV charging stations installed in the parking lot outside of the library and Visitor Information Centre.

b) Working Group Update: Rural Plan

- First working group meeting was held on January 20, 2026. There are approximately 20 community volunteers working with Gemtec, who has been contracted through Capital Region Service Commission to complete the rural plan for Arcadia.
- Following the first meeting, a revised meeting schedule has been assembled.
- Next working group meeting is Tuesday March 3, 2026.
- Public Open House is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday April 1, 2026 at 7:00pm at Camp Medley.

c) Working Group Update: ACTivate Arcadia

- The group is creating a tourism map, with funding provided through the Community Investment Fund. \$2,500 was received for creation and design of the 2026 tourism map. A request has been issued to local graphic designers for this work.
- Sessions in February 21 and February 28 were cancelled due to low RSVP. Will continue to work on engaging with community at upcoming events.

d) Working Group Update: Fundraising

- First meeting was held on February 26 to review Terms of Reference for working group.
- Pat Crossman has taken the lead to coordinate completion of working group Terms of Reference.

6) Mayor and Councillor Updates

Councillor Gordon

- RCMP have released their quarterly report for December 2025 to January 2026. In the Capital Region Service Commission, there were a total of 3,763 occurrences, with 192 of those being in Arcadia.
- A priority setting meeting will be held by the RCMP on April 1, 2026 with municipalities to discuss priorities for the upcoming year. Councillor Gordon will be in attendance on behalf of Arcadia.
- The RCMP have a program called SCAN (Safer Communities and Neighborhoods Investigation). The legislative intent as it relates to SCAN is to provide assistance to traditional police enforcement activities; allows confidential reporting of specified illegal activities to a civil investigation unit; its purpose is to deter habitual and adverse criminal behaviour from taking root in communities and neighborhoods; and holds owners and occupants responsible for properties where illegal activities habitually occur.

Councillor Mennier

- CAO Bedford and Councillor Mennier met with Ignite to discuss the Harts Lake Recreation Facility MERGE project that has been completed. This facility is not something that is currently being realized, but an idea of what could be.

Councillor Thomson

- The Queenstown Orange Hall will be hosting community breakfasts and weekly cards starting in the Spring.

Councillor Black

- The Pines Conservation Park Trails are being groomed by the Cambridge-Narrows Fire Department, allowing for snowshoeing and skiing.
- Pickleball is also being held multiple times a week at the Cambridge-Narrows Community School.
- Quilting, line dancing, square dancing, fitness classes, and many other activities are taking place weekly at the former Cambridge-Narrows Municipal Building. Make sure to look at the website calendar for all events taking place.
- Community is welcome to attend any home games that the Cambridge-Narrows Community School is hosting. Current sports underway include basketball and volleyball, with both men's and women's teams participating.
- Weekly hot breakfasts are being served to the students at Cambridge-Narrows Community School by generous volunteers.

Councillor Gahan-MaGee

- Website is complete; date to go live will be announced shortly.
- Question: Can businesses outside of Arcadia be included in our business directory if they serve residents within Arcadia.
- The Youngs Cove and Waterborough Wharves are in transition of being signed over to Arcadia.
- Signage for Arcadia is underway. The office is working with a company to design the signage to be used across Arcadia.

Deputy Mayor Sharpe

- Jemseg Lions Club has many weekly events taking place, which can be found in their newsletter. The newsletter is circulated at the beginning of every month.
- A recent community supper held by the Jemseg Lions Club served 178 meals within 37 minutes, raising \$2,500 for the community. Thank you to the volunteers and the community members who came out to support this event.

Mayor Sharpe

- Attended a presentation through Capital Region Service Commission on Aquatic Invasive Species. This is a concern across the entire province. Suggestion to have signage located at the wharves to encourage washing and drying boats prior to moving to a new body of water.
- We have indicated that Arcadia is not interested in participating in the Fredericton Aquatic Centre initiative.
- Have had multiple conversations with physicians through the Oromocto Physician Recruitment Committee regarding the use of the Gagetown Medical Clinic.

- There will be a Greenhouse Gas Emissions workshop on March 12 at the Jemseg Fire Hall.
- The renovations at the Gagetown Medical Clinic are complete.
- Mayor Sharpe has connected Councillor Mennier with contacts for the Coast Guard to assist with permissions and safety requirements for the Harry Vail Regatta.
- Make sure you are signed up for Voyent Alert. If there are any alerts to be shared with public regarding flood season, they will be sent through Voyent Alert.
- Currently in discussion with Capital Region Service Commission to assist with payment collection for outstanding sewer bills, with the possibility of moving towards disconnection if payments are not received.
- Councillor Gahan-MaGee suggested that a promotional video of the Gagetown Medical Clinic be created and promoted to assist in recruitment. Mayor Sharpe explained how the physicians receive an in-person tour of the clinic when they are brought forward from the Oromocto Physician Recruitment Committee. CAO Bedford met with the Recruitment Committee today and there was discussion at a committee level regarding promotional materials.
- There is an upcoming meeting with Worksafe NB to begin the consulting process to unify all of our practices.
- The province is looking towards an organic strategy, where there would be separate facilities at the regional landfills for organic waste. Capital Region Service Commission landfill currently uses their methane to generate electricity. They have asked the municipalities within the Capital Region to write a letter to the Minister stating that we are not in support of this change.
- Councillor Black noted that there are local watersheds who have received federal funding to monitor the water more closely regarding the aquatic invasive species.
- Councillor Mennier announced that he will not be running for the May election. His recommendation to fellow citizens in Ward 2 is to find somebody young, energetic, and willing to spend their time building Arcadia, not just Ward 2.

7) Upcoming Meetings

- April 7, 2026 – Jemseg Fire Hall

8) Motion to Adjourn

*It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe to adjourn at 7:56 pm.
With all in favour, the motion was carried.*



Mayor Clinton Sharpe



Clerk Jessica McGarity

