

Arcadia

Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Jemseg Fire Hall, Jemseg

Date: Monday, April 13, 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. This meeting has been rescheduled from April 7, 2026.

2) Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Gahan-MaGee and seconded by Councillor Gordon to approve the agenda as presented.

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.

4) Approval of the Minutes

a) Committee of the Whole Meeting – February 2, 2026

It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Councillor Mennier to approve the minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 2, 2026.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

b) Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 2, 2026

It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Councillor Mennier to approve the minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 2, 2026.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

5) Correspondence

- Will be discussed under Item 7 Mayor and Councillor Updates.

6) Presentation and Discussions

a) Working Group Update: Rural Plan

- Great turnout at the first public Open House hosted by Gemtec.

- Gemtec will be launching a survey for resident feedback on Rural Plan
- b) Working Group Update: ACTivate Arcadia
- The ACTivate working group, alongside community members who attended the Workshop on January 8, have drafted an Arcadia Tourism Map. Funding to develop this map has been provided through the Community Investment Fund.
 - As this is a community generated map, there is opportunity for community to submit additions to be considered for next year.
 - Councillor Gahan-MaGee thought that some businesses were missing and she will give a list to the office for consideration. CAO Bedford noted that the community members attending the ACTivate Workshop have created this map, and some businesses that were contacted did not want to be included at this time.
- c) Working Group Update: Recycling
- Terms of Reference for the Recycling Working Group was shared with Council
- d) Working Group Update: Fundraising
- No update at this time; still finalizing Terms of Reference
- e) Working Group Update: Health Services
- Terms of Reference for the Health Services Working Group was shared with Council
 - Pat Underhill, Chair of Health Services Committee presented Terms of Reference. The focus of the working group is to bring easier access for health and wellness to all of Arcadia. The focus is not on physician recruiting but looking at other wellness service providers that may be available.
- f) Working Group Update: Lagoon
- No update at this time; still finalizing Terms of Reference
- g) Working Group Update: Wharves
- No update at this time; still finalizing Terms of Reference
- h) Draft Records Management Policy
- Clerk McGarity presented the Draft Records Management Policy to Council.
 - The purpose of the policy is to ensure the appropriate use, management, destruction and preservation of all records, regardless of format, that are in possession or control of the Municipality of Arcadia.
 - It was recommended by Council to present the Draft Records Management Policy at the next Regular Council Meeting for consideration.
- i) Proposed Arcadia Economic Development Strategy
- Economic & Community Engagement Coordinator Catherine D'Aoust presented the Draft Arcadia Economic Development Strategy to Council.
 - The strategy focuses on five interconnected pillars:
 - Place-Based Development
 - Business and Workforce Development
 - Infrastructure, Connectivity & Asset Management

- Community Engagement, Identity & Collaboration

- This strategy will require both Council and community input as it moves forward.

7) Mayor and Councillor Updates

Councillor Gordon

- River Road Lion's Club breakfast is still happening until the end of May
- Women's Institute is holding "Tea & Company" every other Wednesday morning
- Women's Institute is holding Crib every other Thursday evening
- Camp Medley summer camp registration is now open. They are also actively raising money for their new pool.
- Active live fire training taking place with members from all Arcadia Fire Departments
- Mayor Sharpe and Councillor Gordon attended the RCMP Priority Setting meeting on April 1 to discuss priorities for the upcoming year. Police presence on waterways, large truck/speeding enforcement, and being visible in the community are some of the topics advocated for during this meeting.
- RCMP has sent out their annual engagement survey. In 2025, only 29% of requested applicants replied.

Councillor Mennier

- Harry Vail Regatta has been postponed until 2027 due to unexpected costing estimates
- In correspondence, the MERGE project for Recreation on Harts Lake is currently not being realized but is a great conception of what could be.
- In correspondence, the request for sponsorship from Hook & Paddle had been approved through the 2026 operating budget. The portable washroom and a \$700 donation have been provided to Hook & Paddle.
- In correspondence, the Queen's County Heritage has requested support for the Duck, Duck, Goose and the Music of the Marsh Summer Exhibit.
- In correspondence, the Gagetown Fire Department has received a donation of a vehicle that can be used for personnel transport. Have asked staff for recommendation on this donation being made.

Councillor Thomson

- The Queenstown Orange Hall will be hosting community breakfasts and weekly cards until the end of June.

Deputy Mayor Sharpe

- Jemseg Lions Club is hosting Jam sessions every other Thursday, Trivia Night monthly, and Mothers Day Ladies Night has sold out, but accepting submissions for wait list.
- Grass fire season has started early this year. Starting grass fires in these circumstances is very dangerous for the fire fighters who attend, and the increased risk to your home and family.
- Active training occurring weekly for all Arcadia fire departments. Thank you to all volunteers, and encourage anyone interested to volunteer.

Councillor Black

- Lots of recreation occurring in Cambridge-Narrows: pickleball, exercise classes, line dancing, and quilting
- There are cards happening weekly at the Cambridge-Narrows Library

- The Community Luncheon is coming up on March 23.
- Zoomers in Balance is a new program taking place at the former Cambridge-Narrows Municipal Building.
- C-NCS hosted their annual High School Volleyball Tournament
- We have the Arcadia Community Meeting taking place April 14 at the former Cambridge-Narrows Municipal Building
- Councillor Black has announced that she will be re-offering for Councillor of Ward 5 Cambridge-Narrows in the upcoming elections.

Councillor Gahan-MaGee

- Cumberland Bay Fire Department held a breakfast last Saturday
- Attended the GAHSA breakfast this morning in Gagetown
- Attended meetings for the Wharves and Health Services working groups
- Website will be going live at the end of April
- The Waterborough and Youngs Cove Wharves are currently in transition to Arcadia's ownership.

Mayor Sharpe

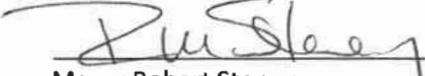
- Attended Worksafe NB meetings with staff as we create Arcadia's Worksafe Plan
- Attended Physician Recruitment meetings through Capital Region Service Commission and Stiletto
- Attended multiple meetings including Capital Region Service Commission board meetings, multiple Arcadia working group meetings, greenhouse gas presentation held by Arcadia, Economic Expansion Review, Planet Hatch Merge Day, and RCMP priority setting meeting
- Attended Arcadia's Speaker Series at the former Cambridge-Narrows Municipal Building
- Attended the EV Charger celebrations at the Cambridge-Narrows Regional Library and the Gagetown Rec Centre
- Attended Strawberry Gables Marketing Networking Night held at Camp Medley
- Attended the Rural Plan Public Open House hosted by Gemtec at Camp Medley
- Met with multiple residents regarding concerns brought forward
- In correspondence, we have received a letter from Base Gagetown regarding the closure of the ATV trails on federal land
- Attended the volleyball tournament being held at Cambridge-Narrows Community School
- In correspondence, tourism newsletter received highlights multiple communities in Arcadia
- Elections are occurring May 11. Make sure to get out and vote.
- Heart & Stroke will be canvassing door-to-door from now until September.
- Road maintenance has been approved through the PMHP program for a portion of Route 102 in 2028.

8) Upcoming Meetings

- June 8, 2026 – Jemseg Fire Hall
- The next Regular Council meeting has been rescheduled to April 27, 2026 at the Jemseg Fire Hall.

9) Motion to Adjourn

*It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Councillor Gordon to adjourn at 7:52 pm.
With all in favour, the motion was carried.*



Mayor Robert Stoney



Clerk Jessica McGarity

