



Arcadia

Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Jemseg Fire Hall, Jemseg

Date: Monday, April 27, 2026 – Regular Meeting of Council

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 Thomson, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Mennier, Councillor Gahan-MaGee, Councillor Black, CAO Bedford and Clerk McGarity.

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".*

2) Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Sharpe 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) Regular Council Meeting – March 16, 2026

It was moved by Councillor Gordon and seconded by Councillor Mennier to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on March 16, 2026.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

5) CAO Report

CAO, Karrie Bedford, gave the operational monthly report.

CAO Bedford thanked present Council for their dedication as this is the last scheduled meeting for this term.

- Operational Updates for March 14 to April 24, 2026
 - Ongoing public safety measures currently with Fire Watch and flood monitoring.
 - Gemtec hosted the first public Open House for Arcadia's Rural Plan. The working group continue to meet on a monthly basis. We have promoted residents to complete the survey that Gemtec has circulated to gather feedback and input for the development of the Rural Plan
 - All employee performance reviews have been completed
 - Public Works planning for Ward 2 has been completed for this year, which includes street sweeping, priority projects including maintenance to Courthouse Road, Harts Lake Road and Harts Lake Beach Road, tree removal, sign replacement, and culvert replacements.
 - Promotion has begun for hiring student positions for both Recreation and Public Works. Arcadia received 1 Canada Summer Jobs position for Public Works, 1 NB Seeds position for Public Works, and 3 NB Seeds positions for Recreation. We are working closely with GDRC to combine job postings with the Recreation positions they have also received.
 - Staff have been working with Elections NB for the upcoming elections, in preparation for a new incoming Council.
- Mayor Sharpe asked that all residents complete the survey for the Rural Plan as it is important to give feedback for the creation of Arcadia's Rural Plan.

6) Business Arising from The Minutes

a) Trail Initiative

- Received Highway Usage Permit (HUP) from Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.
- Awaiting approval letter from Public Safety. CAO Bedford has asked Public Safety for an update with no response.

7) Recommendations from Committee of the Whole

a) Records and Information Management Policy

Mayor Sharpe read the Records and Information Management Policy Statement.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Sharpe and seconded by Councillor Black to adopt the Records and Information Management Policy to ensure that proper protocols are put in place for the preservation and management of all municipal records.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

8) New Business

a) Acceptance of Financial Reports

It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe to accept the financial reports for the Arcadia General Operating Expenditures for the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$323,980.83.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Councillor Gordon to accept the financial reports for the Arcadia Sewerage Expenditures for the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$14,081.99.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

- b) Third Reading by Title Only and Enactment – By-Law No. 9A A By-law to Repeal the Former Village of Gagetown Recreation By-Laws

Mayor Sharpe read By-law No. 9A A By-law to Repeal the Former Village of Gagetown Recreation By-laws by title only.

It was moved by Councillor Mennier and seconded by Councillor Black that the third reading by title only and enactment be given to By-law No. 9A A By-law to Repeal the Former Village of Gagetown Recreation By-laws.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

- c) Pines Conservation Park Usage

It was moved by Councillor Mennier and seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe that the Council of Arcadia approve the use of the Pines Conservation Park on August 3, 2026 for a BBQ and car show, hosted by Don Monahan.

Questions:

- *Councillor Gordon: In the past, have we allowed political events to occur on municipal property?*
 - *Mayor Sharpe: We have allowed candidates running to use municipal property for meet-and-greet events.*
- *Mayor Sharpe: When is Life at the Lakes?*
 - *Councillor Gahan-MaGee: Life at the Lakes is the following weekend*

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

- d) Interim Financing – Former Village of Gagetown

It was moved by Councillor Mennier and seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe that the Council of Arcadia move to void M021-0022 interim financing authorization for the former Village of Gagetown's 2021 Mill Road Upgrades project in the amount of \$1,026,098.00.

Questions:

- *Councillor Black: Will the auditors go back and make an amendment or will we see it in the 2025 audit?*
 - *CAO Bedford: Will confirm with Treasurer Trebble.*

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

- e) Student Funding Request

Received request for financial support from Cody Lavoie to attend SHAD program.

It was moved by Councillor Gordon and seconded by Councillor Black that the Council of Arcadia approve funding in the amount of \$500 to Cody Lavoie for participation in the SHAD program to be paid out of the operational contingency budget, Ward 4 specific.

Questions:

- *Councillor Gahan-MaGee: If we give to one, we have to give to the other.*
- *Councillor Black: If we turn the first request down, we need to turn this one down as well*
- *Deputy Mayor Sharpe: Must give same answer to all students*
- *Councillor Black: Going forward, funding like this can go through the Future Community Fund*

All those in favour: Councillor Mennier, Councillor Gahan-MaGee

All those against: Councillor Gordon, Councillor Thomson, Councillor Black, Deputy Mayor Sharpe

Motion was defeated.

f) Christmas in the Village 2026 Request

It was moved by Councillor Mennier and seconded by Councillor Gordon to approve up to \$2,500 for Christmas in the Village.

Questions:

- *Councillor Black: Last year, the additional funding came from the money set aside for the Harry Vail Regatta*
- *Deputy Mayor Sharpe: Do we have sufficient funds available in Ward 2 contingency?*
- *Councillor Gordon: Did we set aside money for the Harry Vail Regatta for this year?*
 - *Councillor Mennier: I believe we have \$1,000 set aside for the Regatta, which is now postponed until next year.*
- *Deputy Mayor Sharpe: This would be a good investment for our community as it brings in a lot of tourism.*

It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Councillor Mennier to table the motion until the next Regular Council Meeting to allow staff to confirm where funding in budget is available. With all in favour, the motion was carried.

9) Open Session – Comments from the Public

- Representing Tara Beale for Grand Lake Comfort.
 - Has been having issues with garbage truck driver. Multiple residents put their garbage in one location (cage built to hold) instead of putting it out at their home, creating one stop for the driver instead of multiple stops
 - Driver has stated due to the number of garbage bags, they will not be taking them all
 - Her business rules and regulations state that her employees empty the garbage after every shift, which creates approximately 20 bags per week
 - Driver told her that they would no longer pick up garbage as it was a business and that she needed to have a bin put in
 - Resident stated that after 24 years, why would she have to rent a garbage bin if she is not considered commercial? Special Care Homes are a private residence, and are not classified as commercial
 - CAO Bedford will follow up with resident after the meeting.
- Resident from Foster Point, Cambridge-Narrows
 - Recently notified from property owner next door that he wants to extend the lane into his property, which they are concerned will increase traffic on their private road.

- Several meetings amongst neighbours and decided to reach out to the municipality to voice their concerns on this potential development. They have also emailed several letters to the office voicing their concerns for the potential development.
- The lane is currently private, and the homeowners in that area collectively pay for maintenance and upkeep.
- Orchardview Nursing Home is holding their annual Garden Party on June 6th at 1:00 pm. They are inviting all community to attend. Hoping to also have council representation at the event.
- Where is the Rural Plan survey available to pick up at?
 - Copies are available at the office
 - It is also available on Facebook and will be sent out through Voyent Alert
- NB Health Link
 - Encourage all residents to register if you do not currently have a family physician or nurse practitioner

10) Upcoming Meetings

- June 15, 2026 – Upper Gagetown Fire Hall
- July 20, 2026 – Cambridge-Narrows Municipal Building

Mayor Sharpe thanked Council for their support and dedication over the last year. Mayor Sharpe also thanked CAO and staff for their effort, patience, and professionalism. He also expressed thanks to all volunteers who have stepped forward to be part of the working groups. Mayor Sharpe highlighted events over the last year as he has been part of Council.

On behalf of Council and staff, Deputy Mayor Sharpe thanked Mayor Sharpe for the light that he has brought to Arcadia during his term, and we are thankful for his service.

Councillor Mennier would also like to thank Mayor Sharpe for his effort, energy, commitment, and passion that he has brought during his term as Mayor.

11) Closed Session

It was moved by Councillor Mennier and seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe to move to closed session at 7:48 pm.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

Items discussed in closed session were as per Section 68(1)(d), (f), and (j) of the Local Governance Act.

It was moved by Councillor Mennier and seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe to move out of closed session at 9:37pm.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

12) Adjournment

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Sharpe and seconded by Councillor Black to adjourn at 9:38 pm.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

Mayor Robert Stoney



Clerk Jessica McGarity