



Arcadia

Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Jemseg Fire Hall, Jemseg

Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 – 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

It was moved by Councillor Mennier and seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe 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

No minutes to approve where this is the first meeting of the Committee of the Whole

5) Correspondence

- Mayor Sharpe read the letter that was sent to all current committee members regarding the transition to Committee of the Whole

6) Presentations and Discussions

a) Presentation: CAO Bedford – Transition to Committee of the Whole

- Council adopted the Committee of the Whole structure in October 2025. A notice has been sent to all members of the ten existing Arcadia Committees detailing the transition to Committee of the Whole. The first and second reading of By-law No. 1B A Procedural By-law for the Council of Arcadia took place on November 24, 2025, which includes Committee of the Whole.
- The proposed mandate of Committee of the Whole is *“To receive information, deliberate on matters of council business and make recommendations to council for decision.”*
- Working groups can be composed of council members, community members, and staff, with the composition being determined by the topic. Council would determine when a working group is needed based on strategic plans and priorities. Office would support council in putting a call out for volunteers to participate in the working group.

- Potential working groups may include lagoon, wharves, medical services, rural plan, recycling, and fundraising.
- Quarterly Town Halls will be hosted by Council and staff to provide community members quarterly updates and to gather feedback, ideas, and suggestions from Arcadia residents in a casual and respectful manner amongst all participants.
- Discussion:
 - Mayor Sharpe would like to see volunteers come forward that may have expertise or a keen interest in the topics that will be part of the working groups

7) Mayor and Councillor Updates

Mayor Sharpe

- Attended meetings, including Capital Region Service Commission, Department of Transportation & Infrastructure, UMNH Harassment Symposium, Ignite Economic Development Strategy, and doctor recruitment with Horizon and the Minister of Health Honourable Dr. John Dornan.
- Attended community events, including the Cumberland Bay Fire Department breakfast fundraiser, Remembrance Day ceremony in Gagetown, Tip-Off basketball tournament at Cambridge-Narrows Community School, breakfast for students at Cambridge-Narrows Community School, and Christmas in the Village in Gagetown. Mayor Sharpe thanked all those who coordinated these events.

Deputy Mayor Sharpe

- Attended Christmas in the Village in Gagetown and very impressed with the turnout and number of volunteers who were out in the cold.
- The Cambridge-Narrows Wharf repairs are underway.
- The Gagetown Medical Clinic renovations are underway.
- The Jemseg Lions Club is preparing and serving meals to all of the students at Cambridge-Narrows Community School this week
- We need to support local and enjoy local
- Thanked Mayor Sharpe for all events and meetings that he attends on behalf of Arcadia.

Councillor Gahan-MaGee

- Butternut Valley has recently received funding to assist the Grand Washademoak Lions Club in major renovations. This may be an opportunity that Jemseg Lions Club can also look into as an emergency shelter.
- They are also starting to build a new municipal office, which will be located in Havelock.
- There are many things that we could be doing for our community with the opportunities that are available.

Councillor Gordon

- Attended meetings, including the Capital District Firefighter meeting, weekly training meetings as an active firefighter with Upper Gagetown Fire Department, Upper Gagetown Women's Institute, and a two-day conference for The Department of Environment and Local Government for Firefighters
- Attended Christmas in the Village in Gagetown

Councillor Mennier

- Thanked Mayor Sharpe for his availability and attendance at all community events.
- Christmas in the Village was a tremendous success this year. Thank you to all vendors and volunteers that make this event happen.
- Potential for a weekend event in Arcadia to host food vendors, food trucks, local breweries, etc. More discussion to come.
- Looking for sponsorships for the Harry Vail Regatta.
- Need to promote larger events around Arcadia that will draw people in.

Mayor Sharpe

- Just a reminder that Local Government Elections will be taking place this May. If anyone is interested in running for Council and would like more information on being part of Council, please reach out to the office or to your current council members.

8) Upcoming Meetings

- January 5, 2026 – Jemseg Fire Hall

9) Motion to Adjourn

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Sharpe and seconded by Councillor Mennier to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.



Mayor Clinton Sharpe





Clerk Jessica McGarity