

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

Monday June 22, 2026 7:00pm
Upper Gagetown Fire Hall
114 Dexter Road, Upper Gagetown

1. Call to Order

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

Mayor Stoney drew attention to Arcadia's Vision and Mission statements.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Stoney added item 8k) Life at the Lakes Funding Request to New Business.

It was moved by Councillor Sharpe and seconded by Councillor Black to approve the agenda as presented.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Mayor Stoney 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 – April 27, 2026

It was moved by Councillor Gordon and seconded by Councillor Sharpe to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on April 27, 2026.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

b) Special Council Meeting – June 1, 2026

It was moved by Councillor Luszc and seconded by Councillor Black to approve the minutes from the Special Council Meeting on June 1, 2026.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

5. CAO Report

CAO, Karrie Bedford, gave the operational monthly report.

- Operational Updates for April 25, 2026 to May 31, 2026
 - Staff have been busy with the recognition and celebration of the outgoing Council and welcoming and onboarding of the new 2026 Council

- Seasonal transition activities, including recreation programming, tourism & event planning and spring/summer maintenance
- Coordination and delivery of spring garbage collection services
- Progress on municipal website transition for end of June launch
- Official launch and dissemination of 2026 ACTivate Arcadia Tourism Map
- Recruitment, interviews, and hiring of Public Works and Recreation summer students
- Reviewed 16 scholarships through the Arcadia Future Community Fund to proudly recognize our high school graduates.
- Voyent Alert and Facebook subscribers and followers are continuing to increase
- Staff had a Professional Development Day, focusing on enhancing reporting of municipal services and an overview of workplace hazards in respect to our Health & Safety plan
- Youth summer camps are underway in Gagetown and Cambridge-Narrows
- Fire Department reports submitted to Council give breakdown of calls, training, maintenance for station, equipment and trucks, and community engagement services

Questions:

- Councillor Gahan-MaGee
 - Where are we with the Waterborough and Youngs Cove Wharves?
 - We are awaiting final documentation from lawyer
 - Letter to NB Power, did we send?
 - Staff sent letter to NB Power with Council's concerns with using herbicides
 - Website is up and running but it does not look like what we should have
 - Private company has launched an Explore Arcadia website; this is not the municipal website, nor is it connected to the Village of Arcadia.

6. Business Arising from The Minutes

a) Trail Initiative

- To be discussed during New Business

b) Christmas in the Village 2026 Request

It was moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Councillor Gordon to untable item 6b) from Business Arising "Christmas in the Village 2026 Request" to continue discussion.

It was moved by Councillor Gordon and seconded by Councillor Sharpe to amend the original motion and approve up to \$2,070 for Christmas in the Village, with the additional \$1,000 to be paid from the budget for the Harry Vail Regatta and \$70 to be paid from operational contingency budget, Ward 2 specific.

Questions:

- Councillor Luszc: *Why does it have to come out of Ward 2?*
 - Councillor Black: *Where we have different tax rates, we still have some items that are ward specific.*

- Councillor Gahan-MaGee: Someone in Cumberland Bay won't be at an event in Gagetown.
- Councillor Sharpe: Point of Order. Discussion has to happen prior to vote, not during.

All those in favour: Councillor Gordon, Councillor Thomson, Councillor Sharpe, Councillor Black, Councillor Gahan-MaGee

All those against: Councillor Luszc

Motion was carried.

7. Recommendations from Committee of the Whole

a) Election of Deputy Mayor

Councillor Sharpe nominated Councillor Black as Deputy Mayor of Arcadia.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Black was declared elected as Deputy Mayor for a two-year term.

b) Department of Natural Resources Gifting Agreement

It was moved by Councillor Sharpe and seconded by Councillor Gordon that the Village of Arcadia accept the DNR Gifting Agreement as presented.

Questions:

- Councillor Gahan-MaGee: What about the additional suits?
 - In follow up of accepting the agreement, staff will request additional wildland suits

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

c) Movies in the Park Property Use Agreement

It was moved by Councillor Gahan-MaGee and seconded by Councillor Luszc to approve the use of the Pines Conservation Park for Movies in the Park.

Questions:

- Councillor Gordon: Are the students okay with helping with this?
 - CAO Bedford: Summer students will be assisting with setup and programming leading up to the movies
- Councillor Sharpe: Is in favour of the events taking place, but concern with the event being advertised well in advance of Council approving the use of the space.
 - Councillor Gordon: They had location advertised as TBD.
 - CAO Bedford: Unfortunately, it was due to timing where the Local Governance elections were occurring, and we did not have a Regular Council meeting in May.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

d) Strawberry Festival Funding Request

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Black and seconded by Councillor Sharpe to approve \$2,000 to Strawberry Gables Marketing in support of Strawberry Festival, to be paid from operational contingency budget, Ward 5 specific.

Questions:

- Councillor Gahan-MaGee: Agree with supporting in the amount of \$2,000 as \$3,000 is too much.
- Deputy Mayor Black: This support is the same as Christmas in the Village.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

e) Queens County Fair Lagoon Request

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Black and seconded by Councillor Gordon to approve up to \$2,000 to the Queens County Fair for this year.

Questions:

- *Deputy Mayor Black: With the unknown state of our lagoon, it would be better to make a donation to cover the cost of transporting effluent.*
- *Councillor Gahan-MaGee: Where will the additional funds come from?*
 - *Councillor Sharpe: It should come from Contingency Ward 2 as this is an extension to the original funding amount budgeted for the Queens County Fair.*
- *Councillor Luszc: Is this a County Fair or a Ward 2 fair?*
 - *Deputy Mayor Black: I would like to see this as shared operational contingency.*

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Black and seconded by Councillor Luszc to amend the original motion, and that the additional funding of \$1,250 be paid out of Arcadia operational contingency budget.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

8. New Business

a) Acceptance of Financial Reports

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Black and seconded by Councillor Sharpe to accept the financial reports for the Arcadia General Operating Expenditures for the month of May 2026 in the amount of \$332,112.71.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Black and seconded by Councillor Gordon to accept the financial reports for the Arcadia Sewerage Expenditures for the month of May 2026 in the amount of \$951.68.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

b) Noise By-law Exemption – Strawberry Festival

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Black and seconded by Councillor Luszc that the Council of Arcadia approve the request for exemption to By-law No. 12 A By-law Respecting the Prevention of Noise and Nuisances Within Arcadia for Strawberry Festival on June 27, 2026 for an additional 30 minutes, up to 11:30pm.

Questions:

- *Councillor Gordon: Is 11:30pm late enough for them?*

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

c) Noise By-law Exemption – Movies in the Park

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Black and seconded by Councillor Gordon that the Council of Arcadia approve the request for exemption to By-law No. 12 A By-law Respecting the Prevention of Noise and Nuisances Within Arcadia for Movies in the Park on July 3, July 17, July 31, August 14, and August 28, 2026 for an additional hour, up to 12:00am.

Questions:

- *Councillor Luszc: Does this include rain dates?*

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

d) Noise By-law Exemption – Queens County Fair

It was moved by Councillor Sharpe and seconded by Councillor Luszc that the Council of Arcadia approve the request for exemption to By-law No. 12 A By-law Respecting the Prevention of Noise and Nuisances Within Arcadia for the Queens County Fair on October 2 and October 3, 2026 for an additional two hours each day, up to 1:00am.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

e) First Reading by Title Only and in its Entirety – By-Law No. 11 A By-law Designating Streets Accessible to All-Terrain Vehicles

Public Safety requested a change be made to submitted draft by-law. To remove inconsistency when it comes to enforcement, they have requested the speed limit of 40km/hour be changed to 50km/hour.

Mayor Stoney read By-law No. 11 A By-law Designating Streets Accessible to All-Terrain Vehicles by title only and in its entirety.

It was moved by Councillor Luszc and seconded by Deputy Mayor Black that the first reading by title only and in its entirety be given to By-Law No. 11 A By-law Designating Streets Accessible to All-Terrain Vehicles.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

f) Second Reading by Title Only – By-Law No. 11 A By-law Designating Streets Accessible to All-Terrain Vehicles

Mayor Stoney read By-law No. 11 A By-law Designating Streets Accessible to All-Terrain Vehicles by title only.

It was moved by Councillor Sharpe and seconded by Councillor Gordon that the second reading by title only be given to By-Law No. 11 A By-law Designating Streets Accessible to All-Terrain Vehicles.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

g) Funding Request – Gagetown Legion New Years Levee

Staff received email from Gagetown Legion on June 10 looking for the outstanding funds that were requested for the New Years Levee held on January 1, 2026. Original request for funding had been sent to office on December 16, 2025. Due to operational oversight, this request was not presented to Council as it had been received after the December 15, 2025 Regular Council meeting. With movement to Committee of the Whole structure, and discussion of holding an Arcadia Mayor's Levee, the request did not get to Council for decision.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Black and seconded by Councillor Gordon to approve the funding request of \$1,000 to Legion Blanch 71 in support of their New Years Levee, which was previously budgeted for in the 2025 Arcadia operational budget.

Questions:

- *Councillor Luszc: In the future, there should be a Mayor's Levee for Arcadia.*

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

Councillor Sharpe: Point of Order: at the next Committee of the Whole meeting, can we have a discussion on amending the Procedural By-law to discussing correspondence at both meetings.

h) Student Funding Request

In March and April 2026, Council received requests from Emma Fanjoy and Cody Lavoie for funding assistance to attend the SHAD program. The motions for these requests were both defeated.

Staff have brought both requests back to Council for consideration for funding to be approved through the remaining budget for the Future Community Fund.

It was moved by Councillor Gahan-MaGee and seconded by Councillor Sharpe to approve funding in the amount of \$500 each to Cody Lavoie and Emma Fanjoy for participation in the SHAD program to be paid out of the Future Community Fund budget.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

i) MERGE Project RFP Approval – Maps, Maps, Maps

It was moved by Councillor Sharpe and seconded by Deputy Mayor Black that the Council of Arcadia approve the MERGE Project RFP for Solid Waste Harmonization and approve the municipal contribution in the amount of \$6,000 to be paid out of the Arcadia operational contingency budget.

Questions:

- *Deputy Mayor Black: This will help make our tendering process and pick up a lot better and more clear.*
- *Mayor Stoney: This will bring our services up-to-date to assist with what, how, where, and when pick-up is.*
- *Councillor Sharpe: Will we have this prior to tendering?*
 - *CAO Bedford: We will have the mapping prior to September for re-tendering, but policy will come later.*

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

j) Donation of Land

A request to resurvey and donation of land was brought to the Village of Arcadia by a local resident.

It was moved by Councillor Luszcz and seconded by Councillor Sharpe that the Council of Arcadia approve the acceptance of the land donation of a portion of PID 45048444, with the associated costs to be paid by the Village of Arcadia from the Arcadia operational contingency budget.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

Councillor Gahan-MaGee: Point of Order: I do not see any items on the agenda for recommendations that were made for the wharves from the working group. We need to have signs added to the wharves.

- Deputy Mayor Black stated that they have not been discussed and brought as recommendations from the Committee of the Whole.
- Councillor Gahan-MaGee disagreed.

- CAO Bedford gave more clarity that recommendations need to be given to the Clerk during Committee of the Whole to be brought forward to Council for consideration.
- Councillor Gahan-MaGee asked that the Wharves Working Group presentation be brought back to the next Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion.

k) Life at the Lakes Funding Request

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Black and seconded by Councillor Sharpe to reallocate the \$1,000 that was budgeted for the Triathlon for 2026 to Life at the Lakes for a total sponsorship for Life at the Lakes of \$2,000.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

9. Open Session – Comments from the Public

Mayor Stoney asked attendants to limit their questions to 3 minutes to give everyone a chance to speak

- On behalf of the Queens County Fair, Pat Underhill thanked Council for the donation.
- Was there an environmental study done on the land that is being donated?
- PMHP 2026 – is there any projects awarded and what is the cost to Arcadia?
 - Projects approved by DTI are listed in DTI's Road Ahead Plan
- Will the audited financial statements be received prior to the budget being created for 2027?
 - Staff are working with auditors to complete the audit
- Resident would like Council to publicly discuss the Tax Reform that is happening
 - Council and staff currently do not have any more information on the Tax Reform process than what has been presented to public through media channels.
- Why are all costs separated when we are one community? We should have the same tax rate. Fredericton has one fire department, why do we have five?
 - Harmonization of tax rates is a long-term goal that cannot happen overnight.
- How do we get the ATV trails available on the roads in Cambridge-Narrows?
 - Residents are encouraged to connect with the ATV clubs in the area who can assist with the process.

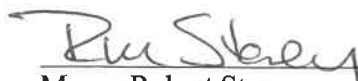
10. Upcoming Meetings

- a) July 20, 2026 – Cambridge-Narrows Municipal Building
- b) August 17, 2026 – Queenstown Orange Hall

11. Adjournment

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Black and seconded by Councillor Sharpe to adjourn at 8:27 pm.

With all in favour, the motion was carried.


Mayor Robert Stoney




Clerk Jessica McGarity