



Arcadia

Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Virtual via Teams

Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 – Special Meeting of Council

Time: 7:00 pm

1) Call to Order

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

2) Approval of 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.

Mayor Pleadwell invited Council to declare any conflicts of interest with respect to the agenda. No conflicts were declared.

3) Resolution to Acknowledge Mayor's Resignation

Mayor Pleadwell has submitted his resignation as Mayor of Arcadia effective February 28, 2025.

It was moved by Councillor Mennier and seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe that the resignation of Mayor Derek Pleadwell, effective February 28, 2025, be acknowledged by Council as per the Local Governance Act 50(1)(b).

Questions:

- *Councillor Gordon: Are you sure? Mayor Pleadwell has confirmed he is sure. The rationale of moving on from this position is to be able to spend more time with family.*
- *Councillor Mennier: On behalf of fellow councillors, thank you for your service to the community, but in particular the startup of Arcadia.*

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

4) Resolution to Fill Vacancy of Mayor

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Sharpe and seconded by Councillor Gordon that a vacancy for Mayor of Arcadia be declared as of February 28, 2025, as per the Local Governance Act 51(1), and that Council directs the Clerk to notify Elections NB to begin the process to fill the vacancy.

Questions:

- *CAO Gilman: Would like to clarify two options with this motion. The seat can be declared vacant, which would allow the position to be eligible for the upcoming by-election, or council can wait and has up to two months to declare the vacancy. If council chooses to declare the position vacant at a later date, it will not be eligible for the by-elections and will not be filled until the next general elections in May 2026.*
- *Councillor Mennier: Until a by-election occurs, would Deputy Mayor Sharpe be Acting Mayor? Clerk McGarity confirmed that where Mayor Pleadwell has resigned effective February 28, 2025, Deputy Mayor Sharpe will step in as Acting Mayor until a Mayor has been elected.*

With all in favour, the motion was carried.

5) Motion to Adjourn

It was moved by Councillor Gordon and seconded by Councillor Mennier to adjourn at 7:16 pm.
With all in favour, the motion was carried.



Acting Mayor Steven Sharpe



Clerk Jessica McGarity

