



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF HILLSBOROUGH VILLAGE COUNCIL
November 21, 2022

PRESENT

Robert Rochon – Mayor	Melody Land – Deputy Mayor
Jeff Jonah – Councillor	Jeff Land – Councillor
Trent Steeves – Councillor	Kim Beers - Administrator/Clerk
Public: NB Railway Museum Board of Directors	

CALL TO ORDER & PRAYER

Mayor Rochon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Council prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED BY *Councillor Steeves* and seconded by ***Councillor J. Land*** THAT the agenda be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts declared.

IT WAS MOVED BY *Councillor Steeves* and seconded by ***Councillor M. Land*** that Council have an in-camera session at 6:32 pm. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

The public exited the meeting.

IN-CAMERA MEETING

Local Governance Act 68(1)(j) – labour and employment matters

Local Governance Act 68(1)(d) – land matters

IT WAS MOVED BY *Councillor Steeves* and seconded by ***Councillor J. Land*** to return to regular session at 7:52 pm. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously)

The public entered the meeting.

Mayor Rochon advised that Council is back in session and there are discussions to be had regarding motions made at the November 7th meeting of Council.

IT WAS MOVED BY *Councillor J. Land* and seconded by ***Councillor M. Land*** to rescind the motion of November 7th, 2022 to initiate the process to eliminate the lien on the land that was assessed at \$85,000 with the accumulated interest of \$1M. *Mayor Rochon* asked if there are any questions on the motion: ***Councillor J. Land*** advised he wants to see the land with the Village; ***Councillor Steeves*** would like to keep the original motion to initiate the process to eliminate the lien; ***Councillor M. Land*** advised she has looked over other not-for-profit models and would love to remove the mortgage on the land. However, ***Councillor M. Land*** advised there is information she needs in order to make an informed decision, such as the financial



statements, business plan that was requested and not received; **Councillor Jonah** would like to keep the original motions to initiate the process to eliminate the lien; All in favor (**Councillor J. Land and Councillor M. Land**), Nay (**Councillor J. Jonah and Councillor T. Steeves**). **Mayor Rochon** declared a tie vote and in this case the mayor casts the deciding vote. **Mayor Rochon** advised the role of Council is to do what is in the best interest of the community and he is not convinced the Council has done their due diligence in ensuring there are no risks to the community and for that reason **Mayor Rochon** votes in favor to rescind the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**. **Mayor Rochon** encouraged the NB Railway Museum to approach a new Council and provide them the information needed so, Council can make the well-informed decision.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor J. Land and seconded by **Councillor Steeves** to rescind the motion of November 7, 2022 to establish a reasonable purchase price for the railway station building. Questions on the motion: **Councillor J. Land** has not seen the NB Railway Museum financials and recommends the NB Railway Group approach the new Council in the New Year; **Councillor Steeves** agreed with **Councillor J. Land**, and he feels there is not enough time with the upcoming election; **Councillor M. Land** has nothing to add; **Councillor Jonah** has nothing to add. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor M. Land and seconded by **Councillor Steeves** that the Christmas bonuses discussed during in-camera on November 21st, 2022 be approved. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously)

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by **Councillor Steeves** **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Mayor

Administrator/Clerk