

Special Meeting of Council  
Wednesday, May 21st, 2025  
9:30 am  
Council Chambers

**MINUTES**

Council: Warden Bonny MacIsaac  
Deputy Warden Lynn Chisholm  
Councillor Claude Poirier  
Councillor Blair Phillips  
Councillor John MacLennan  
Councillor Catherine Gillis (online)

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO  
Brian Luciano, CFO  
Erin Gillis, COO  
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council/ CAO

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Bonny MacIsaac called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken.

**2. CHARITABLE PROPERTIES**

Charitable property tax exemptions were summarized by District.  
*Recommendation to proceed with the property tax exemptions by district as presented.*

**3. GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS**

*Recommendation that the following present to Council and provide financials (Kitchen Fest/ Cabot Trail Writers Festival/Celtic Colours).*

New Requests

CBU Med (tabled)

Celtic Music Interpretive Centre

West Side Performing Arts/Mill Road Garden/Feis Mhabu (will be part of the Recreation budget)

Transportation Services (SAT and L'Acabie) – tabled for now

*Trails - \$60,000, Arena Grants - \$20,000, Recreation Facility Grants - \$25,000 – recommendation to approve.*

**4. COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT**

*Recommendation to increase the compensation rate of 2.5 %.*

**5. WASTE WATER AREA RATES**

*Recommendation to approve as presented.*

**6. FESTIVAL FUNDING**

*Recommendation to move to Advertising and Sponsorships.*

**7. GRANT FUNDING POLICY REVIEW**

*Recommendation that the Policy go forward as presented.*

**8. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

*An overall increase of \$85,000.00 Recommendation to approve the increase.*

**9. HOUSING SESSION**

A Housing Session is planned for June 2025.

**10. CAPITAL BUDGET**

*Recommendation to advance the Capital Budget.*

**11. NEXT MEETING**

Committee of the Whole – May 22, 2025

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** *That Council adjourn at 11:15 am*  
**MOVED BY:** Councillor Poirier