



**TOWN OF SAINT ANDREWS  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**June 7, 2021, 6:00 p.m.  
Courthouse, Frederick St., Saint Andrews**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

*A Special Meeting of the Town of Saint Andrews Council was held on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:*

*Chris Spear, CAO/Treasurer, Paul Nopper, Clerk - Senior Administrator*

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

*MP John Williamson – Presentation to elected members of Council.*

*MLA Kathy Bockus – Presentation to elected members of Council.*

**C. SWEARING-IN: ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR & COUNCILLORS**

**1. Mayor Elect Brad Henderson**

*I, Brad Henderson, of Saint Andrews, Swear that I am, to the best of my knowledge and belief, qualified for the office of Mayor for the local government of Saint Andrews to which office I have been elected and that I accept the office for which I am elected, and will diligently, faithfully, and impartially discharge to the best of my ability the duties of the office as may be imposed on be by law so help me God.*

*Sworn before me at Saint Andrews in the County of Charlotte and the Province of New Brunswick on June 7, 2021.*

*Paul Nopper, Clerk - Senior Administrator*

**2. Councillor Elect Catherine (Kate) Akagi**

*I, Catherine (Kate) Akagi, of Saint Andrews, Swear that I am, to the best of my knowledge and belief, qualified for the office of Councillor for the local government of Saint Andrews to which office I have been elected and that I accept the office for which I am elected, and will diligently, faithfully, and impartially discharge to the best of my ability the duties of the office as may be imposed on be by law so help me God.*

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**3. Councillor Elect Marc Blanchard**

*I, Marc Blanchard, of Saint Andrews, Solemnly Affirm that I am, to the best of my knowledge and belief, qualified for the office of Councillor for the local government of Saint Andrews to which office I have been elected and that I accept the office for which I am elected, and will diligently, faithfully, and impartially discharge to the best of my ability the duties of the office as may be imposed on be by law.*

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**4. Councillor Elect Kurt Gumushel**

*I, Kurt Gumushel, of Saint Andrews, Solemnly Affirm that I am, to the best of my knowledge and belief, qualified for the office of Councillor for the local government of Saint Andrews to which office I have been elected and that I accept the office for which I am elected, and will diligently, faithfully, and impartially discharge to the best of my ability the duties of the office as may be imposed on be by law.*

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**5. Councillor Lee Heenan**

*I, Lee Heenan, of Saint Andrews, Swear that I am, to the best of my knowledge and belief, qualified for the office of Councillor for the local government of Saint Andrews to which office I have been elected and that I accept the office for which I am elected, and will diligently, faithfully, and impartially discharge to the best of my ability the duties of the office as may be imposed on be by law so help me God.*

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**6. Councillor Elect Jamie Hirtle**

*I, Jamie Hirtle, of Saint Andrews, Swear that I am, to the best of my knowledge and belief, qualified for the office of Councillor for the local government of Saint Andrews to which office I have been elected and that I accept the office for which I am elected, and will diligently, faithfully, and impartially discharge to the best of my ability the duties of the office as may be imposed on be by law so help me God.*

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**7. Councillor Elect Steve Neil**

*I, Steve Neil, of Saint Andrews, Swear that I am, to the best of my knowledge and belief, qualified for the office of Councillor for the local government of Saint Andrews to which office I have been elected and that I accept the office for which I am elected, and will diligently, faithfully, and impartially discharge to the best of my ability the duties of the office as may be imposed on be by law so help me God.*

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**D. CLERK PASSING MEETING TO TOWN OF SAINT ANDREWS COUNCIL 2021 - 2025**

**E. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

*Mayor Brad Henderson - MP Williamson, MLA Bockus, Council Members, friends, and family. First of all, in this heat, thank you all for attending. Naturally, if you are thinking of the election, it was delayed, think of the election results, delayed, and the swearing-in was delayed. The fact that you came today means a lot to all of us.*

*If there was a lesson from this past election, Saint Andrews wanted choice. When you look at how many candidates that we had come and offer to serve our*

community, it was the most we had in years. It was not just that Saint Andrews had a choice, we had a lot of good choices. I know I am going to be biased in the next 4 years about the six individuals on Council, I have never heard so much energy and enthusiasm about hope for Council. A lot of people are looking forward to seeing together what the seven of us can accomplish with the support of the community. The other thing is this Council represents a change in Municipal politics. Traditionally, we know how important Federal and Provincial elections are but to have the voter turnout we had, the greatest in the last 25 years. So if anything throughout the Pandemic taught us, as we streamed our meetings online, what local government does really does matter. More and more people have been engaged than they have been in years and very evident in the voter turnout. On behalf of all of us to the residents of Saint Andrews thank you for entrusting us to continue making this community the greatest place to live in Canada.

The other thing I want to acknowledge is Council is a large commitment. It is a huge commitment if you are in it for the right reasons and to make a difference. Although this might be a journey for the seven of us before you, the reality is before you is friends and family. This is a major commitment for our families for all of us to offer. I can speak from my own experience over the last five years, there were a lot of nights where my wife tucked in my kids alone. The fact that all of our families support us to do this for our community, we are so thankful for your support. We would like to thank and acknowledge you as well.

With the delays in the election, we have to hit the ground running. I think we were one of the first Municipal governments to have our orientation. The reason why we were able to have a full-day orientation, is again I am going to be biased, but we have in the Town of Saint Andrews, many of them here today, we have the best staff that you can absolutely imagine. I don't know how many times on the previous Council people congratulated me. The reality is, it is the hard work of our staff that makes this happen. I feel positive the community has a bright future not only for who you elected but who serves us day in and day out with the operations. Thank you to all the staff for being here tonight to support us as well.

In true Council fashion, we are being sworn in at 6:00 p.m. and our first Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. I am going to keep this short as I have promised to keep meetings short. I think it is important to mark some of the things we have to accomplish ahead. There are a number of initiatives, noted by MP Williamson, that this Council is going to have to continue. The foundation for the Market Square and Market Wharf refurbishments, partnerships with levels of government to increase trails, there are By-Laws stuck at second reading. This Council is not going to get a chance to get orientated, we are going to have to learn quickly and give the Community the decisions they have been looking for. On top of that, we have priorities of our own. I am not going to sit here and give you priorities because I am just one member of this team. I look forward to working with the six individuals with me doing strategic priorities for the community and making sure that each and every reason that they run, that we hear it out and decide as a team to accomplish. Every member of the Council that ran said a priority was Housing. I am glad all three levels of government are here, it is going to take all of us to change this. Many people are calling this a housing crisis. It is not something that someone can fix for us. As a Municipal government, we need to take ownership of this and work with our partners. It may be the hardest time to build based on costs. Affordable housing is a scary word for building. The people who need this do not need excuses but a framework on how to move forward and make a difference.

In conclusion, I want to congratulate Councillor Akagi, Blanchard, Gumushel, Heenan, Hirtle, and Neil. I am looking forward to the next four years to make Saint Andrews By-the-Sea the great community that it is. Thank you.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: Motion: 215 - 06/21**

**Moved by Mayor Brad Henderson**

**Seconded by Councillor Gumushel**

*At 6:28 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned.*

**Carried**

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Brad Henderson, Mayor



Paul Nopper, Clerk

