

Transcript of Mayor John Higham's statement regarding the future of the *Sackville Tribune-Post* during the regular Sackville Town Council meeting held on Monday, July 13, 2020:

*First I want to let you know that I had some discussions with Saltwire Communications about the future of the Tribune, not at very high levels but the discussion wasn't promising, a lot of details about what the environment is for local papers and some of you may have just gotten a formal e-mail from Saltwire....*

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*Alright, I'm back I think...So, some of the details of Saltwire's suggestion was that they would need a minimum of 5,000 subscriptions and a significant commitment to advertising from local businesses in order for that to take place. That's a pretty high threshold for this area. I did talk a little bit with Amherst News about what their situation was whether there might be an opportunity for a joint paper of some type under those kind of terms.*

*It's a big challenge and there's going to have to be a lot of work if somebody wants to pursue this and I just wanted the public to know that if it's something someone wishes to spend some time on and build that type of an opportunity, let me know and we'll arrange a chat with the parties that be and I can give more detail about some of the things that I have heard on that.*