

**Rural Community of Upper Miramichi  
6094 Route 8, Boiestown, April 22, 2024**

**PLACE:** The Council meeting of the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi was held in the Upper Miramichi Community Centre on April 22 at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** Mayor MA Douglas Munn, Councillor Grant Ross, Councillor Dustin Munn, Councillor Frank McKeil, Councillor Wendy Wellwood, Margie McKay-Lyons, Nolan Astle and Mary Hunter were in attendance.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor MA Douglas Munn called the meeting to order.
2. **AGENDA:** It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Munn to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. **MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Munn to approve the minutes of March 25 as presented. Motion carried.
4. **NOTATION OF QUORUM:** Mayor Munn noted that a quorum was present.
5. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** No conflict declared by Council.
6. **RCMP REPORT:** No RCMP representative present.
7. **BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Nolan Astle said it has started to pick up.
8. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mary Hunter presented financial report. It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor McKeil to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried.
9. **RSC UPDATE:** Mayor Munn said has nothing to report.
10. **FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMO REPORT** – Councillor Munn said training was on ropes and pullies. He also noted there was 1 lift assist and 4 fires the firefighters attended to. Fire Smart program was done on the 21<sup>st</sup> at the fire hall.

Councillor Munn said the boundary line issue is still ongoing.

Station 2 will have some inside work done. New SCBA bottles will be ordered.

EMO – The river watch was done.

It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to accept the Fire Department and EMO report as presented. Motion carried.

**11. RECREATION & PARKS REPORT** - Councillor Ross said there is some clean up being done at the park. Trampoline is set up.

Councillor Ross said that the Boiestown Athletic Association has donated their final funds to the Community Park. He is looking for suggestions of how the funds can be used.

Councillor Ross said he would sit on the committee for GMRSC regional infrastructure.

It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor McKeil to accept the Recreation and Parks report as presented. Motion carried.

**12. TOURISM and TRANSPORTATION REPORT:**

**Tourism:**

Councillor McKeil said that Krista Chase is still looking for funding for selfy stations.

Councillor McKeil contacted DTI regarding the issues at the Priceville Footbridge.

**Transportation:**

Councillor McKeil noted that the Cache Road sign and stop sign are missing. Bid Hole Brook has road issues as well.

It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Munn to accept the Tourism and Transportation report as presented. Motion carried.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

Landmark Lodge #51 F&AM sent a card of thanks.

Astle Recreation Center sent a letter of request for in-kind support for their rehabilitation project for which they are applying for a grant from the Province. It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor McKeil that RCUM would be willing to provide in-kind support to the value of \$2000 with labour, volunteers and equipment to the Astle Recreation Center. Motion carried.

The Village of Doaktown sent a letter to express their desire to sever their shared planning services with Upper Miramichi beginning May 1, 2024.

**14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UPDATES:**

14.1 *Gas Tax Projects* – Mayor Munn said the trailhead nearly completed with a few deficiencies left to be done. Councillor McKeil will review the report from Breakwater Consulting.

The trail project will need to be looked at again this summer to try to complete some of the items.

14.2 *Personnel Policy Review* – Councillor Wellwood said she is still reviewing the policy.

14.3 *Former Nursing Home* – Councillor Ross said this project is ongoing.

14.4 *New Council Members Orientation* – Mary Hunter and Councillor decided to meet on May 6 at noon.

14.5 *Update Bank Closure in Doaktown* – Councillor Wellwood there have not been any new developments. She suggested that this is all that will be done.

14.6 *Appointment of By-law Enforcement Officers* – Mary Hunter explained that the individuals had to be named for the appointments.

The following resolution was rescinded.

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 72 of the *Local Governance Act, SNB 2017, c 18*, Council may appoint By-Law Enforcement Officers for Upper Miramichi and determine their mandates.

BE IT RESOLVED that Maritime Enforcement Services Inc. be appointed as a By-Law Enforcement Officer for the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the By-Law Enforcement Services is employed for the preservation and maintenance of public peace.

AND THAT the duties, powers, authorities, and immunities of the Officer are as follows:

- a) The Officer has the powers as defined by Section 14(3) of the *Police Act, SNB 1977, c P-9.2*.
- b) The Officer has the duty to enforce all the By-Laws of the Upper Miramichi.
- c) The Officer has the lawful authority to investigate violations, perform inspections, enter lands, buildings, and other structures, issue tickets, lay information, serve documents, issue demands, orders and perform all other duties and tasks, in accordance with all the applicable Sections and Regulations of the *Local Governance Act, SNB 2017, c 18* and as established by By-Law.
- d) The Officer is authorized to exercise discretion in the course of their duties.
- e) The Officer is an officer acting under the law and is protected in accordance with the *Protection of Persons Acting Under Statute Act, RSNB 2011, c 210*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the above-mentioned appointments continue as long as the Officer is employed or retained by Upper Miramichi.

Motioned by Councillor Frank McKeil.

Seconded by Councillor Dustin Munn.

Motion carried.

Motion rescinded April 22, 2024.

The new resolution was made as follows:

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 72 of the *Local Governance Act, SNB 2017, c 18*, Council may appoint By-Law Enforcement Officers for Upper Miramichi and determine their mandates.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following persons be individually appointed as a By-Law Enforcement Officer for the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi:

- 1) Logan DUNFIELD
- 2) Jordan Euclide NOWLAN
- 3) Jordan LANGLOIS
- 4) Keith PICCO

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the By-Law Enforcement Officer (s) is employed for the preservation and maintenance of public peace.

AND THAT the duties, powers, authorities, and immunities of the Officer are as follows:

- f) The Officer has the powers as defined by Section 14(3) of the *Police Act, SNB 1977, c P-9.2*.
- g) The Officer has the duty to enforce all the By-Laws of the Upper Miramichi.
- h) The Officer has the lawful authority to investigate violations, perform inspections, enter lands, buildings, and other structures, issue tickets, lay information, serve documents, issue demands, orders and perform all other duties and tasks, in accordance with all the applicable Sections and Regulations of the *Local Governance Act, SNB 2017, c 18* and as established by By-Law.
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the above-mentioned appointments continue as long as the Officer is employed or retained by the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi.

Motioned by Councillor Frank McKeil.

Seconded by Councillor Dustin Munn.

Motion Carried, this 22 day of the Month of April, 2024.

14.7 *Donations and Grants - Central NB Woodmen's Museum* – It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor McKeil to grant \$10,000 to the Central NB Woodmen's Museum. Motion carried.

**15. NEW BUSINESS:**

15.1 *Asset Management – Phase 2* – Mary Hunter explained to Council that there is an asset management phase 2 that needs to be completed. She will contact Fame Solutions to see if they are still doing this type of work.

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next regular monthly meeting will be held on May 27, 2024 at the Community Room at the Upper Miramichi Community Center.

**17. ADJOURNMENT:** The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor Wellwood at 8:56 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Mary Hunter  
Administrative Clerk/Treasurer

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MA Douglas Munn,  
Mayor