

**Rural Community of Upper Miramichi
6094 Route 8, Boiestown, August 26, 2024**

PLACE: The Council meeting of the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi was held in the Upper Miramichi Community Center on August 26 at 7:04 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mayor MA Douglas Munn, Councillor Grant Ross, Councillor Dustin Munn, Councillor Frank McKeil, Councillor Wendy Wellwood, Margie McKay-Lyons and Mary Hunter were in attendance. Nolan Astle was not present.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor MA Douglas Munn called the meeting to order.
2. **AGENDA:** It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Ross to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. **MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to approve the minutes of July 22 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:** A RCMP representative was present. He commented on the issues and what was happening in RCUM.
7. **ROGERS FIBRE – Joely Carson:** Joely Carson cancelled due to impending weather. Margie McKay-Lyons reviewed the information. It was moved by Councillor Wellwood and seconded by Councillor Ross to move forward with the full package presented by Rogers. Motion carried.
8. **BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Nolan Astle was not present. Mayor Munn said the contract with Nolan has been signed. PAC by-law information ready to forward to Stantec.
9. **RSC UPDATE:** Mayor Munn said he will be attending the budget meeting on August 28.
10. **FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMO REPORT –** Councillor Munn said UMFDF responded to 4 structure fires and one MVA.

Training was on hoses.

Councillor Munn said he has met with Minister Savoie regarding the fire boundaries.

UMFD will hold their annual Corn Boil on September 21.

EMO – Councillor Munn commented there is nothing to report at this time.

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

11. RECREATION & PARKS REPORT - Councillor Ross said U13 Ball tournament was successful.

Councillor Ross said the pickleball courts are marked off. The quote for tennis court resurfacing was discussed. Councillor Ross would like to know how much it would cost to just do the repairs. Waiting for fencing quote.

Hogan Paving are expected to do the ATV trail section in October.

The quote for the lights at the ballfield has not come in yet.

Fall Frolic is scheduled to for September 7th.

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

12. TOURISM and TRANSPORTATION REPORT:

Tourism:

Councillor McKeil said the “Love Your Covered Bridges” event went well at Nelson Hollow Bridge.

Councillor McKeil said he will meet with Marty Norrad to discuss the Thomas Boies event for 2025.

Transportation:

Councillor McKeil commented that the repairs to the abutment at Nelson Hollow Bridge has been hired out to a private contractor.

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

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Central Miramichi Historical Society sent a letter to request a sponsorship of \$100 for their calendar. It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to sponsor the Central Miramichi Historical Society calendar for \$100. Motion carried.

Hon. Kris Austin sent a letter to inform Upper Miramichi of a new program called “SCAN” Safer Communities and Neighborhoods. It will be posted on our Facebook page and pamphlets in entryway.

A letter was received from Daye Kelly & Associates to inform Council of transition to KPMG LLP on September 6, 2024.

The Normandy Branch # 78 sent a request for a letter of support for a grant application for a lift. Council is happy to do so.

A request from JD Irving Ltd., Michelle Gonsalvez, to support a letter regarding 2022 Forest Strategy for New Brunswick’s Crown Lands was reviewed by Council. Mayor Munn will write a letter of response and send to Hon. Hugh Flemming, Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Development and copy to Robert Fawcett, JD Irving Ltd.

A memo from Jennifer Wilkins, Local Government regarding the policing services was received. Council would like to know what the cost would be if they take over the responsibilities.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UPDATES:

14.1 *Gas Tax Projects* – Mayor Munn said a walk through has been done. Reports need to be sent and items have been checked off. A final walk through will be done soon.

14.2 *Personnel Policy Review* – Councillor Wellwood said she is almost ready to present.

14.3 *Former Nursing Home* – Councillor Ross said he has not heard back from RDC yet.

14.4 *Code of Conduct for Council By-law* – Mary Hunter checked with Council and they decided to defer until next meeting.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

15.1 *AMANB Conference* – Mary Hunter informed Council the AMANB Conference will be held on September 10 to 13.

15.2 *CCFB Agreement* – Mary Hunter reviewed the CCFB Agreement with Council.

Resolution:

2024-04 moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor Wellwood “that the document entitled Rural Community of Upper Miramichi Five-Year Capital Investment Plan for the Canada Community Building Fund (CCFB) 2024-2028 be adopted”. Motion carried.

15.3 *Garbage Collection Contract* – Mary Hunter reviewed her draft of the tender. Council wanted to know if it made any difference if they tendered with the Village of Doaktown. Mary Hunter will contact Joe’s Garbage. Mary Hunter will also ask the Village of Doaktown if they wish to do it together again.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on September 23, 2024 at the Community Room at the Upper Miramichi Community Center.

17. ADJOURNMENT: The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor McKeil at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hunter
Administrative Clerk/Treasurer

MA Douglas Munn,
Mayor