

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

PLACE: The Council meeting of the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi was held in the Upper Miramichi Community Centre on February 26 at 7:00 p.m.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Deputy Mayor Ross called the meeting to order.
2. **AGENDA:** It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Munn 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 January 24 as presented. Motion carried.
4. **NOTATION OF QUORUM:** Deputy Mayor Ross noted that a quorum was present.
5. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** No conflict declared by Council.
6. **RCMP REPORT:** RCMP had a member present. No big issues at this time.
7. **PRESENTATION – JILL STAIRS – DAYE KELLY & ASSOCIATES:** Jill Stairs presented the 2023 Audit to Council and read the opinion. She reviewed the items. It was moved by Councillor Wellwood and seconded by Councillor McKeil to accept the annual consolidated financial report as presented by Jill Stairs of Daye Kelly & Associates. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor McKeil that the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi engage Daye Kelly & Associates as our auditors for the 2024-2025 years based on their past performance. Motion carried.
8. **BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Nolan Astle said he has met the By-law Enforcement members. He said that power has been installed at the Trailhead project. He has been working with the Miramichi assessment office regarding new builds, etc.
9. **RSC UPDATE:** Mayor Munn is not present and no report at this time.
10. **FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMO REPORT –** Councillor Munn reported that the department responded to one MVA and one fire.

Councillor Munn said training was off road rescue.

Councillor Munn and Mayor Munn met with Doaktown to review the boundaries again.

A live burn request has been received and Councillor Munn said he will have to investigate the property first.

T4's have been issued to volunteers this year.

EMO – Nothing to report.

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

11. RECREATION & PARKS REPORT - Councillor Ross commented that Winter Fun Day was a success. It is unknown how much longer the rink will be open because of the warm weather.

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 he attended another Snow Goers meeting at Prospect Place. He said it was a good meeting.

Councillor McKeil attended the Population Growth meeting in Miramichi.

No agreement has been reached with Irving to view the Fall Brook Falls. Other items of discussion are the Nelson Hollow Bridge and the Priceville Footbridge.

Transportation:

Councillor McKeil said the sign has been installed at Hayesville.

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

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Municipal Finance Corporation sent a letter to canvas for financing. Council declined.

A letter of response was sent to GMRSC for the Zonal Immigration Partnership.

A letter of support for a business opportunity in the Village of Doaktown for banking services was forwarded to the Village of Doaktown.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UPDATES:

14.1 *Gas Tax Projects* – The power to the Trailhead project has been completed and the project should be able to move forward.

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

14.3 *Former Nursing Home* – Councillor Ross said that there has only been one response to the RFP issuance. It is currently being put back out to see if there are any other responses.

14.4 *New Council Members Orientation* – Deferred until next meeting.

14.5 *CCBF – Gas Tax Fund* – Mary Hunter has reviewed the current fund and recommended to leave as is.

14.6 *Update Bank Closure in Doaktown* – Councillor Wellwood that CIBC has agreed to provide some services in the Village of Doaktown. A town hall meeting is scheduled for March.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

15.1 *Appointment of By-law Enforcement Officers* – Deputy Mayor Ross and Council discussed the aspects of the resolution. It was decided to defer it until clarification of details.

15.2 *Donations and Grants* – Deputy Mayor Ross read over the applications.

It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to grant Astle Recreation Center the sum of \$500. Motion carried.

Councillor McKeil declared a conflict as he is part of the Landmark Lodge #51 F@AM organization. It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to grant Landmark Lodge#51 F@AM the sum of \$500. Motion carried.

The application from the Central NB Woodmen’s Museum has been deferred for additional information.

15.3 *Blue Bins* – Mary Hunter said she has been receiving requests for blue bins but RCUM does not currently have any extras. Margie McKay-Lyons said she would put another request in the ONN to see if anyone has some we could have.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on March 25, 2024 at the Community Room at the Upper Miramichi Community Center.

17. ADJOURNMENT: The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor Wellwood at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hunter
Administrative Clerk/Treasurer

MA Douglas Munn,
Mayor