

**Rural Community of Upper Miramichi
6094 Route 8, Boiestown, January 24, 2024**

PLACE: The Council meeting of the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi was held in the Upper Miramichi Community Centre on January 24 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 Munn called the meeting to order.
2. **AGENDA:** It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor Ross 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 December 18 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. Margie McKay-Lyons said the restitution has been paid.
7. **BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Nolan Astle reviewed current projects. RCUM is participating in the pilot project for By-Law Enforcement.
8. **RSC UPDATE:** Mayor Munn said he will be attending the next meeting scheduled for January 24th.
9. **FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMO REPORT** – Councillor Munn reported that the department responded to one snowmobile accident and one fire.

Councillor Munn said training was SOP's and SOG's, live burn and hoses. Bunker gear is being cleaned.

Councillor Munn has reviewed the mutual aid agreement with Doaktown. He wants to make sure that RCUM carry 5 million liability insurance.

Councillor Munn and Mayor Munn intent to meet with Village of Doaktown and Miramichi River Valley to review the fire boundaries on January 30.

EMO – Councillor Munn asked if the project was completed at the new washroom at Community Park. Margie McKay-Lyons said it has been.

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

10. RECREATION & PARKS REPORT - Councillor Ross said the rink is ready.

Winter Fun Day is scheduled for February 17 with a snow date of February 18, 2024. Councillor Ross reviewed the events and who would be looking after each. A porta potti will need to be scheduled for Fowlers Hill. Council discussed some different events that could possibly be done.

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

11. TOURISM and TRANSPORTATION REPORT:

Tourism:

Councillor McKeil said he attended a Snow Goers meeting at Prospect Place on January 4th. It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Ross to move to the platinum status with Miramichi Snow-Goers. Motion carried.

Transportation:

Councillor McKeil said he has not received a reply back from Miramichi division regarding a sign for Hayesville.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Central NB Academy sent a letter to request funding for Year book ad. It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor McKeil to place a full page ad in the Central NB Academy Year book at a cost of \$250. Motion carried.

The Royal Canadian Legion NB Command sent a letter of request for an ad in their annual Military Service Recognition Book. It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to place an ad in the annual Military Service Recognition Book at a cost of \$230. Motion carried.

13. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UPDATES:

13.1 *Gas Tax Projects* – Mayor Munn said the trailhead project is at a standstill waiting for power to be installed by NBPower.

13.2 *Personnel Policy Review* – Mayor Munn said he will review with Councillor Wellwood.

13.3 *Former Nursing Home* – Councillor Ross reviewed what information he had for the time being.

13.4 *Budget 2024* – Mary Hunter said the 2024 budget has been approved.

13.5 *New Council Members Orientation* – Mary Hunter apologized for the delay due to health issues.

13.6 *CCBF – Gas Tax Fund* – Deferred until February meeting.

13.7 *Update Bank Closure in Doaktown* – Councillor Wellwood said there is a letter being drawn up and it will need to be signed by Mayor Munn. A survey is going to be sent out for residents to fill out.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1 *Garbage Issue* – Mayor Munn said he has been contacted by Shelly Williams, Joe’s Garbage to request that a change of date be made for pick ups. It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor McKeil to agree to change the pick up day to Tuesday each week for all of Upper Miramichi at the request of the Contractor. Motion carried.

A notice will be in the OverNorth News and Facebook to reflect the new day.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on February 26, 2024 at the Community Room at the Upper Miramichi Community Center.

16. ADJOURNMENT: The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor Wellwood at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hunter
Administrative Clerk/Treasurer

MA Douglas Munn,
Mayor