

**Rural Community of Upper Miramichi
6094 Route 8, Boiestown, June 25, 2024**

PLACE: The Council meeting of the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi was held in the Upper Miramichi Community Centre on June 25 at 7:04 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mayor MA Douglas Munn, Councillor Grant Ross, Councillor Dustin Munn, Councillor Frank McKeil, Councillor Wendy Wellwood, Nolan Astle, Margie McKay-Lyons 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 McKeil 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 May 27 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 a couple of garages have been started.

Jamie Burke of Stantec is requesting that a PAC be formed as soon as possible.

8. **RSC UPDATE:** Mayor Munn said he will attend the next meeting on Wednesday, June 26.

Circular Materials continue to be an item to follow.

9. **FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMO REPORT** – Councillor Munn said UMFD responded to 1 MVI and 2 fires.

Training was on rapid intervention and hose pulling.

The UMFD is planning a BBQ for July 6th.

A trash pump was donated to UMFD from Lloyd Smith. Council thanked Mr. Smith as he was present at the meeting.

EMO – Councillor Munn commented that the Upper Miramichi Lions Club opened their doors on June 19th for the public to go and get cooled down from the high heat.

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

10. RECREATION & PARKS REPORT - Councillor Ross said the ballfield is seeing a lot of use. Margie McKay-Lyons said that Phillip Munn will go look at the lights and give her a quote to fix them up.

Councillor Ross said that Darcy Beek is waiting for parts for the splashpad.

Councillor Ross would like to see some work to be done at Memorial Garden as it is need of a lot of gardening.

Councillor McKeil said he was informed that a change table in the washrooms would be nice. Council agreed to purchase 2 new change tables.

It was moved by Councillor McKeil 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 would like to plan an event for “Love your covered bridges” days on July 27 from 10 am to 2 pm. A BBQ and drinks would be served. He will also contact Belva Brown of the Central NB Heritage Society.

Councillor McKeil also brought up that 2025 is the 200th anniversary of the naming of Boiestown. The Miramichi Fire is also 200 years old. A committee will be formed to make plans for 2025.

Transportation:

Councillor McKeil noted that DTI has erected a sign at Cache Road. DTI will install a stop sign and street sign.

Councillor McKeil noted that DTI has made repairs to the Nelson Hollow Bridge and erected new stone barriers.

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

12. CORRESPONDENCE

NB Police Association sent a request to advertise in their annual booklet. Council declined

Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure sent notice of property for sale. Council declined.

Central NB Woodmen’s Museum sent a request to support the Lumberjack Competition. It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor McKeil to be a silver sponsor for \$500. Motion carried.

Wes Tingley sent a thank you for the items donated to Retired teachers event held in May.

13. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UPDATES:

13.1 *Gas Tax Projects* – Mayor Munn commented that DNR was out on the trails for an inspection. Complaints have been made with regards to some areas of dust drifting to private property. Councillor Ross will look into getting a price to place reclaim on that section.

Other projects not completed were discussed.

13.2 *Personnel Policy Review* – Councillor Wellwood said she is still reviewing the policy. Unsightly premises was discussed as well.

13.3 *Former Nursing Home* – Councillor Ross said the committee has submitted an application to Housing Hub.

13.4 *New Council Members Orientation* – Mary Hunter and Councillors met on July 8th.

13.5 *Bar None* – Councillor Munn said that a site visit was done. He felt they has lots to offer.

13.6 *Code of Conduct for Council By-law* – Mary Hunter asked Council for input. Council felt that a working meeting would be required.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1 *Canada Day Celebrations* – Margie McKay-Lyons outlined the activities planned for. Some of the Council members will be on hand to help out.

14.2 *Donations and Grants - Legion* – Mary Hunter presented the written request from Normandy Branch #78, Boiestown for funding that was granted last year. The Legion now needs funds for several safety issues. Council agreed that they could use some of these funds previously granted for these issues.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on July 22, 2024 at the Community Room at the Upper Miramichi Community Center.

17. ADJOURNMENT: The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor McKeil at 9:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hunter
Administrative Clerk/Treasurer

MA Douglas Munn,
Mayor