

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

PLACE: The Council meeting of the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi was held in the Upper Miramichi Community Centre on March 25 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 Munn and seconded by Councillor McKeil to approve the agenda with the addition of 14.2 Purchase Property Rte. 8. Motion carried.
3. **MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Munn to approve the minutes of February 26 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:** Mayor Munn noted there have been numerous thefts of gas around the province.
7. **BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Nolan Astle said he has received 2 new permit applications. He still has 4 open files.
8. **RSC UPDATE:** Mayor Munn said there is still some information regarding the possibility of a transfer station in Miramichi.
9. **FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMO REPORT** – Councillor Munn said the new sign has been installed at the Firehall.

Councillor Munn said training was on truck check sheets and clean hoses. He also noted there was 1 MVA, 1 lift assist, 1 flu fire and one forestry machine fire that the firefighters attended to. The vehicle inspections are being completed. Three members have almost completed Level 1.

Councillor Munn said the boundary line issue is still ongoing.

Margie McKay-Lyons contacted the group who are doing the Community Meals and they are willing to do meals if ever needed by the Fire Department.

EMO – Nothing to report.

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

10. RECREATION & PARKS REPORT - Councillor Ross that the park in between seasons. He is looking at purchasing a few sports related items and getting some beautification projects done this year.

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 has been talking to Krista Chase about the selfy stations and what funding would be required to do so.

Councillor McKeil visited the Priceville Footbridge for an inspection. He will contact DTI to inform them of the repairs that should be done.

Transportation:

Councillor McKeil visited the Priceville Footbridge for an inspection. He will contact DTI to inform them of the repairs that should be done.

The bus turning in Holtville is sometimes filled up with visitors vehicles. Councillor McKeil said he would look into getting some signage there. It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to purchase a bus turning sign for Holtville. Motion carried.

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

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Received a certificate from NB Power for performing an energy -saving project.

13. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UPDATES:

13.1 *Gas Tax Projects* – Mayor Munn said the trailhead project is almost completed. The gas tax funds are inefficient to cover all of the costs. It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor McKeil to approve the capital expenditure to complete the trailhead project by Breakwater Consulting Ltd. in the amount of \$44,963.09 plus HST. Motion carried.

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

13.3 *Former Nursing Home* – Councillor Ross said there have been a couple of new proposals come in. The committee plans to meet within the next couple of weeks. Mary Hunter said she has received

the insurance appraisal. Council would like to inform Arthur Gallagher Insurance of the appraisal and move forward with adding the building to their policy.

13.4 *New Council Members Orientation* – Mary Hunter said she has a presentation prepared. Will try to get a meeting together with Council in April.

13.5 *Update Bank Closure in Doaktown* – Councillor Wellwood that CIBC has agreed to provide mobile banking services. Mostly seniors showed to the Town Hall meeting. She would like to host a meeting in RCUM.

13.6 *Appointment of By-law Enforcement Officers* – Mayor Munn said that RCUM needs to appoint the officers. Council decided that they would appoint Maritime Enforcement Services Inc. so that it would cover whom ever was employed.

The following resolution was passed.

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 Wendy Wellwood.

Seconded by Councillor Frank McKeil.

Motion Carried, this 25th day of the Month of March 2024.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1 *Appointment of Planning Director* – Mayor Munn said he was notified that Andre Frenette of Stantec has resigned and that RCUM will need to appoint a new person.

It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Ross to remove Andre Frenette as planning director and, therefore, appoint Jamie Burke of Stantec Consulting Ltd. as planning director for the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi. Motion carried.

14.2 *Purchase Property Rte. 8* – Mayor Munn has been looking at properties for future development. It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Ross to purchase 2 acres of land for future development at a cost of \$14,900. Motion carried.

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

16. ADJOURNMENT: The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor Wellwood at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hunter
Administrative Clerk/Treasurer

MA Douglas Munn,
Mayor