

**Rural Community of Upper Miramichi
6094 Route 8, Boiestown, May 27, 2024**

PLACE: The Council meeting of the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi was held in the Upper Miramichi Community Centre on May 27 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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 McKeil and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to approve the minutes of April 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:** No RCMP representative present.
7. **BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Nolan Astle said projects are starting to pick up.

The Upper Miramichi Firearms Club is requesting that the confirmation of zoning requirement by the Federal Government be waived. Council discussed this. It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to waive the cost of the confirmation of zoning required by the Federal Government each year for the Upper Miramichi Firearms Club as long as the club is run by the Upper Miramichi Firearms Club and is in good standing. Motion carried.

A new PAC will need to be formed as the Village of Doaktown no longer have members on the previous one. Council will need to get this completed before any new issues will be looked at.

8. **RSC UPDATE:** Mayor Munn said that Wilson Bell is retiring. Mary Hunter read the letter Wilson Bell sent regarding his retirement.

The transfer station study has been completed.

9. **FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMO REPORT** – Councillor Munn said training was on pump and log books.

Councillor Munn said the boundary line was discussed with Village of Doaktown and Miramichi River Valley in Fredericton with other Provincial parties.

The UMGD is planning a BBQ for July.

EMO – Nothing to report at this time.

It was moved by Councillor McKeil 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 park is being used along with the ballfield. The ballfield lights are not all working. Margie McKay-Lyons is looking into the cost of LED lights which would save on power as well.

Councillor Ross commented on getting some items for the beautification of the park.

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 has not heard from DTI regarding the issues at the Priceville Footbridge. An email was sent regarding the “Love your covered bridges” from the Association Heritage New Brunswick. Councillor McKeil said he would look into the possibility of having a day celebration.

Transportation:

Councillor McKeil noted that DTI has erected a sign at Cache Road. Still waiting for an answer about who is responsible to erect a new sign post and street name sign.

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

12. BAR NONE:

Councillor Munn said he was approached by Steven Lewis with an idea that RCUM could utilize their updated facilities. Council will try to meet at their location for a better understanding of the place.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Central New Brunswick Academy sent a letter requesting financial support for their Graduation. It was moved by Councillor Wellwood and seconded by Councillor Munn to give two prizes of \$250 each to CNBA. Motion carried. Mayor Munn will present it.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UPDATES:

14.1 *Gas Tax Projects* – Mayor Munn said there are only a few items left to be completed at the Trailhead.

Other projects will need to be looked at again this summer to try to complete some of the items.

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

14.3 *Former Nursing Home* – Councillor Ross said the committee met on May 7.

14.4 *New Council Members Orientation* – Mary Hunter and Councillors decided to meet on June 5 at noon as the previous date had to be cancelled.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

15.1 *Code of Conduct for Council By-law* – Mary Hunter explained to Council the Code of Conduct for Council is legislated by the Local Governance Act. Council will review with amendments for June meeting.

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

17. ADJOURNMENT: The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor Wellwood at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hunter
Administrative Clerk/Treasurer

MA Douglas Munn,
Mayor