

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

PLACE: The Council meeting of the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi was held in the Upper Miramichi Community Center on November 25 at 7:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mayor MA Douglas Munn, Councillor Grant Ross, Councillor Frank McKeil, Councillor Wendy Wellwood, Councillor Dustin Munn, Margie McKay-Lyons and Mary Hunter were in attendance. Nolan Astle was not present

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor MA Douglas Munn called the meeting to order.
2. **AGENDA:** It was moved by Councillor Wellwood and seconded by Councillor McKeil to approve the agenda with amendments 14.3 Climate Change and 14.4 PAC Committee. Motion carried.
3. **MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Munn to approve the minutes of October 28 as presented. Motion carried.
4. **NOTATION OF QUORUM:** Mayor MA Douglas Munn noted that a quorum was present.
5. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** No conflict declared by Council.
6. **RCMP REPORT:** No RCMP representative was present.
7. **BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Nolan Astle was not present. Mayor Munn has met with Nolan to clarify Nolan's paperwork.
8. **RSC UPDATE:** Mayor Munn was said he has a meeting this week.
9. **FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMO REPORT** – Councillor Munn reported the fire department had 3 fire calls and one MVA.
Training was pump training. New hoses have been installed on trucks.
Firefighters attended the breakfast at the Orange Hall to support the breakfast programs at school. They also attended an appreciation service at the Anglican Church and were presented with a plaque.

Firefighters Christmas party is scheduled for December 14.

Fire Prevention was held at UMES school.

EMO – Council members had a great meeting with John Glidden and two other members on November 4th. Councillor Munn said he will revisit the EMO plan in the new year to finalize it.

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 – Deputy Mayor Ross said the fencing will be installed this week.

Cement pads and picnic tables are installed, and shelters have been started. It was suggested to put reflective strips on the shelters so it can be seen at night.

Councillor Ross is waiting for another quote for the tennis court.

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 getting comments that the shelters look great.

Councillor McKeil said he has inquiries about having the geographical center of New Brunswick posted in the correct spot. Council will look into this.

Transportation:

Councillor McKeil said bus turning signs have been installed at the head of Holtville.

Margie McKay-Lyons gave Council the prices she found for flashing speed signs.

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

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Miramichi Snow Goers (Club 22) requesting sponsorship. It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor McKeil to approve the sponsorship to Miramichi Snow Goers (Club 22) of \$1000. Motion carried.

Ronald Gaudet of Local Government sent a message to say that Council will need to take over the unsightly premises and policing by-laws.

The Royal Canadian Legion New Brunswick Command sent a thank you and certificate for supporting the Military Service Recognition Book.

13. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UPDATES:

13.1 *Gas Tax Projects* – Councillor Ross said the trail project on the lower end of McCarthy flats will be done soon.

13.2 *Personnel Policy Review* – Councillor Wellwood said she still needs co-ordinate with Mary Hunter to review some items of the policy.

13.3 *Former Nursing Home* – Councillor Ross gave an update on the project.

Councillor Ross and Councillor McKeil attended the Housing Forum in Miramichi.

13.4 *Code of Conduct for Council By-law* – Mary Hunter read the Code of Conduct By-law 01-2024.

It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Munn to accept the first reading in its entirety of By-Law No. 01-2024 Respecting the Code of Conduct for Council. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to accept the second reading by title only of By-Law No. 01-2024 Respecting the Code of Conduct for Council. Motion carried.

13.5 *CCFB Agreement* – Mary Hunter said she has received confirmation that the Five-year agreement has been approved.

13.6 *Garbage Contract* – Mayor Munn talked about the submitted tenders. It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor McKeil to accept the tender submitted by Joe’s Garbage Pickup Ltd for a 3-year contract totalling \$621,357.75 plus fuel adjustment. Motion carried. Note there were 4 yea and 1 nay – Mayor Munn.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1 *ATV Trail Usage Extension* – Mayor Munn and Council discussed the request to extend the ATV trail usage. Mayor Munn said he would contact them.

14.2 *RCUM Budget 2025* – Mary Hunter reviewed the budget she prepared. Council felt it was a good. Mary will prepare the forms for approval at the next meeting.

14.3 *Climate Change* – Councillor Wellwood said she had talked to Prativa Pradhan Climate Change Adaptation Analyst, Local Government, regarding the programs.

14.4 *PAC Committee* – Councillor Munn said he review the by-law and thought it was good. It will be prepared and first and second readings will take place at the next meeting.

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

16. ADJOURNMENT: The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor Wellwood at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hunter
Administrative Clerk/Treasurer

MA Douglas Munn,
Mayor