

**Rural Community of Upper Miramichi  
6094 Route 8, Boiestown, September 23, 2024**

**PLACE:** The Council meeting of the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi was held in the Upper Miramichi Community Center on September 23 at 7:02 p.m.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor MA Douglas Munn called the meeting to order.
2. **AGENDA:** It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to approve the agenda with the addition of 15.4 Lighting. Motion carried.
3. **MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to approve the minutes of August 26 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 was present.
7. **DOAKTOWN ATV – Paul Colford:** Paul Colford was inquiring about the Nelson Hollow Bridge and the passage through for ATV's. Council said the bridge belongs to DTI.
8. **BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Nolan Astle presented his report.
9. **RSC UPDATE:** Mayor Munn said he was unable to attend the last budget meeting. He feels the proposed budget is good.
10. **FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMO REPORT** – Councillor Ross presented the report. UMGD responded to 2 ATV accidents, 1 medical and 1 alarm at CNBA.

Truck 1 and 2 were inspected. Truck 2 has an air leak and are waiting for a part.

Training was on SCBA's.

UMGD held their annual Corn Boil on September 21. Good turnout.

EMO – Mary Hunter commented that there has been some new information regarding National Alert.

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

**11. RECREATION & PARKS REPORT** - Councillor Ross said he has received a quote for fencing.

Councillor Ross said to book a tentative date with Playtek to do the repairs on the tennis court.

Margie McKay-Lyons said the quote for the lights at the ballfield has not come in yet. She also commented that there may be funding available from NB Power to help with the project.

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

**12. TOURISM and TRANSPORTATION REPORT:**

**Tourism:**

Councillor McKeil said he has not meet with Marty Norrad to discuss the Thomas Boies event for 2025 yet.

**Transportation:**

Councillor McKeil commented he has nothing to report this month.

Council discussed the Nelson Hollow signage and where the sun shelters will be placed. Site prep will need to be done for those.

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

**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

Central Miramichi Historical Society sent Thank you note.

Upper Miramichi Lions Club sent a Thank you note.

New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation sent a letter asking if Council would like to request financing. Council declined.

Central New Brunswick Nursing Home sent a letter announcing the new Administrator, Jeff Brewster.

**14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UPDATES:**

14.1 *Gas Tax Projects* – Mayor Munn said the trailhead project is complete. It was suggested that an open house be held. Other projects are still on going.

14.2 *Personnel Policy Review* – Councillor Wellwood said there is still some fine tuning that needs to be done.

14.3 *Former Nursing Home* – Councillor Ross said he has heard back from RDC and there will be funding available at 90% of the cost.

14.4 *Code of Conduct for Council By-law* – Mary Hunter suggested that Council read the by-law over and forward the changes they would like to see made to the draft.

14.5 *CCFB Agreement* – Mary Hunter said she has not heard back about the Five year agreement yet. The 10 year agreement has been signed and returned to the Province.

14.6 *Garbage Collection Contract* – Mary Hunter said she has the tender posted to NBON.

**15. NEW BUSINESS:**

15.1 *Upper Miramichi Library Budget 2025* – Mary Hunter reviewed the budget with Council.

15.2 *Donations and Grants* – Mary Hunter reviewed proposed grant requests.

It was moved by Councillor Wellwood and seconded by Councillor McKeil to grant the following requests:

McNamee Recreation Center - \$500

Boiestown / Doaktown Minor Hockey - \$2500

Astle Recreation Center - \$500

Upper Miramichi Community Meals - \$2500

UMES Kindergarten - \$450

Motion carried.

15.3 *Budget 2025* – Mary Hunter asked Council to consider any budget items that may need to be added to the 2025 budget. With new infrastructure new funding will be needed.

15.4 *Lighting* – Margie McKay-Lyons talked to Council about the possibility of new lighting that is available from NB Power and that there could be some funding to help with that.

Margie has been looking for quotes for a radar light for the hill by the office.

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next regular monthly meeting will be held on October 28, 2024 at the Community Room at the Upper Miramichi Community Center.

**17. ADJOURNMENT:** The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor Ross at 8:47 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Mary Hunter  
Administrative Clerk/Treasurer

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Grant Ross,  
Deputy Mayor