

**Rural Community of Upper Miramichi
6094 Route 8, Boiestown, February 24, 2025**

PLACE: The Council meeting of the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi was held in the Upper Miramichi Community Center on February 24 at 7:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mayor MA Douglas Munn, Councillor Grant Ross, Councillor Frank McKeil, Councillor Wendy Wellwood, Councillor Dustin Munn, Mary Hunter and Nolan Astle were in attendance. Margie McKay-Lyons sent 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 additions of 14.4 PAC Committee, 14.5 ONN. Motion carried.
3. **MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to approve the minutes of January 27 with a correction of One instead of He one in item 8. 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 presented his report.
8. **RSC UPDATE:** Mayor Munn said a meeting is scheduled for February 26 is rescheduled to March 12th. He commented that the new staff seem to be working well.
9. **FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMO REPORT** – Councillor Munn reported the fire department had 1 car fire and 3 MVI.

Councillor Munn said the water issues have been resolved.

Councillor Munn said he has been talking to Breakwater Consultants about Station 3 and has received word that their percentage for work has been reduced

Training was on hose training with the new nozzle and off-road rescue is scheduled for the next training session.

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

10. RECREATION & PARKS REPORT – Councillor Ross said the rink is in good shape and being used a lot.

Winter Fun Day was rescheduled to February 22nd. Councillor Ross thanked those who helped out. The events went well and there were a lot of people around to enjoy.

The Trailhead is open now and being used some.

A ski trail groomer has been ordered and is expected to arrive on February 26.

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

11. TOURISM and TRANSPORTATION REPORT:

Tourism:

Councillor McKeil said he had a meeting with Dan Rooney, Danny Critchlow, Debbie Stewart and Marty Norrad to discuss plans for the Thomas Boies celebration. The 200th Anniversary of the Miramichi Fire will also be included in the celebrations. Dates discussed are June 27 and 28.

Transportation:

Councillor McKeil said he does not have anything to report this month.

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

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Canadian Union of Post Workers was looking for letter of support before our meeting date so it was set aside.

13. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UPDATES:

13.1 *Gas Tax Projects* – Councillor Munn asked Mary Hunter to review the balances. It was decided to set up a working meeting to discuss the projects.

13.2 *Personnel Policy Review* – Councillor Wellwood said she is still working on it.

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

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1 *Garbage Collection for Business* – Mayor Munn said the garbage collection contract is for residential pickup but there are several businesses that are being picked up. It was decided to review this at a working meeting.

14.2 *Donations and Grants* – Mayor Munn reviewed the donations and grants application. It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor MacKeil to approve \$500 to the Astle Recreation Center. Motion carried.

14.4 *PAC Committee* – It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to appoint Lloyd Smith, Robert Tracy-Gould, Rick Bruce, Councillor McKeil and Councillor Dustin Munn to PAC Committee. Motion carried.

14.5 *ONN* – Councillor Munn said it was brought to his attention that there is a lot of waste of the OverNorth newsletter. A survey will go out in the next newsletter to see how people would prefer to have the delivery of the ONN. Results will be presented at the next meeting.

14.3 *“In Camera Session”* – Mayor Munn moved the In Camera Session to the bottom of the new business and to move forward with 14.4 and 14.5.

It was moved by Mayor Munn and seconded by Councillor McKeil to move to “In Camera Session” at 8:12 pm. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor McKeil to move back to regular meeting at 8:50 pm. Motion carried.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on March 24, 2025 at the Community Room at the Upper Miramichi Community Center.

16. ADJOURNMENT: The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor Wellwood at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hunter
Administrative Clerk/Treasurer

MA Douglas Munn,
Mayor

Reason for closed session:

Local Governance Act, Section 68(1)(d) the proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land.