

**Rural Community of Upper Miramichi
6094 Route 8, Boiestown, January 27, 2025**

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

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

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 Ross to approve the agenda with additions of 14.1 “In Camera Session”, 14.2 Planning Services Contract. Motion carried.
3. **MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Munn to approve the minutes of December 16 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 presented his report.
8. **RSC UPDATE:** Mayor Munn was a meeting is scheduled for January 29. He has had a meeting with Minister Kennedy. He one of his concerns is about the transportation issues.
9. **FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMO REPORT** – Councillor Munn reported the fire department had 3 structure fires. The water is not coming into the firehall so will need to be looked at.

Councillor Munn said he has sent the preliminary design for the new firehall to Breakwater Consulting to review.

Training was on SOP’s and SOG’s

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

10. **RECREATION & PARKS REPORT** – Councillor Ross said the rink up and running.

Winter Fun Day is scheduled for February 15th. Margie McKay-Lyons said the fireworks and sleigh rides are booked. She also commented that we plan to do the hot dogs and hot chocolate at the Park office building.

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 is meeting with Dan Rooney, Director of the Central NB Woodmen's Museum to make plans for the Thomas Boies celebration.

There are missing signs for the Nelson Hollow Bridge site.

Transportation:

Councillor McKeil said the no parking sign at the head of Holtville seems to be working well.

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

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Royal Canadian Legion NB Command sent a letter of request for an ad in their annual Military Service Recognition Book. It was moved by Councillor Wellwood and seconded by Councillor McKeil to place an ad in the annual Military Service Recognition Book at a cost of \$255. Motion carried.

A letter was received from Brittany Merrill and Melissa Gullison looking for donations to set up a youth soccer association. Council agrees that they should get an association going first.

Canadian Union of Post Workers sent a letter looking for support. Council deferred to February meeting.

13. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UPDATES:

13.1 *Gas Tax Projects* – Councillor Munn said there is still money left. Mary Hunter said she will get the balances of each project for Council to review.

13.2 *Personnel Policy Review* – Councillor Wellwood said she will send the draft to Mary Hunter to review.

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

13.4 *PAC By-law* – Councillor Munn read the By-law No. 02-2024 Respecting the Planning Advisory Committee Policies and Procedures in title only.

It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to accept the third reading by title only of By-Law No. 02-2024 Respecting the Planning Advisory Committee Policies and Procedures. Motion carried.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1 *“In Camera Session”* – It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor McKeil to move meeting to “in camera session” at 8:03 pm. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to move back to regular meeting at 8:45 pm. Motion carried.

14.2 *Planning Services Contract* – It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Ross to accept the contract as drawn up for the Planning Services. Motion carried.

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

16. ADJOURNMENT: The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor Wellwood at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hunter
Administrative Clerk/Treasurer

MA Douglas Munn,
Mayor

Reason for closed session:

Local Governance Act, Section 68(1)(c) information that could cause financial loss or gain to a person or the local government or could jeopardize negotiations leading to an agreement or contract.