

**Rural Community of Upper Miramichi
6094 Route 8, Boiestown, June 30, 2025**

PLACE: The Council meeting of the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi was held in the Upper Miramichi Community Center on June 30 at 7:03 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mayor MA Douglas Munn, Councillor Frank McKeil, Councillor Dustin Munn, Councillor Wendy Wellwood, Councillor Grant Ross, 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 McKeil to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. **MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor McKeil to approve the minutes of May 27 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. **PRESENTATION – Martin Norrad:** Martin Norrad commented on the success of the Thomas Boies Days celebration. He thanked Council for their help. Council in turn thanked Martin for all his efforts. Martin is asking for the erection of signs at the two ends of Boiestown to recognize that Thomas Boies was the founder of Boiestown. Council will take that into consideration.

Martin also had questions regarding the project for Fire Station 3. Council gave him some of the details to date.
8. **BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:** Nolan Astle presented his report.
9. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mary Hunter presented the financial report. It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried.
10. **RSC UPDATE:** Mayor Munn said he has been attending meetings. He commented that the By-law enforcement will end in September.

Mayor Munn asked Councillor Wellwood if she would like to accept the position on the Solid Waste committee for GMSC. She accepted the position.

Mayor Munn said he met with Premier Holt and Minister of Tourism, Heritage, and Culture Isabelle Theriault at the Central New Brunswick Woodmen's Museum on June 27. Mayor Munn said he talked to Premier Holt about the financial burden of RSCs. He also commented about having a great conversation with Minister Theriault.

Policing is another issue that needs to be looked at before the next budget.

11. FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMO REPORT – Councillor Munn reported the fire department had 3 fire calls, 3 MVI and 1 off road rescue. Training was pump training and low angle rescue.

Councillor Munn said the tender for Station 3 is complete. It was decided to table the project for a year to see where the financing stands at that time. He said he is getting quotes for jaws of life.

EMO – Councillor Munn said he will review the current EMO plan soon.

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

12. RECREATION & PARKS REPORT – Councillor Ross said the McNamee ballfield infield has been redone. The dugout project is complete. He also said the ballfield is getting a lot of use.

Councillor Ross has been working on a tennis court project. It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to approve the capital expenditure in the amount of \$34,700 plus HST for the refurbishment of the tennis court. Motion carried.

Councillor Ross said he purchased some flowerpots for the park for beautification.

Margie McKay-Lyons has been working on a project to get new lights for the ballfield. It was discussed about the issue of how to get equipment to install new lights. It was moved by Councillor Wellwood and seconded by Councillor McKeil to hire Souwest Enterprises to reconstruct a road around the perimeter of ballfield for easier access for equipment. Motion carried.

13. TOURISM and TRANSPORTATION REPORT:

Tourism:

Councillor McKeil said the Thomas Boies 200th Anniversary celebration was a success. He said there were approximately 120 people at the music event. He thanked Mayor Munn and MP Mike Dawson for commentaries.

Mayor Munn suggested that a washroom sign be erected on the wheelchair washrooms as this was a common question by guests.

Transportation:

Councillor McKeil said he had a couple of requests from residents. He has contacted DTI and is waiting for replies.

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

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Old Mill Pond Golf and Community Center sent a request for sponsorship of the RCUM advertising sign that is on their golf course at a cost of \$200. It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to annually pay for the advertising sign as long as it remains at a cost of \$200. Motion carried.

An email was sent regarding the grant writer position, Paula Durelle at GMSC.

A letter was received from Eugene Verdon, President of Maritime Branch, Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association.

GMRS Zonal Immigration Partnership is planning a session at RCUM Community Center on July 9, 2025 from 5 to 7 pm.

15. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UPDATES:

15.1 *Gas Tax Projects* – Mayor Munn commented on the list provided of items to be completed.

15.2 *Personnel Policy Review* – Mary Hunter said she has not had time to review it.

15.3 *Former Nursing Home* – Councillor Ross said he has nothing new to report at this time. Mary Hunter said she received an email from Honorable David Hickey.

16. NEW BUSINESS:

16.1 *Resolution for Updated Consulting Fees* – Councillor Munn said he had a request from Stantec Consulting to update the committed fees for development services. It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to approve the amount of \$10,000 for development services by Stantec Consulting. Motion carried.

16.2 *Upper Miramichi Lions Club Request* – Mary Hunter read an email from Upper Miramichi Lions Club requesting help with trash clean up. It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor Ross to permit Darcy Beek to use the tractor to assist with the clean up at the Upper Miramichi Lions Club. Motion carried.

16.3 *Canada Summer Jobs* – Margie McKay-Lyons commented that she had a few resumes for the 2 student positions. They will be interviewed next week.

16.4 *Project Updates* – Margie McKay-Lyons said the items have been discussed earlier in meeting.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on July 28, 2025 at the Community Room at the Upper Miramichi Community Center.

18. ADJOURNMENT: The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor Ross at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hunter
Administrative Clerk/Treasurer

MA Douglas Munn,
Mayor