

**Rural Community of Upper Miramichi
6094 Route 8, Boiestown, January 26, 2026**

PLACE: The Council meeting of the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi was held in the Upper Miramichi Community Center on January 26 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mayor MA Douglas Munn, Councillor Frank McKeil, Councillor Wendy Wellwood, Councillor Grant Ross, 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 Ross and seconded by Councillor McKeil to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. **MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor McKeil and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to approve the minutes of December 15 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. Mary Hunter will contact RCMP to make arrangements for a daytime visit.
7. **BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:** Nolan Astle presented his report. It was moved by Councillor Munn and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to accept the Building Inspector report. Motion carried.
8. **RSC UPDATE:** Mayor Munn commented that the meeting in January was cancelled. He said there have been a new employee and consultant added to GMSC services.
9. **FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMO REPORT** – Councillor Munn reported the fire department responded to 1 MVI.
Training was on hoses, SOP's and SOG's.

The water pipes burst on the shower and will need repairs.

There have been some new applicants.

EMO – Councillor Munn has nothing to report.

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 rink is in great shape. Ski trails are groomed.

Councillor Ross said it was decided to start the activities at 1 pm at the park for Winter Fun Day. He will take skis to park for anyone's use. Also, broomball brooms and Margie McKay-Lyons will order balls. She will also check on the fireworks and order a porta potti for the sliding hill.

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

11. TOURISM and TRANSPORTATION REPORT:

Tourism:

Councillor McKeil commented that he sees a lot of snowmobiles going through to Holtville.

Transportation:

Councillor McKeil said he did not have anything to comment on except for the roads getting rougher.

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

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Received an email from John Glidden with information regarding emergency communications course.

Email from Emily Small of Porter O'Brien. She is a consultant retained by GMSC to conduct a review of the Community Development department at GMSC

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure sent a notice of land for sale. Council declined.

13. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UPDATES:

13.1 *Gas Tax Projects* – Mayor Munn said he will meet with the snowmobile club on January 27.

13.2 *Former Nursing Home* – Councillor Ross the Committee meets every 2 weeks now. A new floor plan will need to be designed and sewer design will be looked at.

13.3 *Unsanitary Premises / Dangerous* – Councillor Munn said Nolan Astle inspected the building. Nolan reviewed his report. Recommendation is to demolish the building. Next steps is to figure out who will pay for demolition.

13.4 *GIC Renewal* – Mary Hunter informed Council the GIC renewal has been completed.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1 *Blue Cross vs. Canoe* – Margie McKay-Lyons asked Council if they had a chance to review the two policies. There were a couple of items that needed to be looked at.

14.2 *Capital Renewal Fund* – Mary Hunter asked Council to set a date to review the CRF plan as it needs to be submitted by the end of February in order to not miss out on the funds for 2026. Council will meet on February 9th to review.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on February 23, 2026 at the Community Room at the Upper Miramichi Community Center.

16. ADJOURNMENT: The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor Wellwood at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hunter
Administrative Clerk/Treasurer

MA Douglas Munn,
Mayor