

**Rural Community of Upper Miramichi
6094 Route 8, Boiestown, July 27, 2026**

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

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor McKeil called the meeting to order.
2. **AGENDA:** It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Hunter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. **MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor Wellwood and seconded by Councillor Astle that the minutes of June 22 be approved as presented. Motion carried.
4. **NOTATION OF QUORUM:** Mayor McKeil 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 REPORT:** Nolan Astle gave his report to Council.
8. **RSC UPDATE:** Mayor McKeil reported on the meetings he attended. He said that he is now Vice-Chair of the GMSC Board. Budget reviews will start soon.

Deputy Mayor Grant Ross will continue to be the alternate for GMSC.

9. **FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMO REPORT:** Councillor Ross reported that the fire department responded to 2 MVA's, 6 fire calls and two medical lifts.

Councillor Ross said that he went to Moncton to pick up a fire skid unit donated by Global Medic.

EMO- Councillor Wellwood reported that there are zero forest fires presently. She said that she receives notices about extreme heat and if there are notifications she will pass them along.

It was moved by Councillor Astle and seconded by Councillor Hunter to accept the fire department and EMO reports as presented. Motion carried.

10. **RECREATION AND PARKS REPORT:** Councillor Ross said the Community Park has lots of use.

New bases for the ballfield were installed today. The ball shed was cleaned out. Also, going to look for quotes for netting at the ballfield.

Maritime Tennis Court are going to look at the paint is lifting on the tennis court area.

Councillor Ross attended the Bar None tour.

It was moved by Councillor Wellwood and seconded by Councillor Hunter to accept the recreation and parks report. Motion carried.

11. TOURISM AND TRANSPORTATION: Mayor McKeil said he does not have much to report at this time for transportation. Councillor Ross said he had a request for lighting at the Porter Cove Road where it meets Route 8. Councillor Astle will contact DTI to check on it.

Councillor Hunter said he has been working on signage for trailhead. He has been in touch with Paul Colford, Doaktown ATV club, and they want to work with RCUM to promote the trails.

Mayor McKeil said he poured the pad for the kiosk. He asked a gentleman, Matt, if he would come place the concrete and finish the pad. Mayor McKeil offered to pay him, and he refused as he said it was for the Community.

Councillor Ross said he had a request for a light to be installed at the Porter Cove Rd where it meets Route 8.

It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Hunter to accept the tourism and transportation report. Motion carried.

12. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mayor McKeil said does not have anything to report.

13. HEALTH CARE: Councillor Wellwood said she had an email forwarded from Councillor Hunter from a resident regarding the new online medical assistance app. She said she is still trying to reach Horizon. Also, commented that perhaps we could post on facebook and the ONN the steps to reach help.

Councillor Wellwood said that the Central NB Nursing Home is still working on "Nursing Homes without Borders" program.

It was moved by Councillor Hunter and seconded by Councillor Astle to accept the health care report as presented. Motion carried.

14. CORRESPONDENCE:

DTI sent an email regarding parcels of surplus land that they are offering to RCUM first. Council decided to have a look at them.

15. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UPDATES:

15.1 *Gas Tax Projects* – Mayor McKeil commented that the kiosk has already been dealt with.

Councillor Ross talked about the lighting plan for the trail.

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

15.3 *Capital Renewal Fund* – Mary Hunter presented a chart showing the projects and what needs to be completed.

15.4 *Rural Plan and Building By-law* – Mayor McKeil explained that the Rural Plan needs to be updated. After this is done the Building By-law will need to be updated. He said a meeting will need to be set up with Stantec.

15.5 *Sisson Mine* – Mayor McKeil gave a brief talk about the meeting he had with Northcliff Resources Ltd. regarding the Sisson Mine.

16. NEW BUSINESS:

16.1 *Chairs of Committees* – Mayor McKeil reviewed with Council the list.

It was moved by Councillor Wellwood and seconded by Councillor Hunter to approve the list of chairs as follows:

Parks and Recreation – Chair Councillor Grant Ross

Library Board – Chair Councillor Grant Ross

Fire Department – Chair Councillor Grant Ross

Emergency Measures Operation – Chair Councillor Wendy Wellwood

Forestry – Chair Mayor Frank McKeil

Economic Development – Councillor Nolan Astle

Tourism – Co-Chair Mayor Frank McKeil and Co-Chair Councillor Joe Hunter

Solid Waste - Chair Councillor Joe Hunter

Transportation – Chair Councillor Nolan Astle

Liaison with Village of Doaktown Council - Chair Councillor Nolan Astle

Planning and Development – Chair Councillor Joe Hunter

Business Park – Chair Councillor Wendy Wellwood

Doaktown Arena – Chair Councillor Wendy Wellwood

Community Housing Development – Co-Chairs Mayor Frank McKeil and Councillor Grant Ross

Health Committee – Co-Chair Mayor Frank McKeil and Co-Chair Councillor Wendy Wellwood

Motion carried.

16.2 *In Camera Session* – It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to close regular meeting and move into in camera session at 8:29. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to close in camera session and move back to regular meeting at 8:56. Motion carried.

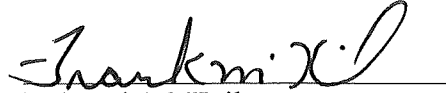
20. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next regular meeting will be held on August 24, 2026 at the Community Room at the Upper Miramichi Community Center.

21. **ADJOURNMENT:** The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor Wellwood at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Hunter,
Administrative Clerk / Treasurer



D. Frank McKeil,
Mayor