

**Rural Community of Upper Miramichi
6094 Route 8, Boiestown, June 22, 2026**

PLACE: The Council meeting of the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi was held in the Upper Miramichi Community Centre on June 22 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 D. Frank 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 Astle and seconded by Councillor Wellwood that the minutes of May 25 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. **PRESENTATION – Jill Stairs KPMG LLP:** Jill Stairs presented the 2025 Audit to Council and read the opinion. She reviewed the items.

It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to accept the annual consolidated financial report as presented by Jill Stairs of KPMG LLP. Motion carried.

Auditor Retention – It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Wellwood that the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi engage KPMG LLP as our auditors for the 2026-2027 years based on their past performance. Motion carried.
8. **PRESENTATION – Bridges of Canada – William Hachey:** William Hachey gave a presentation of Bar None and invited Council to visit the site.
9. **MAYOR’S MESSAGE:** Mayor McKeil gave a message to review the plans of Council and what Council hopes to accomplish in the future.
10. **BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:** Nolan Astle gave his report to Council.
11. **RSC UPDATE:** Mayor McKeil reported that he had training with GMSC and attended his first meeting.

12. FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMO REPORT: Councillor Ross reported that the fire department responded to 2 MVA's, one fire and one medical lift. Department also gave mutual aid to the Village of Doaktown's fire department.

EMO- Nothing to report at this time.

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

13. RECREATION AND PARKS REPORT: Councillor Ross said the ballfield looks good. The Community Park is well used. No parking spots have been marked in with white paint. The paint is lifting on the tennis court area.

Trail project lights is being designed.

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

14. TOURISM AND TRANSPORTATION: Mayor McKeil said he will be placing a 18 x 12 pad in for the tourism kiosk and gave his idea for the design.

Mayor McKeil said he contacted DTI about the driveway issue on Route 625 and the trench that is on Norrad's bridge.

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

15. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mayor McKeil said he is still in conversation with the person who wants to build seacan homes.

It was moved by Councillor Hunter and seconded by Councillor Ross to accept the economic development report as presented. Motion carried.

16. HEALTH CARE: Councillor Wellwood said that Natasha Higgins from Horizon Health would like to arrange a meeting with Council. A date will be set.

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

17. CORRESPONDENCE:

Old Mill Pond Golf and Country Club Inc. sent a request for advertising on one of the greens for RCUM and a memorial for Keith Clowater. It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to approve the cost of \$250 for the advertising at Old Mill Pond Golf and Country Club Inc. Motion carried.

Central New Brunswick Woodmen's Museum sent a letter of request to sponsor the annual Lumberjack Competition. It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Astle to approve the amount of \$500 for the annual Lumberjack Competition. Motion carried.

New Brunswick Police Association requesting support for their Annual crime prevention guide. Council declined.

A request was made for help with a volleyball court. Council decided that it doesn't fit their criteria as it is a for profit organization.

UMNB responded with information regarding their membership fees for Council to consider.

18. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UPDATES:

18.1 *Gas Tax Projects* – Mayor McKeil said Council will need more training on this.

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

18.3 *Orientation Training* – Mary Hunter set a date of June 29 at 7 pm for inhouse orientation.

19. NEW BUSINESS:

19.1 *Ride on Mower* – Mary Hunter reviewed the quotes she received for a zero-turn ride on mower. It was moved by Councillor Astle and seconded by Councillor Hunter to accept the quote for a zero-turn ride on mower from Sweeney's Forest and Garden at a cost of \$5,199 plus HST to be funded by the Capital Renewal Fund. Motion carried.

19.2 *Increase Credit Card Limit* – It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Hunter to increase the credit card limit to \$15,000 and that there be 3 cards with D. Frank McKeil - \$2,500, Mary Hunter - \$7,500 and Margaret McKay-Lyons - \$5,000. Motion carried.

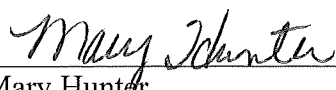
19.3 *Add Assistant Clerk to Bank signing* – It was moved by Councillor Hunter and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to approve the addition of Assistant Clerk to signing officers of Rural Community of Upper Miramichi. Motion carried.

19.4 *Canada Day Celebrations* – Mary Hunter told Council that there are Canada Day Celebrations planned by RCUM at the park and invited Council to come out to help.

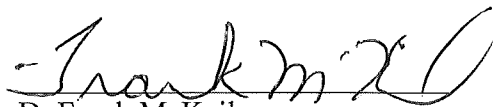
20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held on July 27, 2026 at the Community Room at the Upper Miramichi Community Center.

21. ADJOURNMENT: The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor Wellwood at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Hunter", positioned above a horizontal line.

Mary Hunter,
Administrative Clerk / Treasurer

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D. Frank McKeil,
Mayor