

**Minutes
Rural Community of Fundy Shores
Regular Council Meeting
Community Building
April 1, 2026 – 6:00 pm**

Call to Order

Mayor Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

Mayor George (Denny) Cogswell, Deputy Mayor Heather Saulnier, Councillor Deanna Bent, Councillor Tina Dealy, Councillor Lorraine Thompson, Chief Administrator Officer/Clerk Linda Sullivan Brown, Administrative Assistant Jillian Holland

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

Additions, Deletions and Approval of the Agenda

2026.04.01.38 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** Deputy Mayor Saulnier to approve the agenda and addition.

Item Added: Request for Memorandum of Understanding to Closed Session.

“Section 68 (1) © 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” Local Governance Act NB 2017.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of the Minutes

2026.04.01.39 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2026 Regular Council meeting and the March 18, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as written.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Presentation to Council

None.

Business Arising from the Minutes/Old Business

a. Procedural By-Law

2026.04.01.40 Moved by Deputy Mayor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to declare that the by-law A-7-2026, being the Procedural By-Law for the Rural Community of Fundy Shores be read for the third time by title and enacted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

The following was read by CAO Linda Sullivan Brown: *"Title: By-Law A-7-2026, the Procedural By-Law."*

b. Tourism Accommodation Levy

2026.04.01.41 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to refer this item to incoming Council post elections.

Motion Unanimously Carried

c. Fire Truck Recommendation

2026.04.01.42 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Saulnier to approve the award of the fire truck tender per the recommendation of the Fire Department.

Motion Unanimously Carried

d. Mutual Aid Agreement

2026.04.01.43 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to adopt the mutual aid agreement for fire protection as drafted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

e. Community Complex Study Report

The final report regarding recommendations on construction phases and features of the new Community Complex was reviewed by Council. These topics will be further discussed at upcoming Community Complex Engagement Meetings.

f. Pocologan Land Transfer

2026.04.01.44 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Saulnier to accept the Department of Transportation and Infrastructures proposal on the Pocologan Property from the letter dated March 9, 2026.

Motion Unanimously Carried

g. Presenting to Council Policy

2026.04.01.45 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Saulnier to approve the policy as drafted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

h. Digital Connectivity Survey

2026.04.01.46 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to approve the digital connectivity survey for release.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Department Reports

a) General Government

- i) Mayor's Report- Mayor Cogswell submitted his reports online. Additionally, he informed staff and council that he spoke with several community members about the issue of policing in the community. The Mayor also met with Staff Stg. Geoff Peters and assured council that

policing is ongoing and RCMP are patrols are taking place.

ii) Councillor's Reports

1. Deputy Mayor Heather Saulnier- Deputy Mayor Saulnier submitted her report online.
2. Councillor Deanna Bent- Councillor Bent submitted her reports online.
3. Councillor Tina Dealy- Councillor Dealy submitted her reports online.
4. Councillor Lorraine Thompson- Councillor Thompson submitted her reports online.

iii) **CAO Report to Council**

CAO Brown told Council that the laptops that were planned to be purchased for the new council have increased in price and suggested surface tablets be purchased instead. Council agreed that this would be a good decision.

2026.04.01.47 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to approve the CAO report as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

b) **Planning and Inspection**

- i. **2026.04.01.48 Moved** by Deputy Mayor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to approve the Planning Director's Report for March 2026 as submitted online.

c) **Public Safety**

- i. **2026.04.01.49 Moved** by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to approve the Musquash Fire Department Report for March 2026 as submitted online.

Motion Unanimously Carried

d) **Economic Development**

- i. **2026.04.01.50 Moved** by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to approve the Synergi Report for March 2026 as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Standing Committee Reports

a) **Community & Economic Empowerment Committee**

No meeting was held this month. No reports were submitted.

b) **PRAC Committee**

The PRAC report was submitted online.

c) **Safe Community & Emergency Preparedness Committee**

No meeting was held this month. No reports were submitted.

d) **Recreation & Destination Committee**

The RDD have the first meeting of the year and discussed the new Bingo schedule and the 2026 Community Day Festival.

Correspondence

a) Correspondence Received

i. Response from Department of Education

Mayor Cogswell received a letter from Hon. Clair Johnson, Minister of Education regarding the potential closure of Fundy Shores School.

This letter acknowledged the concerns of the Council and the community and highlighted the impact of the school within our rural community.

Mayor Cogswell also met with Sean Gorman, Principal of Fundy Shores School to discuss this matter. Mr. Gorman mentioned that the decision to close a school is a lengthy process and the community should not express worry and concern at this time.

Council and the community continue to stand by for communication on this matter.

b) Correspondence Issued

None

Approval of Payments

2026.04.01.51 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to accept payment of General Government Invoices of March 2026.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of Accounts

2026.04.01.52 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to approve the Expense Report for March 2026.

Motion Unanimously Carried

New Business

a. Grant Request- Seven Mile Lake Project

2026.04.01.53 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to donate \$1000 from the Saint John Cycling Club for the Seven Mile Lake Trail Network expansion project.

Motion Defeated

b. Grant Request- YMCA Southwest NB

2026.04.01.54 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to approve the request to grant the YMCA with \$10,115. 57 to provide financial support for their summer licensed daycare. This funding is to offset the cost

of staffing and bus trips within the community.

Motion Unanimously Carried

c. Wildfire Management Donation

2026.04.01.55 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Saulnier to accept the agreement provided by the Department of Natural Resources and accept the donations of equipment and supplies to the Musquash Fire Department to help support wildland fire capabilities.

Motion Unanimously Carried

d. Letter of Support Requested – Energy Project

2026.04.01.56 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to approve the submission of a letter of acknowledgement to Compass Greenfield for a project. The project is a 50-megawatt battery storage facility in Prince of Wales.

Closed Session

2026.04.01.57 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to go to closed session at 6:56 pm to discuss a Request for Memorandum of Understanding.

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Motion Unanimously Carried

Next Meetings

- a) Committee of the Whole
Community Building
April 15, 2026- 6:00 pm
- b) Regular Council Meeting
Community Building
May 6, 2026- 6:00 pm

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at the end of business at 7:30 pm.

George (Denny) Cogswell

Linda Sullivan Brown

Mayor
Rural Community of Fundy Shores

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Rural Community of Fundy Shores