

**Minutes
Rural Community of Fundy Shores
Committee of the Whole
Community Building
July 15, 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 Tina Dealy, Councillor Lorraine Thompson, Councillor Rachel Clark, Councillor Anne Laurie, Chief Administrator Officer/Clerk Linda Sullivan Brown, Administrative Assistant Jillian Holland, Ryan Coleman, Manager – Parks NB (New River & Lepreau Falls), Alex Henderson, Director of Planning – Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission, Community Member Kathy Crandlemere, Member of the community 1

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

Presentation

- a. NB Parks Manager, Ryan Coleman, gave a presentation to Council outlining the information previously shared with Mayor Cogswell and CAO Brown during a meeting several months earlier regarding proposed upgrades and expansion plans for Lepreau Falls and New River Beach.
- b. Alex Henderson, Director of Planning, Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission, gave a presentation to Council proposing a subdivision by-law that would align with the existing Fundy Shores Rural Plan and the Provincial Statements of Public Interest, and would comply with the Community Planning Act.
Mr. Henderson advised Council that, should they wish to proceed with adopting the proposed by-law, they could direct staff to begin drafting the document and consulting with the appropriate provincial departments. Once Council is satisfied with the draft, it could be referred to the Planning Review and Adjustment Committee, followed by a public information session, the required by-law readings at Council meetings, and, ultimately, adoption of the by-law.
- c. Community member Kathy Crandlemere spoke to Council and staff asking for support in addressing a community safety concern regarding the intersection of Route 790 and Route 795 (Wetmore Creek Road/Chance Harbour).
Mrs. Crandlemere explained the specific hazards to this intersection (blind corners, overgrown brush, ease of speeding) and showed concern for the potential vehicle accidents or injuries. Several community members spoke with Mrs. Crandlemere about their concern about this issue also, stating that many residents have either heard of, seen, or been involved in a traffic accident at this junction.

Mrs. Crandlemere asked Council to consider the installation of a three-way stop at this intersection to help avoid future accidents and presented to Council a petition with over 100 signatures of community members in support of this three-way stop.

Mayor Cogswell suggested to Mrs. Crandlemere and other residents to fill out a report with RCMP regarding the intersection concerns to initiate action. He also accepted the petition and will discuss it in detail at the next Regular Council meeting, and the results can be sent to our regional Member of the Legislative Assembly to be addressed.

Topics

a. Community Complex

CAO Linda Sullivan Brown presented to Council information received from community members regarding the Community Complex. She told Council of some concerns that residents had with the current design. Council discussed specific features that were brought up at community engagement sessions that could be considered for the new facility and their feasibility.

Mayor Cogswell suggested we approach Dillion Consulting and request an improved conceptual drawing with the proposed new features to get a better understanding of what can be achieved through the project.

CAO Brown spoke to Council about a fundraising document that is in progress that outlines ways of raising funds that could help cover the cost of the Community Complex. CAO Brown will provide Council with this document for reviewing and discussing, along with the names of individuals and organizations within the region that could become large scale funders.

b. 2027 Budget

CAO Brown presented Council with the idea of providing the public an opportunity to share their input and feedback on the 2027 municipal budget.

CAO Brown proposed conducting a public survey to gather community members' input on municipal budget priorities and how these financial decisions can believe municipal investments can best benefit the community. CAO Brown to provide Council with a proposed survey at the August Committee of the Whole, if approved it would be released for 30 days following Council's approval. This request for public engagement can be in the form of a digital survey advertised on social media and the Fundy Shores website in August 2026.

c. Community Days

Councillor Dealy (Chair of Recreation Destination Development Committee) updated Council and staff about the upcoming Fundy Shores Community Days Festival in August 2026. Councillor Dealy said all planning is on schedule, and most aspects of the event have been organized.

d. Mink Brook Property

The Province has provided Council with an offer on a parcel of land in Mink Brook. Council discussed the possibility of purchasing this land and potential uses of it. This item will be brought back to the August Regular Council Meeting for final consideration.

Next Meetings

- a. Regular Council Meeting
Community Building
August 5, 2026 – 6:00 pm
- b. Committee of the Whole
Community Building
August 19, 2026 – 6:00 pm

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

George (Denny) Cogswell
Mayor
Rural Community of Fundy Shores

Linda Sullivan Brown
CAO/Clerk
Rural Community of Fundy Shores