

**Minutes
Rural Community of Fundy Shores
Committee of the Whole
Community Building
April 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 Lorraine Thompson, Councillor Deanna Bent, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk Linda Sullivan Brown, Adam Young of Hilcon Ltd

Regrets: Councillor Tina Dealy, Administrative Assistant Jillian Holland

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

Presentation

Coastal Link Trail – Alternative Route Presentation

Mr. Young provided an update on the Coastal Link Trail through Musquash. The initial proposed trail following the former railbed through Musquash Marine Protected Area was denied. The new proposal is the trail network addition, will connect Malcolm Meehan Road, to Route 1 along the side of Route 1, crossing a new pedestrian bridge to be constructed, and return to the trail system at the end of Prince of Wales Road.

Council expressed concern with the proposed trail and the need for it to be a combined use trail (pedestrian and ATV). A combined trail could pose the same concern demonstrated along Spruce Lake. The concern related to necessary maintenance and trail usage, as the Spruce Lake section of the Coastal Link Trail requires a lot of maintenance. Council also expressed concern regarding those maintenance costs being transferred to the community post construction. Mr. Young indicated Coastal Link, as identified themselves as “trail builders”, but have begun to recognize the need to develop a maintenance program.

Mr. Young did point out that several of the municipalities the Coastal Link Trail passes through, takes on the responsibility for maintenance. Mayor Cogswell, indicated that many of these trails are paved, whereas that within Fundy Shores is the edge of active road networks, that can be demonstrated to have reduced safety features compared to other areas, and Council at this time is not interested in pursuing maintenance of those road systems, unless they have been brought up to standard and evaluated for long term maintenance requirements that are adequate to Council.

Mr. Young proposed another meeting once the new design concept is available and discuss the additional maintenance and safety concerns of Council.

Next Meetings

Regular Council Meeting
Community Building
May 6, 2026 – 6:00 pm

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.

George (Denny) Cogswell
Mayor
Rural Community of Fundy Shores

Linda Sullivan Brown
CAO/Clerk
Rural Community of Fundy Shores