

**Minutes
Rural Community of Fundy Shores
Regular Council Meeting
Community Building
July 8, 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 Rachel Clark, Councillor Anne Laurie, 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

2026.07.08.77 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Saulnier to approve the agenda.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of the Minutes

2026.07.08.78 Moved by Councillor Clark, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2026 Regular Council meeting and the June 17, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as written.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Presentation to Council

None.

Business Arising from the Minutes/Old Business

a. Election of a Deputy Mayor

Council held an election for the position of Deputy Mayor. Council elected Councillor Heather Saulnier as Deputy Mayor of Fundy Shores.

b. Appointment of Signing Officers

The appointment of signing officers was not necessary, as they remained unchanged from the previous year.

Department Reports

a) General Government

- i) Mayor's Report- Mayor Cogswell submitted his reports online. Additionally, Mayor Cogswell congratulated ten-year-old community member Violet Carr of Little Lepreau for recently winning the NB Soapbox Derby – Stock Division, representing Fundy Shores School. Violet will be competing in the International Soapbox Derby in Akron, Ohio this month.

Mayor Cogswell thanked Deputy Mayor Heather Saulnier for attending the Fire Training workshop at Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station.

Lastly, Mayor Cogswell thanked Deputy Mayor Saulnier along with Councillor Rachel Clark and Councillor Anne Laurie for attending the Minister of Tourism, Heritage and Culture, Isabelle Thériault, and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Gilles LePage's announcement of new project aimed at helping protect our coastline from erosion. This press conference was held at New River Beach.

ii) Councillor's Reports

1. Councillor Anne Laurie- Councillor Laurie's report was submitted online.
2. Councillor Rachel Clark- Councillor Clark's report was submitted online.
3. Deputy Mayor Heather Saulnier- Deputy Mayor Saulnier submitted her report online. Deputy Mayor Saulnier also mentioned to council that she received communication from residents regarding the deteriorating conditions of some roads within the community. Deputy Mayor Saulnier will follow up with DOT on this matter.
4. Councillor Tina Dealy- Councillor Dealy submitted her reports online.
4. Councillor Lorraine Thompson- Councillor Thompson submitted her reports online

iii) CAO Report to Council

2026.07.08.79 Moved by Councillor Clark, **seconded** by Councillor Laurie to approve the CAO report as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

b) Planning and Inspection

No report was submitted.

c) Public Safety

- i. **2026.07.08.80 Moved** by Councillor Deputy Mayor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Clark to approve the Musquash Fire Department Report for June 2026 as submitted online.

Motion Unanimously Carried

- ii. RCMP Q4 Report- Submitted online.

d) Economic Development

- i. Synergi- No report was submitted. The report for June 2026 will be submitted for the August 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

a) Community & Economic Empowerment Committee

No reports were submitted.

b) PRAC Committee

No PRAC report was submitted.

c) Safe Community & Emergency Preparedness Committee

No reports were submitted.

d) Recreation & Destination Development Committee

The RDD report was submitted online. The RDD met on June 24, 2026 and did more planning for Fundy Shores Community Day. Councillor Dealy mentioned to Council that two committee members resigned this month. Councillor Dealy thanked Theresa Sauren and Phyllis Beatteay for their work on the RDD Committee. The committee will meet again on July 10, 2026.

Mayor Cogswell reported to Council and staff that the Community Complex planning is going forward. At the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting, public comments and concerns will be addressed and discussed. Mayor Cogswell hopes to present the progress to the community in the near future.

Correspondence

a) Correspondence Received

- i. Mayor Cogswell received a letter from Kathleen Duguay on behalf of Point Nuclear Generating Station congratulating the Councillors of Fundy Shores on their recent election.
Mayor Cogswell also thanked Kathleen Duguay and Point Lepreau for repairing the Community Complex sign in Lepreau that had recently fallen over in bad weather.

ii. Department of Local Government

Council received a memo from the Department of Local Government

regarding the budgeting process shall remain the same for the Regional Service Commission, until the report reviewing the operating structure of the RSC's is fully evaluated.

b) Correspondence Issued

Mayor Cogswell advised Council and staff that he sent a letter to the Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the condition of several roads within the community but did not receive a response. He subsequently sent a second letter addressed to the Minister and Deputy Minister of Transportation, which also remains unanswered.

Mayor Cogswell reminded residents that road maintenance and repairs fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation, not the Rural Community of Fundy Shores. He encouraged community members to report road concerns directly to the DOT using the reporting forms available through the links on the Fundy Shores website.

The Mayor expressed his disappointment with the Department of Transportation's lack of response to his correspondence and stated that he will continue advocating on behalf of the community and pursuing communication with the department on this matter.

Approval of Payments

2026.07.08.81 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to accept payment of General Government Invoices of June 2026.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of Accounts

2026.07.08.82 Moved by Councillor Laurie, **seconded** by Councillor Clark to approve the Expense Report for June 2026.

Motion Unanimously Carried

New Business

a. Solid Waste Collection Tender

2026.07.08.83 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Laurie to approve the re-drafting of the Solid Waste Collection Tender document by Dillon Consulting as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

b. 2025 Annual Report

2026.07.08.84 Moved by Councillor Clark, **seconded** by Councillor Laurie to approve the 2025 Rural Community of Fundy Shores Annual Report. This report will be uploaded to the community website per the Local governance Act.

Motion Unanimously Carried

c. Committee Appointments

Mayor Cogswell appointed Councillors to serve as Chairs for Community and Regional Service Committees.

Chair Appointments are as follows:

- i. Recreation and Destination Development Committee – Councillor Tina Dealy
- ii. Economic Development Committee – Councillor Anne Laurie
- iii. Tourism Committee – Deputy Mayor Heather Saulnier
- iv. Planning Review and Adjustment Committee (PRAC) – Councillor Lorraine Thompson
- v. Community Development Committee – Councillor Rachel Clark
- vi. Chamber of Commerce Position – Councillor Lorraine Thompson
- vii. Synergi Member – Mayor Denny Cogswell
- viii. Public Safety Committee – Mayor Denny Cogswell
- ix. Local and Regional Transportation Committee – Mayor Denny Cogswell

d. Donation Request- Soapbox Derby Championship- Team Fundy Shores

2026.07.08.85 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to approve the one-time donation request for \$1000 to Eric and Robin Carr to help cover the cost of their daughter, Voilet Carr, competing in the 2026 International Soapbox Derby Championship in Akron, Ohio.

Closed Session

None

Next Meetings

- a) Committee of the Whole
Community Building
July 15, 2026 – 6:00 PM
- b) Regular Council Meeting
Community Building
August 5, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Announcements

Mayor Cogswell reminded Council and staff of the upcoming literary event at Lepreau Falls and also reminded community members of the Remembrance Day slideshow.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

George (Denny) Cogswell
Mayor
Rural Community of Fundy Shores

Linda Sullivan Brown
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Rural Community of Fundy Shores