Minutes
Rural Community of Fundy Shores
Regular Council Meeting
Community Building
September 5, 2026 – 6:00 pm

Call to Order
Mayor Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

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, Hollis Bartlett- Executive Director of Southwest New Brunswick Regional Service Commission (SNBSC), Andrew Logan – Partner at Teed Saunders Doyle, NB RCMP Staff Sergeant Geoff Peterson, NB RCMP Sergeant Christopher Henderson, Vern Faulkner- Southwest New Brunswick Regional Service Commission Senior Building Inspector (6:14 PM)

Declaration of Conflict of Interest
None.

Additions, Deletions and Approval of the Agenda
2026.09.05.101 Moved by Councillor Clark, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Saulnier to approve the agenda and additions.
Items added to the agenda:

A) 2026 Fundy Shores Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
B) Sponsorship of the Eastern Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of the Minutes
2026.09.05.102 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2026 Regular Council meeting and the August 19, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as written.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Presentation to Council

a. RCMP Presentation
RCMP Staff Sgt. Geoff Peterson spoke to Council and Staff about information found in the J Division Quarterly Report. Stg. Peterson described the police priorities within the division (road safety, community engagement, crime reduction) and crime types and occurrences. Stg. Peterson also spoke of

challenges and issues within the community and the proposed solutions to them.

b. Auditors Presentation

Teed Saunders Doyle Partner, Andrew Logan, spoke to Council and staff about the 2025 Fundy Shores financial audit results. Mr. Logan explained his role at Teed Saunders Doyle and his process of analyzing the financial workings of the municipality.

Mr. Logan was overall impressed with the financial status of the Community of Fundy Shores, mentioning the current budget surplus, strong cash position, and low municipal debt.

i. Approval of the Audited Statement

2026.09.05.103 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Laurie to approve the financial audit report.

Motion Unanimously Carried

c. Southwest NB Service Commission – Budget Presentation

Executive Director of the SNBSC Hollis Bartlett gave a presentation to Council and staff on the Regional Service Commission budget for Fundy Shores. Hollis gave a breakdown of the differences between this year and last year, solid waste operation information, and proposed changes.

Business Arising from the Minutes/Old Business

a. Lepreau Falls Proposal (East West)

2026.09.05.104 Moved by Councillor Laurie, **seconded** by Councillor Clark to approve the discussion of the development of trail systems in Lepreau Falls. Additionally, Deputy Mayor Saulnier requested monthly reports on this topic to be discussed at future Regular Council Meetings.

Motion Unanimously Carried

b. Incentive Program

2026.09.05.105 Moved by Councillor Thompson, no seconder, to discuss implementing a proposed Commercial and Residential Incentive Program.

Motion Defeated

c. Tourism Accommodation Levy (TAL)

2026.09.05.106 Moved by Councillor Laurie, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to accept the changes made to the Tourism Accommodation Levy draft by-law and further discuss its implementation. CAO Brown stated to Council that steps towards enacting this by-law (three readings, then enactment) would be carried out.

Yes Votes: Mayor Denny Cogswell, Councillor Tina Dealy, Councillor Lorraine Thompson, Councillor, Rachel Clark, Councillor Anne Laurie

No Votes: Deputy Mayor Heather Saulnier

Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor Saulnier disagreed with the implementation of the TAL because the majority of the money that would be collected from this levy would come from the New River Beach Campground. The Tourism Accommodation Levy

goes against the wishes of the original landowner of New River Beach, Marjorie Knight, who donated the property to the community and requested that people could enjoy the beach with ease.

d. Grant Policy – Sponsorship Application

2026.09.05.107 Moved by Deputy Mayor Heather Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Laurie to accept changes made to the current Fundy Shores Grant Application Form to provide a more in-depth budget breakdown of funds requested.

Motion Unanimously Carried

e. **Subdivision By-Law Draft**

2026.09.05.108 Moved by Councillor Clark, **seconded** by Councillor Laurie to table the Subdivision By-Law Draft until SNBSC Planning Director Alex Hederson is available to discuss this topic with council.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Department Reports

a) General Government

i) Mayor's Report- Mayor Cogswell submitted his reports online. Additionally, Mayor Cogswell told Council and staff that he met with 15-year-old Finn Holland and presented him with a certificate of appreciation for his bravery after rescuing a beached shark in Maces Bay in August 2026. Also, Mayor Cogswell shared that long-time Fundy Shores resident, Jim Trynor, passed away. Mayor Cogswell expressed his condolences to Jim's family and friends.

ii) Councillor's Reports

1. Deputy Mayor Heather Saulnier- Deputy Mayor Saulnier submitted her report online. Additionally, the Deputy Mayor attended a zoom meeting to discuss the recent Community Fair in St. Stephen.
2. Councillor Anne Laurie- Councillor Laurie's report was submitted online. Additionally, Councillor Laurie attended a meeting via Zoom in recapping the recent Community Fair in St. Stephen.
3. Councillor Rachel Clark- Councillor Clark's report was submitted online.
4. Councillor Tina Dealy- Councillor Dealy submitted her reports online.
5. Councillor Lorraine Thompson- Councillor Thompson submitted her reports online. Additionally, Councillor Thompson attended a recent meeting of the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce where membership was discussed, as well as the request for sponsorship for an upcoming golf tournament.

iii) **CAO Report to Council**

2026.09.05.109 Moved by Councillor Clark, **seconded** by Councillor Laurie to approve the CAO report as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

b) Planning and Inspection

2026.09.05.1010 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** Deputy Mayor Saulnier to approve the SNBSC Planning and Inspection for August 2026 report as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

c) Public Safety

i. **Fire Department**

2026.09.05.111 Moved by Deputy Mayor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Clark to approve the Musquash Fire Department Report for August 2026 as submitted online.

Motion Unanimously Carried

d) Economic Development

i. **2026.09.05.112 Moved** by Councillor Laurie, **seconded** by Councillor Clark to approve the Synergi Report for June 2026 and August 2026 as submitted online.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Standing Committee Reports

a) Community Development Committee

No reports were submitted.

b) Economic Development Committee

No reports were submitted.

c) PRAC Committee

PRAC report was submitted online.

d) Public Safety Committee

No reports were submitted.

e) Recreation Committee

Recreation Committee report was submitted online.

f) Tourism Committee

No reports were submitted.

Correspondence

a) Correspondence Received

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i. Mayor Cogswell received a letter from NB Power regarding

concerns about a recent unplanned power outage following a motor vehicle accident.

ii. Mayor Cogswell received a letter from the Province of New Brunswick regarding supportive housing and its role in community planning.

iii. Mayor Cogswell received a letter from the YMCA of Eastern Charlotte and Fundy Shores thanking Council for the generous support and funding that made the 2026 Summer Camp Program possible.

b) Correspondence Issued

i. Mayor Cogswell issued a letter to the New Brunswick Department of Transportation and Infrastructure reviewing the need for a second access route from the Thompson Subdivision and the West Branch Road in Musquash in case of emergency.

Approval of Payments

2026.09.05.113 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Clark to accept payment of General Government Invoices of August 2026.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of Accounts

2026.09.05.114 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Saulnier to approve the Expense Report for August 2026.

Motion Unanimously Carried

New Business

a. Proclamation Request – Oak's Tree of Love

Upon receiving a request from Kristin Pichoskie, Founder of Oak's Tree of Love, a Northern Ontario initiative, Council proclaimed October 15, 2026 Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and October 2026 Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month in Fundy Shores.

b. Proclamation Request – Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) Awareness Day

Upon receiving a request from Fundy Shores Councillor Dr. Anne Laurie, Founder of Tricoast Education and DLD Specialist, Council proclaimed October 16, 2026 Developmental Language Disorder Awareness in Fundy Shores.

c. 2026 Fundy Shores Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Council decided to host the 2nd annual Appreciation Dinner for committee volunteers within the community.

d. Golf Tournament Sponsorship

2026.09.05.115 Moved by Councillor Clark, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to donate $500 to the Eastern Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament at The Hollows Golf Club in St. George on October 23, 2026. The sponsorship funds will come from the Community Development Committee and the Economic Development Committee budgets.

Closed Session

a. **2026.09.05.116 Moved** by Deputy Mayor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Clark to go to closed session at 8:03 PM to discuss Unsightly Premises Enforcement with Southwest NB Service Commission.

Next Meetings

a) Committee of the Whole
Community Building
September 23, 2026 – 6:00 PM

b) Regular Council Meeting
Community Building
October 7, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

2026.09.05.117 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Laurie to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Motion Unanimously Carried

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George (Denny) Cogswell
Mayor
Rural Community of Fundy Shores

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