Minutes
Rural Community of Fundy Shores
Regular Council Meeting
Community Building
August 5, 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, Community Member Sara Vlug, Members of the Public 1

Declaration of Conflict of Interest
None.

Additions, Deletions and Approval of the Agenda
2026.08.05.86 Moved by Councillor Laurie, **seconded** by Councillor Clark to approve the agenda.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of the Minutes
2026.08.05.87 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2026 Regular Council meeting and the July 15, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as written.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Presentation to Council

a. **Take Action on Radon**
   Pam Warkenton, Project Manager of 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge, expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to present to Council and staff, and thanked community members for participating in the **Take Action on Radon** program.

   Ms. Warkentin provided an overview of radon, explaining what it is, where it originates, and the potential health risks associated with prolonged exposure. She shared the results and data collected from radon tests completed by participating community members and provided an overview of how New Brunswick compares to other provinces in Canada's national radon rankings.

   Pam advised Council that each participant in the **Radon Challenge** program

received an individualized report outlining their home's radon test results, along with information on radon mitigation options and recommended next steps.

Business Arising from the Minutes/Old Business

a. **2026.08.05.88 Moved** by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to proceed with the discussion of the Community Complex.

Motion Carried

Yes Votes: Mayor George Cogswell, Councillor Rachel Clark, Councillor Anne Laurie, Councillor Tina Dealy, Councillor Lorraine Thompson
No Vote: Deputy Mayor Heather Saulnier

Council and staff discussed their expectations for the second set of design renderings and the accompanying cost analysis for the proposed Fundy Shores Community Complex, to be prepared by Dillon Consulting and FBM Architecture.

b. **Subdivision By-Law**

2026.08.05.89 Moved by Deputy Mayor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to direct staff to develop a draft subdivision by-law that was proposed by Southwest NB Services Commission Director of Planning, Alex Henderson, at the July 15, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion Unanimously Carried

c. **2027 Budget Engagement**

2026.08.05.90 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Clark to proceed with the finalization of the budget engagement survey that was proposed at the July 15, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion Unanimously Carried

d. **Receipt of the Public Petition – Route 790 & Wetmore Creek (East)**

2026.08.05.91 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Laurie to move forward with the petition that was presented to Council at the July 15, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting by community member Kathy Crandlemere.

Motion Carried

Yes Votes: Mayor George Cogswell, Councillor Rachel Clark, Councillor Anne Laurie, Deputy Mayor Heather Saulnier, Councillor Tina Dealy
No Vote: Councillor Lorraine Thompson.

The petition and community concerns will be shared with the Provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and/or Provincial Ministers.

e. **Mink Brook Property – Department of Transportation**

2026.08.05.92 Moved by Councillor Laurie, **seconded** by Councillor Clark to purchase a property in Mink Brook, NB.

Yes Votes: Mayor George Cogswell, Councillor Rachel Clark, Councillor Anne Laurie, Councillor Lorraine Thompson

No Vote: Deputy Mayor Heather Saulnier, Councillor Tina Dealy
Motion Carried

Department Reports

a) General Government

i) Mayor's Report- Mayor Cogswell submitted his reports online. Additionally, Mayor Cogswell stated to Council and staff that he sent a letter to the NB Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the condition of provincially maintained roads within the community that are in need of repair.

ii) Councillor's Reports

1. Deputy Mayor Heather Saulnier- Deputy Mayor Saulnier submitted her report online.
2. Councillor Anne Laurie- Councillor Laurie's report was submitted online. Additionally, Councillor Laurie attended a meeting with Saint John Cycling and Envision Saint John regarding proposed funding for a feasibility assessment of the Seven Mile Lake trail project.
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 the Eastern Charlotte Chamber of Commerce (ECCC) meeting, where an upcoming golf tournament fundraiser was discussed.

iii) **CAO Report to Council**

2026.08.05.93 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Saulnier to approve the CAO report as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

b) Planning and Inspection

2026.08.05.94 Moved by Councillor Clark, **seconded** Councillor Thompson to approve the SNBSC Planning and Inspection for July 2026 report as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

c) Public Safety

i. **Fire Department**

2026.08.05.95 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to approve the Musquash Fire Department Report for July 2026 as submitted online.

Motion Unanimously Carried

ii. **Dog Control**

2026.08.05.96 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Clark to approve the SPCA Report for July 2026 as submitted online.

Motion Unanimously Carried

d) Economic Development

i. Synergi

2026. 08.05.97 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Laurie to approve the Synergi Report for June 2026 and July 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 & Destination Development Committee

The RDD report was submitted online. Additionally, Councillor Dealy reminded Council, staff, and the public of the upcoming Fundy Shores Community Days which will take place on August 14 – 16, 2026.

f) Tourism Committee

No report submitted.

Correspondence

a) Correspondence Received

i. Mayor Cogswell received a response from the Minister of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to the letter from Fundy Shores regarding the condition of provincially maintained roads within the community which are in need of repair.

ii. Mayor Cogswell received a letter from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding proposed amendments to the Controlled Access Regulations of the Highway Act.

b) Correspondence Issued

Mayor Cogswell advised Council and staff that he drafted a letter to the Minister of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure expressing his disappointment and lack of empathy regarding the poor condition of roads within the community and the lack of response to these ongoing issues.

Approval of Payments

2026.08.05.98 Moved by Deputy Mayor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to accept payment of General Government Invoices of July 2026.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of Accounts

2026.08.05.99 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Saulnier to approve the Expense Report for July 2026.

Motion Unanimously Carried

New Business

a. Dog Control By-Law

CAO Brown has made amendments to the current Dog Control By-Law, and the draft will be presented to Council in the near future.

Open Session

a. Community Member Sara Vlug told Council and staff of several instances of herself and other neighbours getting bitten by dogs within the community. Ms. Vlug mentioned to Council that she is disappointed by the fact that, according to our current by-law, nothing can be done by the SPCA regarding these attacks. Ms. Vlug expressed her appreciation that Council is taking the matter seriously and expressed hope that the future amendment to the Dog Control By-Law will help alleviate concerns regarding public safety and provide residents with greater peace of mind.

Closed Session

None

Next Meetings

a) Committee of the Whole
Community Building
August 19, 2026 – 6:00 PM

b) Regular Council Meeting
Community Building
September 2, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Announcements

Mayor Cogswell reminded Council and staff of the upcoming Bay of Fundy Sand Sculpture Festival at New River Beach, Community Yard Sale, and Fundy Shores Community Days Festival.

Adjournment

2026.08.05.100 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Clark to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Motion Unanimously Carried

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George (Denny) Cogswell	Linda Sullivan Brown
Mayor	Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
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