Minutes Rural Community of Fundy Shores Regular Council Meeting Community Building April 3, 2024 - 6:00 pm

Call To Order

Mayor Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

(Due to technical difficulties the meeting was not livestreamed, however it was recorded and will be uploaded at a later date.)

Roll Call

Mayor George (Denny) Cogswell, Deputy Mayor Susan Farquharson, Councillor Heather Saulnier, Councillor Lorraine Thompson, Councillor Deanna Bent, Fire Chief Wayne Pollock, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk Linda Sullivan Brown, 1 Member of the Public

Regrets: Councillor Tina Dealy

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

Addition, Deletion, or Approval of the Agenda

2024.04.03.32 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to approve the agenda. **Motion Unanimously Carried**

Approval of the Minutes 2024.04.03.33 Moved by Deputy Mayor Farquharson, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to approve the minutes of March 6 and 27, 2024.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Presentation to Council

None.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Department Reports

Fire Department

Chief Pollock provided the department's report first, as he had other events to attend this evening.

Chief Pollock's report included the number of calls, training hours and volunteer hours attended to by the Department. Council thanked the Chief for his time this evening.

General Government

Mayor's Report – Mayor Cogswell submitted his report for Council.

Councillor's Report

Deputy Mayor Susan Farquharson - Deputy Mayor submitted her report online.

Councillor Deanna Bent – Councillor Bent submitted her report online, but added she attended a meeting hosted by the Department of Natural Resources regarding the allowable lease land maintenance of camp owners in the region. She expressed concerns in the reduction of permissible maintenance and how that could affect fire and other services in the future.

Councillor Heather Saulnier – Councillor Saulnier submitted her report online. Councillor Saulnier also brought back information from Mr. John Williamson's office regarding the Gas Rebate for Rural Areas. Fundy Shores has been placed in a group with the City of Saint John, therefore the area is not considered Rural and there appears to be no appetite at the Federal Level to reconsider the jurisdictional lines.

Councillor Lorraine Thompson – Councillor Thompson submitted her report and the PRAC online.

CAO Report to Council -

Unfortunately, due to timing a report was not available for this evening.

Planning & Inspection

Rural Plan Draft & Report-

2024.04.03.34 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to request PRAC review the Rural Plan Draft and provide feedback to Council, as well as set the date for the Public Hearing of Objections for the Rural Plan Draft for May 8, 2024.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Planning Director's Reports -

2024.04.03.35 Moved by Deputy Mayor Farquharson, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to approve the Planning Reports as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Economic Development

Synergi Report -

2024.04.03.36 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to approve the Synergi Report.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Standing Committee Reports

All standing committee information was provided during Councillor's written reports.

Correspondence

Council briefly reviewed the two letters received for this evenings meeting.

Approval of Payments

General Government

2024.04.03.37 Moved by Deputy Mayor Farquharson, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to approve the invoices in the amount of \$68,527.29.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of Payments

Sewerage Commission - Thompson Subdivision

2024.04.03.38 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Farquharson the invoices in the amount of \$415.00.

Motion Unanimously Carrie

Approval of Accounts

2024.04.03.39 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to approve the report from March 27, 2024.

Motion Unanimously Carried

New Business

2024 Disability Awareness Week Proclamation

2024.04.03.40 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Farquharson to read the proclamation.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Mayor Cogswell read the proclamation declaring May 26 – June 1, 2024 as Disability Awareness Week in Fundy Shores.

Policing By-Law-

Council requested a current copy of the Policing Contract be shared for review.

Announcements

Before moving into Closed Session Mayor Cogswell read the announcements.

2024.04.03.41 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to move into closed session.

Motion Unanimously Carried

This meeting adjourned into closed session at 6:57pm.

This meeting returned from closed session at 7:57 pm.

Closed Session

Information only was provided to Council, there was no action directed to staff.

Next Meetings

Committee of the Whole Community Building April 17, 2024 – 4:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting Community Building May 1, 2024 – 6:00pm

Adjournment

No motion was provided, the business concluded and the meeting was adjourned.

George (Denny) Cogswell Mayor Rural Community of Fundy Shores

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