

MEETING SUMMARY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
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RURAL COMMUNITY OF FUNDY SHORES

Where: FUNDY SHORES COUNCIL OFFICE
When: Monday – June 20, 2023 @ 6:00PM

Attendees:

Susan Farquharson, Chair
Lorne Montgomery
Roxanne Oliver
Greg Renton
Michael Robichaud
Peter Seeley
Deanna Bent, Co-Chair
Councilor Heather Saulnier

Regrets:

None

Agenda and Minutes Approval

June 19 agenda and May 22 Meeting minutes: Approved by Consensus

Guest Speaker – Glenn Hawkins: Economic Development Options

Summary Points:

- Workforce development is a provincial priority. As such, housing, in particular apartments, is a priority.
- Other municipalities are using a \$/door incentive approach to attract developers with monies provided upfront in a phased approach.
- Difficult to address water and sewage incentives as those services must be paid for by the user as per legislation.
- Fundy Shores has lowest individual tax rate in SW New Brunswick and yet we have more services than others with higher tax rates and less services i.e., White Head Island, Deer Island.
- The low tax rate can be an incentive for individuals.
- Other key incentives of value to promote are livability, education access, recreation, culture, transportation and housing.

Discussion/Action Points:

- - Regional collaboration is important to share resources and provide services w/o being duplicative: i.e., province seeking a place for new jail.
- .41 cents of the current tax rate of .88 cents goes to province for roads:
 - Because Fundy Shores does not manage roads, industries such as Point Lepreau, do not pay that road tax.
 - Fundy Shores should do the math to determine if assuming responsibility of the roads would be strategic for the community.

Guest Speaker for Next Meeting:

- Alex Henderson, Planning Commission re zoning for economic development
 - Sue to determine availability for the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date:

July 18th @ 6PM

TBD

Adjournment: 7:45PM