

**MINUTES**

**RURAL COMMUNITY OF FUNDY SHORES**

**COMMUNITY CENTER, MALCOLM MEEHAN ROAD, MUSQUISH, NB  
& MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY – AUGUST 10, 2023, AT 6:00 PM**

**CO-CHAIRS: DEANNA BENT & TBD**

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1. Welcome - Call to Order
2. Roll Call
  - Present:** Deanna Bent, Tina Dealy, Linda Ellis, Roxanne Oliver, Courtney Gillis
  - Absent:** Heather Saulnier, Laverne Mitchell, Courtney Gillis, Marion St. Pierre, Deanna Vlug, Mike Gerrits, Jack Hester
  - Guests:** N/A
3. Disclosure Conflict of Interest - None
4. Agenda and Minutes Approval – Hand Out
5. Correspondence - N/A
6. Presentations – N/A
7. Business
  - Two (2) Community Engagement Sessions for the Rural Plan were held August 9. Turnout was good. Alex from the Planning Commission gave an overview of what a rural plan would look like and provided lots of useful information. To learn more about our rural plan, please go to [fundyshores.ca](http://fundyshores.ca) website and hit the button to complete the survey and look around the plan. The plan will be better with more public engagement. Please encourage all of your friends and neighbours to complete the survey.
  - Reminder - Community Day is this September 16 being organized by our Recreational Committee lead by Tina Dealy with assistance from the Tourism Committee led by Heather Saulnier. My ask is that you spread the word throughout the committee. It is going to be a very fun day with lots of entertainment and activities.
  - One Friday Night a month (this Friday) there is bingo at the Recreation Center. We are

looking for volunteers to help put this on. Please let us know if you are interested.

- Community Needs Assessment – Heather Chase, Horizon Health is underway.
  - “We are now about to begin the important steps of collecting community input about the strengths, challenges, barriers, and gaps that exist in the local area that impact health and wellbeing. This work will lead to the identification of population health needs that will inform Horizon Health Network and other stakeholders about what local populations need the most to improve their health and wellbeing. Having this community input is important because it can inform actions within Horizon and collaboration with our community partners.
  - We recently met you at the engagement meeting in your area to discuss boundary expansion for this work. We would like to invite you to join the next part of this process as a member of the CHNA Community Learning Committee (CLC). This group will serve as the advisory group during this stage of the CHNA process.”
- The Government of Canada will launch the annual New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) Community-based stream 2023-2024 Call for proposals (CFP) to invest in projects across Canada. This program is offered by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) and I put forward to council the library initiative. Staff is looking into this opportunity.
- We are looking to install a Community Access Point to Computer for personal use such as Virtual Doctors visits, etc. This will be by appointment and will have privacy. Heather Chase, Horizon Health, is assisting with finding funding.
- Review Priorities based on feedback from RSC Community Development Strategy. This was part of the strategic plan presented to the province by the RSC and it passed.
  - Make investments through a new social finance fund to increase the capacity and sustainability of social enterprises within non-profit organizations in New Brunswick.
  - Improve access and reducing wait times for mental health and addictions services.
  - Develop or expand existing school food programs at all schools in the region.
  - Economic security and employment
  - Health, social service, justice, and education systems
  - Environmental sustainability
  - Stable housing and healthy built environment
  - Building Regional Capacity: Network, Communication & Information
  - Recreation - Work with partners to provide inclusive opportunities for sport, recreation and leisure activities for low income New Brunswickers
  - Transportation - Develop and implement regional transportation plans to increase accessibility, affordability and availability of transportation services.
- Long-term initiatives to be identified to coincide with RSC initiatives

- Community Clinic
  - a. survey of community
  - b. identify stakeholders
  - c. identify cost
  - d. create a plan to present to council
- Subcommittees for quick hit items discussed in prior meeting
  - Aspirin initiative
  - Directory
  - Envelope for Fridge
  - Community Meal
  - Food Bank
  - Bulletin Board
  - Age-Friendly Community Initiative
- Next meeting, we will establish a list of initiatives for our long-term goals.

8. Adjournment

9. Future Meeting:

- September 5, 2023