

Minutes
Rural Community of Fundy Shores
Regular Council Meeting
Community Building
December 4, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Call To Order

Mayor Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Roll Call

Mayor George (Denny) Cogswell, Deputy Mayor Susan Farquharson (Virtual), Councillor Tina Dealy, Councillor Heather Saulnier, Councillor Lorraine Thompson, Councillor Deanna Bent, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk Linda Sullivan Brown, Executive Director – Synergi Brian Cooke, Program Coordinator – Synergi Cathy Fynn

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

Addition, Deletion, or Approval of the Agenda

2024.12.04.130 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of the Minutes

2024.12.04.131 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to approve the minutes of November 13 and 20, 2024 as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Presentation to Council

None.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Department Reports

General Government

Mayor's Report – Mayor Cogswell submitted his report online, however reviewed his notes. Mayor Cogswell acknowledged and congratulated the teachers at Fundy Shores Elementary and their great work with the children on the Provincial Assessment. Mayor Cogswell also announced the RCMP will be attending the January 8, Regular Council Meeting and asked Council to prepare any questions they may have for the members. The public safety committee met in November, and Mayor Cogswell provided an update.

Councillor's Report

Deputy Mayor Susan Farquharson – Deputy Mayor submitted her report online, she acknowledged she was unable to attend the Economic Development Meeting or the Tree Lighting.

Councillor Deanna Bent – Councillor Bent submitted her report online, she also provided kudos to the work for the Tree Lighting.

Councillor Tina Dealy – Councillor Dealy submitted her report online. Councillor Dealy also clarified that persons interested in attending the meeting next month when the RCMP are present, that it is not an opportunity for back and forth with the officers, it is for Council to ask questions. Should someone have a question they would like asked, they should request Council ask the question.

Councillor Heather Saulnier – Councillor Saulnier submitted her report online.

Councillor Lorraine Thompson – Councillor Thompson submitted her report online. She provided an oral report on the activities of PRAC. She also expressed the PRAC committee's need for new membership as a few members terms are expiring soon.

CAO Report to Council –

2024.12.04.132 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to approve the report.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Economic Development

Synergi Report –

2024.12.04.133 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to approve report.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Community Coordinator

2024.12.04.134 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to approve the report.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Standing Committee Reports

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

Correspondence

Information Only.

Approval of Payments

General Government

2024.12.04.135 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to approve the invoices.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of Payments

Sewerage Commission – Thompson Subdivision

None at this time.

Approval of Accounts

2024.12.04.136 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to approve the report.

Motion Unanimously Carried

New Business

Economic Development Strategy

2024.12.04.137 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to table until January.

Motion Unanimously Carried

2025 Budget Presentation

CAO Sullivan Brown provided a budget presentation for Council.

2025 Budget Approval

2024.12.04.138 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to CERTIFY that on the 4th day of December 2024, the Council of the local government of Rural Community of Fundy Shores RESOLVED that the sum of \$2,349,848 be the total operating budget of the local government, that the sum of \$2,153,942 be the Warrant of the local government for the ensuing year, and that the tax rate(s) for the local government be as listed above. The Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Local Government of said amount on real property liable to taxation under the Assessment Act within the local government of: Rural Community of Fundy Shores.

Adopted this 4th day of December 2024, by the Council of the local government of Rural Community of Fundy Shores.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Year End Transfers

2024.12.04.139 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy that be it resolved to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Operating Reserve Fund to represent the scheduled year end transfer.

Motion Unanimously Carried

2024.12.04.140 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy that be it resolved to transfer \$14,000 from the General Fund to the Operating Reserve Fund to represent the savings in General Government Services.

Motion Unanimously Carried

2024.12.04.141 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson that be it resolved to transfer \$40,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund to represent the scheduled year end transfer.

Motion Unanimously Carried

2024.12.04.142 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier that be it resolved to transfer \$187,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund to represent cost savings made this year from contracts and capital purchases.

Motion Unanimously Carried

2024.12.04.143 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to move into closed session.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Council moved into Closed Session at 6:50pm.

Closed Session

**Contract Negotiations – (Local Governance Act, Section 68 (1) (c))–
Synergi Contract –**

2024.12.04.144 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to return to open session.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Council returned to open session at 7:41pm.

Next Meetings

Thompson Subdivision Sewer Commission
Community Building
December 10, 2024 – 6:00pm

Committee of the Whole - Cancelled if not needed.
Community Building
December 18, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
Community Building
January 8, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Announcements

Adjournment

2024.12.04.145 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to adjourn the meeting.

George (Denny) Cogswell
Mayor
Rural Community of Fundy Shores

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