

Minutes
Rural Community of Fundy Shores
Regular Council Meeting
Community Hall
May 3, 2023 - 6:30 pm

Call to Order: Mayor Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Roll Call: Mayor George (Denny) Cogswell, Deputy Mayor Susan Farquharson (Virtual), Councillor Deanna Bent, Councillor Lorraine Thompson, Councillor Heather Saulnier, Councillor Tina Dealy (Virtual call dropped at 7:38pm), CAO/Clerk - Treasurer Linda Sullivan Brown, Kate Wood (65 County Line Road), Cuilean Hendra (283 Maces Bay Road), Jolene McGovern, 1 Members of the Public

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

None

Additions, Deletions or Approval of the Agenda:

2023.05.03.61 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to approve the agenda amended.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of the Minutes:

2023.05.03.62 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Presentation to Council

Kate Wood – Lepreau Soccer Club

Ms. Wood explained how she became responsible for the Lepreau Soccer Club and their needs moving forward. She requested support from Council to offset the costs associated with registration and year end party, as well as insurance for the coaches. Additional support was requested in acquiring permission to use the soccer field at the school and Trynor Field. It was explained that all balls, uniforms, nets could be supplied by Tim Hortons Soccer.

Council did ask if the name of the Soccer Group would be changed to Fundy Shores? Ms. Wood confirmed that is under consideration, with an age group of 2-16 years of age, with 50+ children already preregistered.

Council agreed to review the request that the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 17, 2023.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Proclamation – New Brunswick Lyme Disease Association Inc.

2023.05.03.63 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Farquharson Councillor Thompson to proclaim May 2023 Lyme Awareness Month in Fundy Shores.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Mayor Cogswell read the proclamation as presented.

Department Reports:

General Government -

Mayor's Report – Mayor Cogswell reviewed his report with Council and asked that if anyone had any questions following the meeting to please email him.

Councillor Report

Deputy Mayor Farquharson reported on the meetings held by Synergi and a new appointment to the Board – Terry Lee. Synergi will be preparing a presentation for the Regional Service Commission regarding their work in Economic Development in Eastern Charlotte. The Regional Economic Development Committee has met via Zoom, with Harvey Matthews of Campobello and Charlene Hatt of the RSC at Co-Chair for a one year period. The local Economic Development committee is scheduled to meet on May 22.

Councillor Deanna Bent attended the Community Development Committee at the Regional Level and most members of this committee are serving on several other similar committees including Not for Profit Organizations in our area. In the very near future the Regional level will also be hosting a meeting with a facilitator to discuss the strategic plan moving forward. Councillor Bent also discussed the Community Clinic Initiative being spearheaded by the local Community Development Committee. She thanked Courtney Gillis for her work on developing the survey. At their most recent meeting, they had a presentation regarding advancing dyslexia support in the Community. This group will be applying for a CAF Grant through the Regional Service Commission.

Councillor Tina Dealy had nothing to add to her report at this time. Councillor Bent is scheduled to attend the Recreation RSC meeting scheduled tomorrow, since is unavailable.

Councillor Heather Saulnier attended the first Regional Tourism Committee meeting, she mentioned Mayor Henderson from Saint Andrews was appointed to the position of Chair. The Regional Committee will also be meeting with a Facilitator later this week to work on the strategic plan. Councillor Saulnier updated Council on the New River Beach Sand Sculpture Contest, they are working with Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the road access and upgrades to the washrooms on site in the next budget year.

Councillor Lorraine Thompson had no issues arise in ward 3. She did attend the SNBSC PRAC meeting on April 20. PRAC denied the glamping dome variance request as it was not compatible with the regulation. They also had a by-law review for St. Stephen. Training for PRAC has been delayed until after the May 18 meeting.

CAO Report

2023.05.03.64 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to approve the CAO's report for the month of May.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Planning/Inspection Report

Planning Director's Report

2023.05.03.65 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to accept the report as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Council requested that Mr. Henderson provide PID numbers in future reports. Staff agreed to forward their request.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Development

No additional information to provide outside the Councillor Report.

Economic Development

Deputy Mayor Farquharson identified the committee is working on determining the gaps in service, and the committee had questions surrounding the current land use planning documents. Another meeting is scheduled for May 22.

Public Safety Committee

Mayor Cogswell is currently waiting for a Regional meeting for Public Safety.

Recreation Committee

No additional information provided outside the Councillor report.

Tourism Committee

The Tourism Committee has had two meetings and are developing an inventory of assets in the area and what would be needed to entice people to visit the area. Councillor Saulnier explained the Tourism and Recreation Committees are working on a Community Day for September 16 and has requested Council support this work.

2023.05.03.66 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson that Council support the Community Day scheduled for September 16, 2023.

Motion Unanimously Carried

(Councillor Dealy left the meeting at 7:38pm)

Councillor Saulnier clarified that this day is a stop gap until an annual event could be planned.

Correspondence:

N/A

Approval of Payments:

2023.05.03.67 Moved by Deputy Mayor Farquharson, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to approve the payments for a total of \$284,747.44.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of Payments – Sewerage Commission

2023.05.03.68 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to approve the invoices in the amount of \$4762.74.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of Accounts

2023.05.03.69 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to approve the revenue and expense report for April 27, 2023, as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

New Business:

Community Branding

2023.05.03.69 Moved by Deputy Mayor Farquharson, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to approve the release of the Community Branding Contest for 6 weeks.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Musquash ATV Club Request

2023.05.03.70 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to consider the Musquash ATV Club request to a one-day event for a Craft Fair/Market, provided it does not conflict with the business of Council. CAO Sullivan Brown to confirm the date, insurance and site clean up to be conducted by the Club.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Closed Session

2023.05.03.71 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Farquharson to adjourn into closed session.

Motion Unanimously Carried

This meeting adjourned into closed session at 7:59 pm.

Closed Session:

Contract Negotiations

2023.05.03.72 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to return to open session.

This meeting returned to open session at 8:15pm.

Contract Negotiations

2023.05.03.73 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to draft a letter to the appropriate department regarding the closed session topic.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Next Meetings

Committee of the Whole

Community Building

May 17, 2023 – 6:30pm

Regular Council Meeting

Community Building

June 7, 2023 – 6:30pm

Adjournment:

2023.05.03.74 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to adjourn.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

George (Denny) Cogswell
Mayor

Linda Sullivan Brown
CAO/Clerk - Treasurer

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