

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

Call To Order

Mayor Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call

Mayor George (Denny) Cogswell, Deputy Mayor Susan Farquharson, Councillor Heather Saulnier, Councillor Lorraine Thompson, Councillor Tina Dealy, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk Linda Sullivan Brown

Regrets: Councillor Deanna Bent

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

Addition, Deletion, or Approval of the Agenda

2024.03.06.18 Moved by Deputy Mayor Farquharson, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to approve the agenda.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of the Minutes

2024.03.06.19 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to approve the minutes of February 7 and 24, 2024.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Council requested to receive a copy of the draft minutes sooner, when possible.

Presentation to Council

None.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Streetlight Policy

Council discussed the draft policy, and with the recommendations made by the Public Safety Committee requested additional work be completed to pull the document together.

The streetlight request which was originally made for Prince of Wales has been moved to the Department of Transportation as they are still responsible for streetlights, if their traffic safety division advises that installation is necessary. Council's policy would be for any installations not covered by the Department of Transportation.

Department Reports

General Government

Mayor's Report – Mayor Cogswell submitted his report for Council. He took the opportunity to discuss with Council the issue of overland flooding on Route 790 and the work being done with the Department of Transportation to remedy this issue.

Councillor's Report

Deputy Mayor Susan Farquharson – Deputy Mayor submitted her report online. She mentioned that the Economic Development Committee met at the end of February and had a presentation from Synergi. The Committee was pleased with the items reported by Synergi as it is a direct response to recommendations made through the Committee's work in the previous year.

Councillor Tina Dealy – Councillor Dealy submitted her report online. Councillor Dealy identified she would have additional items to discuss during new business.

Councillor Heather Saulnier – Councillor Saulnier submitted her report online. The Tourism Committee is scheduled to meet, and she has worked to support her constituents on a matter related to the carbon tax rebate.

Councillor Lorraine Thompson – Councillor Thompson submitted her report online. Councillor Thompson reported to receiving questions from a constituent regarding their property assessment and explained the process, as well as on-line supports that can help with understanding the property assessments in New Brunswick.

There was a PRAC meeting and a subdivision for Meadow Cove Road was approved with conditions.

CAO Report to Council –
2024.03.06.20 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to accept the report as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Planning & Inspection

Planning Director's Report –

2024.03.06.21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Farquharson, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to approve the Planning Report as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Unightly Premise Report –

2023.03.06.22 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to accept the report as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Council requested clarity on if this is the standard report to be received, and it was explained it was, unless a matter needed legal action in which case it would be presented with additional information in closed session.

Public Safety

Fire Department Report –

2024.03.06.23 Moved by Deputy Mayor Farquharson, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to approve the Fire Department report for 2023 Annual Report and the January and February 2024 as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Economic Development
Synergi Report –
2024.03.06.24 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Farquharson to approve the Synergi Report.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Standing Committee Reports

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

Correspondence

NB Power Response Letter –

Mayor Cogswell reviewed the letter as received by NB Power and explained vegetation removal has started in Fundy Shores and NB Power will be reviewing infrastructure upgrades in the area.

Approval of Payments

General Government

2024.03.06.25 Moved by Deputy Mayor Farquharson, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to approve the invoices in the amount of \$119,260.93.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Council had questions on the difference in payments to Synergi for January/February and March. It was explained the payments were larger in January and February to help get them started and have leveled out for the rest of the year.

Approval of Payments

Sewerage Commission – Thompson Subdivision

2024.03.06.26 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to approve the invoices in the amount of \$368.00.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of Accounts

2024.03.06.27 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to approve the report from February 29, 2024.

Motion Unanimously Carried

New Business

Lyme NB 2024 – Awareness Campaign

2024.03.06.28 Moved by Deputy Mayor Farquharson, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to read the proclamation.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Mayor Cogswell read the proclamation for May 2024 to be Lyme Awareness month in Fundy Shores. Everyone is encouraged to show their support if they can.

Property Rate Announcement-

This was an information item, regarding the application of policing costs in Fundy Shores. CAO Sullivan Brown advised the information received from the Province was the policing costs were levied based on the former Local Service District boundaries rather than using

Fundy Shores as a whole community, therefore homeowners will notice two different rates in Lepreau and Musquash for their policing costs.

Safety Week & Voyent Alert Launch

The safety week poster will be placed on Fundy Shores social media account.

Community Day

Councillor Dealy discussed the upcoming community day in August. It would be a two day event on the 10 and 11. A budget of approximately \$18,000 would be needed for this event. She asked for permission to apply for funding from the Community Investment Fund as well as using monies allocated in the budget for this event. Council agreed that \$18,000 would be earmarked in the budget for this event.

2024.03.06.29 Moved by Deputy Mayor Farquharson, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to adjourn into closed session.

Motion Unanimously Carried

This meeting adjourned into closed session at 6:55pm.

This meeting returned from closed session at 7:49 pm.

Closed Session

Lease Agreement – **2024.06.06.30 Moved** by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to agree to the sublease agreement on Engine 4 for the Fire Department and make payment to the Province of New Brunswick for \$70966.77 in accordance with the contract.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Land Transfer – Council directed staff to pursue the land transfer.
Service Contract (Building Permits) – This was an information only item.

Next Meetings

Committee of the Whole
Community Building
March 27, 2024 – 4:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting
Community Building
April 3, 2024 – 6:00pm

Adjournment

2024.03.06.31 Moved by Deputy Mayor Farquharson, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to adjourn.

Motion Unanimously Carried

George (Denny) Cogswell
Mayor
Rural Community of Fundy Shores

Linda Sullivan Brown
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
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