

**Minutes
Rural Community of Fundy Shores
Regular Council Meeting
Community Building
May 7, 2025 – 6:00 pm**

Call To Order

Mayor Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Roll Call

Mayor George (Denny) Cogswell, Deputy Mayor Heather Saulnier, Councillor Tina Dealy, Councillor Deanna Bent, Councillor Lorraine Thompson, Community Coordinator Bobbie Craft, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk Linda Sullivan Brown, Executive Director of Synergi – Brian Cooke

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Deputy Mayor Heather Saulnier and Councillor Tina Dealy declared conflict on item 12.d.

Addition, Deletion, or Approval of the Agenda

2025.05.07.59 Moved by Deputy Mayor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to approve the agenda.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of the Minutes

2025.05.07.60 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to approve the minutes of April 2nd, 9th and 16th, 2025 as drafted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Presentation to Council

None.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Community Complex Needs Assessment

Council received the update on the work to date from CAO Sullivan Brown. In regards to there being no Chair for this committee, Council said the Committee could select a Chair at their next meeting.

Department Reports

General Government

Mayor's Report – Mayor Cogswell submitted his report online. Mayor Cogswell, thanked NB Power for the Red Dress pins, in honour of Red Dress day on May 5, 2025 and read the inscription on the card.

Councillor's Report

Deputy Mayor Heather Saulnier – Deputy Mayor submitted her report online and discussed the RCMP meeting with the Regional Service Commission. She explained the new mobile mental health service which is now available in St. Stephen from 8am to 4pm. She explained that the service needs to be expanded to cover hours in which more concerns arise for mental health crisis, however the service is currently not fully staffed.

Councillor Deanna Bent – Councillor Bent submitted both her report and the Committee Report online. Councillor Bent also addressed Linda Ellis removing herself from the committee for personal reasons. As well as the upcoming community meeting of Overcoming Poverty Together on June 5th at Magaguadavic Place in Eastern Charlotte.

Councillor Tina Dealy – Councillor Dealy submitted her report online. Councillor Dealy also provided a brief report of the festival planning for August.

Councillor Lorraine Thompson – Councillor Thompson submitted her report and PRAC report online. She said PRAC is still looking for members if there are any interested volunteers.

CAO Report to Council –

2025.05.07.61 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to accept the report as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Planning & Inspection

2025.05.07.62 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to approve the report as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Public Safety

2025.05.07.63 Moved by Deputy Mayor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to approve the February, March, and April reports as provided.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Economic Development

2025.05.07.64 Moved by Deputy Mayor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to approve the report as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

There was also discussion regarding the request from Musquash ATV Club and Quad NB for highway usage permits for New River Beach area.

Recreation, Community & Culture

2025.05.07.65 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to approve the Community Coordinator Report.

Motion Unanimously Carried

There was a brief discussion review the outreach program, and the issues raised with the Y at Fundy Shores Elementary. Staff are in the process of setting up meetings with the Y to discuss the issues and if remedies can be found.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Safety Committee – Mayor Cogswell announced that Fundy Shores has been selected to participate 100 Community Radon Challenge. This will be officially launched in the late summer and carry through the winter.

Correspondence

2025.05.07.66 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to publicly acknowledge the lack of commitment of the Premiers Office to meet with Fundy Shores Council despite repeat requests and meetings in the area with other Mayors and Council.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of Payments

General Government

2025.05.07.67 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to approve the invoices as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of Accounts

2025.05.07.68 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Saulnier to approve the expense reports.

Motion Unanimously Carried

New Business

Community Emergency Planning By-Law (EMO)

2025.05.07.69 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Saulnier that be it resolved to have the first reading of By-Law B-3-2025 A by-law respected Community Emergency Planning for Fundy Shores read by title: "Community Emergency Planning By-Law for Fundy Shores."

Motion Unanimously Carried

Voyent Alert Policies

2025.05.07.70 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to adopt both policies as drafted for use of the Voyent Alert System.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Recreation & Destination Development Committee Member

2025.05.07.72 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Saulnier to accept Ella Hoyts resignation from the committee.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Deputy Mayor Saulnier and Councillor Dealy stepped out of the meeting while the next item was considered.

Fundy Bay Senior Citizens Club – Donation Request

2025.05.07.73 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to approve the donation request from the Fundy Bay Seniors Citizens Club for \$1000.00.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Deputy Mayor Saulnier and Councillor Dealy returned to the meeting.

Proclamation – Disability Awareness Week

Mayor Cogswell read the proclamation as prepared.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

2025.05.07.74 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to establish this initiative in Fundy Shores for children ages 0-5.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Closed Session

None.

Next Meetings

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| a. Safety Month – RCMP
Community Building
May 6, 2025 – 7:00pm | May 20, 2025 – 7:00pm |
| b. Safety Month Webinar –
FireSmart NB
May 8, 2025 – 7:00pm | f. Venders Market
Community Building
May 24, 2025 – 10am – 1pm |
| c. Safety Month Webinar – NB
Power
May 14, 2025 – 7:00pm | g. Safety Month Webinar –
NB211
May 27, 2025 – 7:00 pm |
| d. Safety Month – NB EMO
Community Building
May 15, 2025 – 7:00pm | h. Committee of the Whole
Community Building
May 21, 2025– 6:00 pm |
| e. Safety Month – LUNG NB
Community Building | i. Regular Council Meeting
Community Building
June 4, 2025 – 6:00 pm |

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

2025.05.075 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Saulnier to adjourn.
Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

George (Denny) Cogswell
Mayor
Rural Community of Fundy Shores

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