

A meeting of the Public Safety Committee of Fundy Shores was held at the Community Office on Monday February 26, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Members present were Mayor Denny Cogswell, CAO Linda Sullivan-Brown, Mike Gerrits, Marion St. Pierre, Andrew Sanojca and Audrey Sanojca.

STREETLIGHT POLICY

A discussion was held regarding a proposed Streetlight Policy. Council has received a request for a streetlight within the community. Discussion covered many topics including cost, a cost recovery model, impact to nearby residents and that lights be installed for traffic safety as opposed to property security reasons.

ROUTE 790 OVERLAND FLOODING

There was discussion about the recurring flooding on Route 790 near the Musquash Marsh. The area has had water over the road about a half dozen times since December. Concerns have been raised that the roadway is being damaged each time and that it needs to be repaired quickly. Letters have been sent to the Minister of Department, Transport and Infrastructure (DTI) asking him to make this a priority project. Concern was also raised that the on-call supervisor from the local DTI is not calling back the mayor with a follow up of what was done when an issue has been reported.

ALTERNATE ACCESS TO NEIGHBOURHOODS

Following a very recent incident where power and communication lines were knocked down across the roadway in Musquash there was discussion about alternate ways to get into and out of various areas of the community. The area in Musquash north of the highway (West Branch Rd, Log Falls Rd, Thompson Subdivision, Power House Rd, Stillwater Rrd, Shipyard Rd & Dam Rd - approximately 96 households and camps) was blocked off for several hours due to power lines down across the road. It is felt that the various agencies responsible for the lines should have had a better plan in place to deal with such an incident to allow access for residents and emergency services. Council will try to speak with each agency involved to ensure better plans are in place for future events. Concern was also raised about a lack of traffic control at the Musquash off ramp (Exit 96 Westbound) and a request will be made to Gateway Operations to ask why they did not have the ramp clearly marked as closed.

VOYENT ALERT LAUNCH / SAFETY WEEK

The Community has subscribed to the Voynet Alert System. Members of the community will be invited to subscribe to the service which can simultaneously send emergency alerts via cell phone, landline phone, e-mail as well as post to social media sites. Once subscribed, a resident will receive Emergency Notifications and can select which other alerts they want including Community Events, Meeting notifications and other updates,

A Safety Week will be held March 25 to 28 with presentations at the Community Hall each evening from 6-8 pm. Topics will include Kitchen Safety (MFD), Online Safety (RCMP), 72 Hour Preparedness (NBEMO) and the launch of the Voyent Alert System.

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