

**Minutes**  
**Rural Community of Fundy Shores**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**Community Hall**  
**February 15, 2023 - 6:30 pm**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Roll Call:** Mayor George Cogswell, Deputy Mayor Susan Farquharson, Councillor Deanna Bent, Councillor Lorraine Thompson, Councillor Heather Saulnier, Councillor Tina Dealy, CAO/Clerk - Treasurer Linda Sullivan Brown, Councillor Dan Boyd (Grand Manan), Andrew Black, President (UMNB), Dan Murphy Executive Director (UMNB), Jordan Thompson Director (Synergi), Glenn Hawkins Project Coordinator (Synergi), Al Craig Director (Synergi), 7 Members of the Public

Mayor Cogswell addressed the public at the first of the meeting to explain this was a working meeting of Council and not similar to the Public Engagement Sessions held over the previous week. To address Council at these meetings, members of the Public need to make appointments to do so, as was done by the two groups speaking this evening.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest:**

None

**Presentation to Council:**

**Synergi** – Director Jordan Thompson gave a presentation to Council to outline the work of Synergi and their new mandate since Local Government Reform. Synergi has grown from an Economic Development driver in Eastern Charlotte region, to now wanting to work with the entirety of the Southwest New Brunswick area. The advised Council that if they are interested Synergi can help with the economic development in the Fundy Shores area.

**UMNB** – President Andrew Black, Councillor Dan Boyd and Executive Director Dan Murphy provided a presentation on the role of UMNB in the Province of New Brunswick. UMNB serves as an advocacy body for Local Government members. UMNB advised there was a vacancy on their board currently and welcomed Fundy Shores, if they wished, to join UMNB and potential sit on the board, if elected.

**Business:**

**Update on Stakeholder Meetings** – Mayor Cogswell brought Council up to date on the SMR project meeting, with Claire Harris of NB Power. She will be joining Council at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on March 15, so Council will be given the

opportunity to learn about the project and potential for partnerships. Mayor Cogswell provided a verbal list of concerns presented at the Public Engagement Sessions regarding energy infrastructure and former community development by NB Power in Fundy Shores.

Mayor Cogswell and CAO Linda Sullivan Brown also met with DTI to discuss the concerns presented at the Public Engagement Sessions regarding the road network in Fundy Shores. DTI provided active listening and where possible recommendations and answers to the concerns. An official letter will be issued to DTI outlining the concerns presented at the meeting.

### **Public Engagement Discussion**

CAO Sullivan Brown presented to Council a draft plan from the information provided from the Public Engagement Sessions. Council was asked to take the report and provide any feed back they wished to help shape the document moving forward.

### **Next Meetings**

#### **Regular Council Meeting**

Community Building

March 1, 2023 – 6:30pm

#### **Committee of the Whole**

Community Building

March 15, 2023 – 6:30pm

### **Adjournment:**

With all business being concluded for the evening the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

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**George Cogswell**  
**Mayor**

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**Linda Sullivan Brown**  
**CAO/Clerk - Treasurer**

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