

Minutes
Rural Community of Fundy Shores
Regular Council Meeting
Community Hall
June 7 2023 - 6:30 pm

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

Roll Call: Mayor George (Denny) Cogswell, Councillor Deanna Bent, Councillor Lorraine Thompson, Councillor Heather Saulnier, Councillor Tina Dealy, CAO/Clerk - Treasurer Linda Sullivan Brown, Planning Director Alex Henderson

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Susan Farquharson

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

None

Additions, Deletions or Approval of the Agenda:

2023.06.07.74 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Bent to approve the agenda with the addition of Fundy Shores Community Day.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of the Minutes:

2023.06.07.75 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Presentation to Council

None.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Soccer Club Request-

2023.06.07.76 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson, to transfer \$2500 from the Recreation & Cultural Plan Development line item to the Community Grant line item in the general operating budget.

Motion Unanimously Carried

2023.06.07.78 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to approve the request of the soccer club to subsidize their registration fees for a total of \$800 and their year end party for \$200; a non-audited financial report will be required; in addition to

the financial support Fundy Shores will be allowing the Soccer Club to operate under their insurance, support their efforts for field usage and help them ensure coaches have criminal record check and vulnerable sector records check.

Motion Unanimously Carried

ATV Club Request

2023.06.07.79 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to permit the Musquash ATV Club use of the basketball court during the Community Yard Sale on August 12, 2023 providing they confirm appropriate insurance coverage and clean up the area once they are finished using it.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Department Reports:

General Government -

Mayor's Report – Mayor Cogswell reviewed his submitted report with Council. Mayor Cogswell explained in detail the meeting with Chief and Deputy Chief of the Musquash Fire Department as it related to them coming in under the umbrella of Fundy Shores. He explained he also took the time to stop any rumours among department members of this desire to cut budgets, and how his goal was to provide an opportunity to growth of the Department to benefit all of Fundy Shores. During the meeting it was determined CAO Sullivan Brown would need to draft a by-law and present it to the Chief and Council for consideration prior to the transition. The

Mayor Cogswell also participated in the Nuclear Convention held in Saint John and met with the Chair of the Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities. It was a great learning opportunity and the role of Fundy Shores as a Host Community.

Mayor Cogswell on behalf of Council thanked Chief Pollock and the members of the Musquash Fire Department for their efforts to help control the fire in Bocabec and Chamcook New Brunswick.

Councillor Report

Councillor Bent discussed the recent Community Development Committee meeting and the presentation by Heather Chase, Community Developer for Horizon Health. Ms. Chase will be attending the next committee of the whole meeting to provide a presentation to Council. The committee also committee to participating in the Community Health Needs Assessment being completed by Horizon Health Network to help understand the needs of the community and use the information to leverage help and resources for the community. Support sheets are also being provided for areas in the community to help access services.

Councillor Bent also met with the Regional Service Commission Community Development Committee to begin to develop the Long Term Strategic Plan for the Commission.

Councillor Bent did mention that 2 members of the local Community Development Committee missed 3 consecutive meetings which according to the Terms of Reference disqualifies them from participation. Councillor Saulnier expressed she was having similar issues with her Committee. Council discussed and recommended that each Chair experiencing problems with attendance email the missing members and ask them to attend the meetings or see if they wish to withdraw from volunteering so other community members can volunteer.

Councillor Dealy reviewed her report with Council and elaborated that her experience with the Regional Service Commissions work related to the Strategic Plan in Recreation was very good. There was a lot of information shared and support offered from other communities on ensuring the success of recreation activities in Fundy Shores.

Recreation and the Tourism Committees are working on setting a budget and timeline for September 16.

The next Recreation Committee meeting will be June 13, 2023.

Councillor Saulnier attended two UMNb webinars regarding liability and climate change. Both were very interesting and gave a greater understanding of the amount of liability experienced by local governments. She also had a site visit at Point Lepreau with Councillor Thompson. She explained the Strategic Planning Session held by the Regional Service Commission related to Tourism was well attended and another meeting is scheduled for the coming weekend.

The local Tourism Committee has been working on trail mapping and condition assessment through the nature preserve. They will be meeting with Cherie (Regional Service Commission) to understand liabilities and legality.

Councillor Saulnier apologized for sending the Community Days schedule out and asked that Council use the schedule shared by Councillor Dealy as it is more accurate of the anticipated activities.

Councillor Thompson attended a PRAC meeting on May 18 items discussed were related to public road access, temporary use permits, and tourism developments. A

training session will be held on June 12 for the members of the PRAC committee. She expressed as her work on the PRAC committee moved forward, Council will need to pay special attention and care when drafting its new Rural Plan.

The next PRAC meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2023.

Councillor Thompson also attended Point Lepreau and received questions from residents regarding planning activities.

CAO Report

2023.06.07.80 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to approve the CAO's report as submitted.

Motion Unanimously Carried

CAO Sullivan Brown advised Council of the meeting with Crownlands regarding a requested property transfer. An update should be provided in 6 to 8 weeks.

Planning/Inspection Report

Rural Plan – Background Study

Alex Henderson, Planning Director presented to Council the background study for the Rural Plan. He explained the former legislation does have some items that were not considered at the time of drafting which will be included moving forward, those items include short term rental, multifamily housing, and land scaping requirements to prevent negative impacts to neighbouring properties.

CAO Sullivan Brown and Planning Director Henderson will be working on a timeline to conduct the consultation process and dissemination of information for public input.

Planning Director's Report

Council reviewed the planning report and thanked Mr. Henderson for his time this evening.

Planning Director Henderson left the meeting at 8:36pm.

Standing Committee Reports:

No additional information was needed following the Councillors Reports.

Correspondence:

None.

Approval of Payments:

2023.06.07.81 Moved by Councillor Thompson, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to approve the payments for a total of \$46,778.92.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of Payments – Sewerage Commission

2023.06.07.82 Moved by Councillor Bent, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to approve the invoices in the amount of \$713.58.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Approval of Accounts

2023.06.07.83 Moved by Councillor Dealy, **seconded** by Councillor Saulnier to approve the revenue and expense report for May 31, 2023 as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

New Business:

Route 790 Signage

There were comments and concerns regarding the new signs installed on Route 790 as they were very location specific rather than the community as a whole. It was explained these signs were purchased prior to amalgamation. Council agreed to the importance of the new branding in the community and highway signs to promote visibility.

CAO Sullivan Brown was asked to look into the funding proposed by the Province of New Brunswick for marketing material for new communities.

September 16 – Festival

Council agreed to Councillor Dealy and CAO Sullivan Brown drafting a budget and agenda for the day.

Tourism Committee Members

2023.06.07.84 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Thompson to approve the addition of Theresa Sauren and Timothy Holland to the Tourism Committee.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Closed Session

None.

Next Meetings

Committee of the Whole

Community Building

June 21, 2023 – 6:30pm

Regular Council Meeting

Community Building

July 5, 2023 – 6:30pm

Adjournment:

2023.06.07.85 Moved by Councillor Saulnier, **seconded** by Councillor Dealy to adjourn.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm.

George (Denny) Cogswell
Mayor

Linda Sullivan Brown
CAO/Clerk - Treasurer

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