

Fundy Shores

Rural Community



2024 Annual Report

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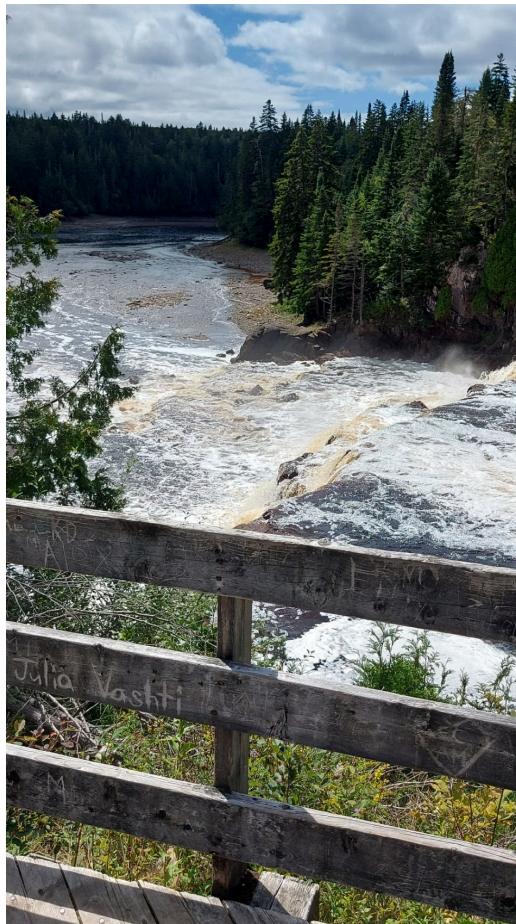
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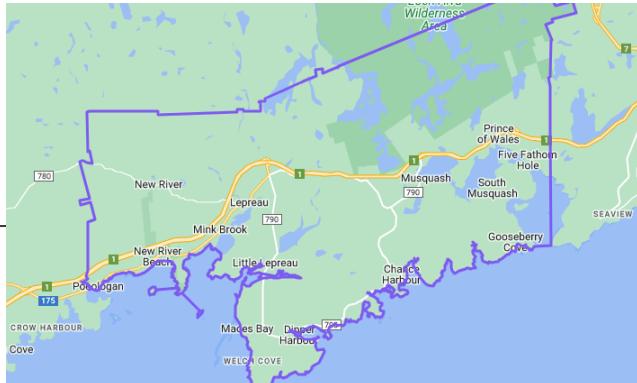
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Community Profile

The Rural Community is situated in the southwest region of New Brunswick, approximately 15 kilometers west of the City of Saint John. It encompasses a land area of roughly 350 square kilometers and is home to a population of approximately 2,100 residents.



The Rural Community of Fundy Shores proudly serves the communities of Chance Harbour, Dipper Harbour, Lepreau, Little Lepreau, Maces Bay, Musquash, New River, Pocologan and Prince of Wales.



Message from the Mayor

This past year has been one of growth, collaboration, and significant progress for Fundy Shores. A major milestone was the successful amalgamation of the Musquash fire department into the Rural Community, strengthening our emergency services and ensuring long-term sustainability for fire protection across the region. We also achieved continued improvements in our solid waste management contract, resulting in enhanced service delivery and better overall value for residents. These efforts reflect our commitment to efficiency, accountability, and strengthening core services that directly impact quality of life in our community.

In addition, Fundy Shores made meaningful strides in economic development, working to create conditions that attract investment and support local business opportunities. Public participation in community events has also grown, demonstrating the pride and engagement of our residents in shaping a vibrant and connected community. Together, these achievements highlight the strong foundation we are building for the future, ensuring Fundy Shores remains a place where residents can thrive and where opportunities continue to expand.

Denny Cogswell, Mayor
Fundy Shores

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#southwestNB #growthandcollaboration



Council Compensation

Council is paid in accordance with By-Law A-4-2023; known as the Remuneration By-Law.

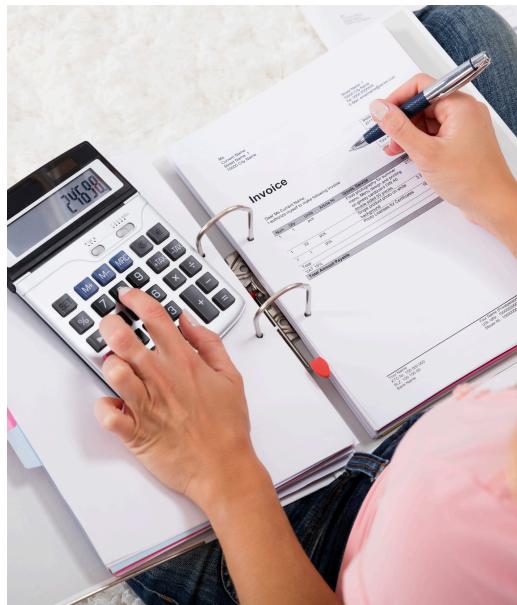
The remuneration for 2024 was as follows:

Mayor: \$10959.84

Deputy Mayor: \$7828.44

Councillor: \$6784.70

Travel & Training
Reimbursements
(Meals & Mileage Allowance)



George (Denny) Cogswell	\$1505.32
Susan Farquharson	\$ 0.00
Deanna Bent	\$ 326.96
Heather Saulnier	\$ 309.00
Tina Dealy	\$ 310.93
Lorraine Thompson	<u>\$ 105.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2557.21



Meetings & Attendance

Date	Meeting Type	George Cogswell	Susan Farquharson	Deanna Bent	Heather Saulnier	Tina Dealy	Lorraine Thompson
10-Jan-24	Regular Council Meeting	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
17-Jan-24	Committee of the Whole	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	Regrets	In-Person
07-Feb-24	Regular Council Meeting	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
21-Feb-24	Committee of the Whole	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
06-Mar-24	Regular Council Meeting	In-Person	In-Person	Regrets	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
27-Mar-24	Committee of the Whole	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
03-Apr-24	Regular Council Meeting	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	Regrets	In-Person
17-Apr-24	Committee of the Whole	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
01-May-24	Regular Council Meeting	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
08-May-24	Public Hearing	In-Person	Regrets	Regrets	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
15-May-24	Committee of the Whole	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
05-Jun-24	Regular Council Meeting	In-Person	Regrets	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
19-Jun-24	Committee of the Whole	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
03-Jul-24	Regular Council Meeting	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
07-Aug-24	Regular Council Meeting	In-Person	Virtual	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
04-Sep-24	Regular Council Meeting	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
18-Sep-24	Committee of the Whole	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
02-Oct-24	Regular Council Meeting	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
16-Oct-24	Committee of the Whole	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
13-Nov-24	Regular Council Meeting	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	Virtual	In-Person
20-Nov-24	Committee of the Whole	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
04-Dec-24	Regular Council Meeting	In-Person	Virtual	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
05-Dec-24	Public Hearing	In-Person	Virtual	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person

Members of Council continue to serve on public committees which are not demonstrated in the above list.

George Cogswell serves on the Southwest New Brunswick Regional Service Commission (SNBSC), SNBSC Public Safety Committee, Fundy Shores Public Safety Committee.

Susan Farquharson sat as an alternate Director for the SNBSC Board of Directors, Chair of the Economic Development Committee for Fundy Shores, Member of the Community Development Committee. Director for Synergi and YMCA Foundation

Deanna Bent sat as an alternate Director for the SNBSC Board of Directors, Chair of the Economic Development Committee for Fundy Shores, Member of the Community Development Committee. Director for Synergi and YMCA Foundation

Heather Saulnier served as the Chair of the Fundy Shores Tourism Committee and a member of the Recreation Committee.

Tina Dealy served as the Chair of the Recreation Committee and member of Tourism Committee and the CBDC.

Lorraine Thompson served as a member of the SNBSC PRAC Committee and member of the Fundy Shores Tourism Committee.

Property Tax Base & Tax Rates

2024 General Operating Fund Budget									
1. Total Budget									\$2,243,259
2. Less: Non-Tax Revenue									\$109,984
3. Net Budget									\$2,133,275
4. Less: Community Funding and Equalization Grant									\$34,668
5. Warrant to be Raised by a Local Rate									\$2,098,407
 Non-Residential Tax Base Ratio <u>1.7</u>									
Heavy Industry Tax Base Ratio <u>1.7</u>									
Taxing Authorities (#)	Residential Assessment	Non-Residential	Heavy Industrial	Tax Base	Warrant	Residential Rate	Non-Residential Rate	Heavy Industrial Rate	
464.00	99,471,300	26,750,300	287,298,400	633,354,090	\$1,797,585	0.2838	0.4825	0.4825	
464.01	83,166,500	13,428,300	105,994,610	300,818	0.2838	0.4925	0.4925	0.4925	
	<u>182,637,800</u>	<u>40,178,600</u>	<u>287,298,400</u>	<u>739,348,700</u>	<u>\$2,098,403</u>				

Above is a chart that indicates the property tax base for both taxing authorities in Fundy Shores (Taxing Authority 464 is the former LSD of Musquash and 464.01 is the former LSD of Lepreau). This chart also shows the property tax rates applied to each property tax base in Fundy Shores, for how the funding for the total budget is collected.

2024 Budget Report

Rural Community of Fundy Shores 2024 General Operating Budget			
		2023	2024
General Government			
Legislative Expense	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 59,460.00	
General Administration	\$ 145,900.00	\$ 129,000.00	
Financial Management	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 42,500.00	
Common Services	\$ 176,183.00	\$ 182,252.00	
Facility Operations	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 19,219.00	
General Operations	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	
	<u>\$ 447,083.00</u>	<u>\$ 451,431.00</u>	
Protective Services			
EMO	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Animal Control	\$ 17,855.00	\$ 18,033.00	
Public Safety	\$ 1,553.00	\$ 2,187.00	
Fire Department	\$ -	\$ 456,650.00	
	<u>\$ 31,908.00</u>	<u>\$ 486,870.00</u>	
Environmental Services			
Land Use Services	\$ 196,696.00	\$ 217,178.00	
Solid Waste Collection & Disposal	<u>\$ 734,888.00</u>	<u>\$ 471,038.00</u>	
	<u>\$ 931,584.00</u>	<u>\$ 688,216.00</u>	
Public Transportation			
Transportation	\$ 1,774.00	\$ 1,413.00	
	<u>\$ 1,774.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,413.00</u>	
Local Development			
Community Development	\$ 5,921.00	\$ 4,844.00	
Economic Development	\$ 37,002.00	\$ 122,008.00	
Tourism Promotion	\$ 35,995.00	\$ 31,864.00	
	<u>\$ 78,918.00</u>	<u>\$ 158,716.00</u>	
Recreation & Cultural Services			
General Administration	\$ -	\$ 66,850.00	
Facility	\$ 119,472.00	\$ 118,050.00	
Operations	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 4,180.00	
Other	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 41,000.00	
	<u>\$ 169,322.00</u>	<u>\$ 230,080.00</u>	
Fiscal Services			
General	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	
Debt	\$ -	\$ -	
Capital Projects	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	
Capital Reserve Transfers	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	
Operating Deficit	\$ 73,141.00	\$ 50,935.00	
Operating Reserve Transfers	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	
	<u>\$ 124,141.00</u>	<u>\$ 213,435.00</u>	
Total Expense	\$ 1,784,730.00	\$ 2,230,161.00	
Less: Non-Tax Revenue	\$ 121,598.00	\$ 108,984.00	
Less Community Funding	\$ 23,936.00	\$ 23,690.00	
Warrant to be Raise through Taxation	<u>\$ 1,639,196.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,097,487.00</u>	

	2023	2024
Tax Rate Comparison		
Residential Tax Rate	0.2292	0.2837
Non-Residential	0.3896	0.4825
Heavy Industrial	0.3896	0.4825
FD	0.0532	0
Unsightly	0.0014	0
Residential Total Tax Rate	0.2838	0.2837

*Fire Department & Unsightly added to the General Budget, no longer Administered by the Province.

Grants to Organizations

Over \$500.00 – Only two grants were issued this year.



Operation White Heart

Council donated \$500.00 to Operation White Heart and organization's whose purpose it is to raise awareness and help eliminate the stigma of mental health illness located in New Brunswick



Hook & Paddle

A fishing tournament was held in East Branch Dam, but Hook and Paddle. Council sponsored prizes for this region for a total of \$750.00

Highlights

1 Musquash Fire

This year one major highlight for Fundy Shores was bringing the Musquash Fire/Rescue Department into our organization. A partnership that will help support local initiatives and our local members.

2 Open for Business – Synergi

This year Fundy Shores completed its first business development strategy, officially branding ourselves as “Open for Business”. Thank you to Synergi, for developing this document and continuing to work with Fundy Shores on economic development opportunities.

3 Solid Waste Contract

2024 saw the final year of the old solid waste collection contract, which was mixed with the provincial contracts. All future years contracted will be for Fundy Shores only and have thus far demonstrated huge savings for the region.

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