



2022

Rural Community of Upper Miramichi
Annual Report

6094 Route 8
Boiestown, NB

Rural Community of Upper Miramichi

2020 Annual Report

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR

Situated in Central New Brunswick along the Miramichi River. The Rural Community of Upper Miramichi was incorporated in 2008 amalgamating 16 smaller communities into one rural community. Our slogan from day one is:

“Create the prosperous, vibrant Rural Community of Upper Miramichi where youth can be educated, employed, live and safely raise their families with pride, honor and prosperity”.

The Rural Community of Upper Miramichi’s main goal has been fiscally responsible while providing services as efficient and cost effective as possible. The Community Park expansions have increased the usage and is an important part of our Community. Keeping up with the beauty of our surroundings will make a mark on those who visit here. We take great pride in our Community.

Garbage and recycling continue to be one of our largest costs to residents. Cost of garbage and recycle continue to be on the Council’s agenda.

Council has worked with our Volunteer Fire Department to secure a new fire truck, ATV, boat and trailers along with generators to help with EMO services that have been expanded.

Local Governance Reform will bring new challenges to Council. Upper Miramichi did not change any of it’s boundaries. But the Reform does bring a lot of changes.

FORWARD

This annual report is prepared pursuant to section 105 of the Local Governance Act, and Regulation 2018-54.

This Report contains general information about Rural Community of Upper Miramichi such as the population; tax base; tax rate, as well as more detailed information regarding village council, the provision of grants, and the types and cost of services provided. The 2022 Audit Financial Statements are appended as Appendix 11.

RURAL COMMUNITY OF UPPER MIRAMICHI

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Rural Community of Upper Miramichi is known as the “Geographical Center of New Brunswick”. Upper Miramichi consists of 16 communities along the Southwest Miramichi River. It is centrally located to travel to Fredericton in the south and Miramichi City in the north. Current population according to 2021 Census is 2,075.

The Rural Community of Upper Miramichi has invested heavily in the Community Park. It has walking trails, tennis court / rink with a new covered structure, splashpad with one of only 3 largest buckets to date in New Brunswick, playground equipment, outdoor fitness equipment and a gazebo for entertaining.

The departments include Administration, Protective Services and Recreation Services.

The Community Office is your source for municipal information. Council and staff contact information and council meeting agendas and minutes to name a few.

The current website is under-construction: www.uppermiramichi.ca

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Community Council consists of a Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 3 Councillors, elected every four years. The last election was held in May 2016. Election 2022 was held to elect Councils for the newly formed entities. Upper Miramichi did not have to participate as there were no changes due to the reform.

Council members and their responsibilities:

Mayor: MA Douglas Munn

Chair of the following Committees:

Chair and Representative of the Greater Miramichi Regional Service Commission

Garbage and Recycling

Fuelwood

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Councillor Ward 1: Keith Clowater

Chair of the following Committees:

Policy Review

Business Park

Doaktown Arena

Deputy Mayor and Councillor Ward 2: Grant Ross

Chair of the following Committees:

Parks and Recreation

Library Board

Councillor Ward 3: Ronald Fowler

Chair of the following Committees:

Tourism

Transportation

Councillor Ward 4: Dustin Munn

Chair of the following Committees:

Fire Department

Emergency Measures Operations

Animal Control

Garbage and Recycling

Remuneration of Council

The Mayor and Council each receive an honorarium and travel expenses for travelling on village business per By-Law 02-2012C. Total cost for 2022 totalled \$39518.73.

	Honorarium	Travel Expense
Mayor MA Douglas Munn	\$9191.04	\$3976.38
Deputy Mayor Grant Ross	\$7352.88	\$358.11
Councillor Dustin Munn	\$6163.44	\$50.00
Councillor Ronald Fowler	\$6163.44	\$50.00
Councillor Keith Clowater	\$6163.44	\$50.00

Council Meetings

All regular Council meetings are held at the Upper Miramichi Community Centre located at 6094 Route 8 in Boiestown. All regular, special and committee meetings are open to the public. They are held on the fourth Monday of each month. Special meetings are held periodically to deal with matters that Council deems urgent.

Refer to Appendix 1 for the types, dates of meetings and member attendance.

PROPERTY TAX RATE

The tax base for Upper Miramichi in 2022 was \$120,849,300 and the residential property tax rate was \$1.1042. This rate includes the Municipal rate, the Provincial rate and the Local Service District rate. The LSD rate covers the policing services. A homeowner with a property assessed at \$70,000 paid \$772.94.

GRANTS FOR SOCIAL OR ENVIRONMENTAL PURPOSES

One of the purposes of a local government as stated in the *Local Governance Act* is to foster the economic, social and environmental well-being of its community. In 2022, Upper Miramichi gave out \$18,000 in grants to local organizations.

The following are the organizations who received grants in 2022:

1. Astle Recreation Center - \$1000.00 Funding towards repairs to building.
2. Central NB Woodmen's Museum - \$10,000.00 Funding towards the renovation project to building and electrical system.
3. Royal Canadian Legion - \$3000.00 - Funding towards building repairs.
4. Landmark Lodge - \$500.00 Funding towards repairs to building.
5. McNamee Recreation Council - \$500.00 Funding for repairs to entrance of building.
6. Belyea Loyal Orange Lodge # 148 - \$500.00 Funding towards roof repair.
7. Boiestown / Doaktown Minor Hockey - \$2500.00 Funding towards the Minor Hockey program.

SERVICES

Local government budgets and services are established in accordance with a standardized classification system. Council adopted a general operating budget of \$996,007 in 2022. Actual revenues were \$1,201,581 as there were higher than expected non-tax revenues. Also, the Village of Doaktown and Upper Miramichi have entered into a joint contract for Garbage and Recycling collection and disposal. The Village of Doaktown reimburses Upper Miramichi for their share. This is reflected in the increase in revenues. The expense is reflected in Upper Miramichi environmental health services. Actual expenditures were \$1,116,587. This enabled RCUM to put money into the General Capital Reserve Fund to pay for future infrastructure costs.

GENERAL SERVICES

Total expenditures \$981,535

General Government Services

Total expenditures \$349,695

This category includes administration costs of Mayor and Councillors - \$57,790; administration - \$218,160; auditing fees - \$10,250; grants to local organizations - \$18,000; public liability insurance - \$2,906 regional and collaborative services - \$19,144 and the cost of assessment of properties within the boundaries of RCUM - \$23,445.

Protective Services

Total expenditures \$136,372

Protective services include fire protection, emergency measures and animal control.

The Upper Miramichi Fire Department provides protective services to the Local Service District of Stanley and has Mutual Aid agreements with Stanley, Doaktown and Blackville. The Department has a Fire Chief and 25 volunteer firefighters. The LSD of Stanley pays approximately 20% of the operating cost. Total expenditures for 2022 was \$134,379.

The UMFDD has two fire halls, one in Boiestown and one in Bloomfield. One fire tanker is housed at the Bloomfield fire hall. UMFDD purchased a new tanker in 2017. The Department is equipped with a total of 3 tankers, 1 rescue vehicle, 1 pickup, 1 four-wheeler with tracks, 1 enclosed trailer, 1 rescue sled, one motorboat and trailer and fully equipped fire halls.

Animal control services are provided by RCUM. One animal control officer is on duty. Total expenditures for 2022 was \$1,898.

Emergency Measures has a Committee in place to develop a working plan for RCUM. Total expenditures for 2022 was \$95.

Environmental Health Services

Total expenditures \$291,777

This category includes the cost of garbage and recycling collection and disposal. Joe's Garbage Pick-up Ltd. collects the waste at a cost of \$203,333 for 2022. Waste is disposed of at Red Pines Sanitary Landfill in Allardville, NB. Greater Miramichi Solid Waste looks after billing and the cost for 2022 was \$88,444. Joe's Garbage collection cost was \$203,333. The tipping fee for residents was \$89.00 for garbage and the tipping fee for recycling was \$40.00.

Environmental Development Services

Total expenditures \$77,021

This category includes land use planning services provided by the Upper Miramichi at a cost of \$58,386.

Other community projects costs was \$11,272.

Tourism costs for 2022 was \$5,704.

The Business Park is also included in this section. The total cost for 2022 was \$1,659.

Recreation and Cultural Services

Total expenditures \$69,469

This category includes the MOU with the Upper Miramichi Community Library which cost \$10,000 for 2022.

Also, included is Exhibitions and Fairs which provides free events to citizens. Cost for 2022 was \$6,561.

The Upper Miramichi Community Park cost for 2022 was \$52,908. These costs include student salaries and upkeep and maintenance for the park .

Public Health Services

Total expenditures \$1,349

This category is for maintenance of the Community Vault. Total cost for 2022 was \$1349.

Fiscal Services

Total expenditures \$46,876

This category includes the interest on long-term loans, principal repayment of long-term debt and bank charges.

2022 cost of long-term debt was \$6,597.

2022 cost of principal repayment was \$39,000.

2022 cost of bank charges was \$1,279.

General Fund Debt

Purpose	Year	Amount Borrowed	Term
Firetruck and Jaws of Life	2017	\$398,000	10 Years

APPENDIX 1

2022 Council Meeting Dates and Attendance

Dates	Meetings	MA Douglas Munn	Grant Ross	Dustin Munn	Ronald Fowler	Keith Clowater
Jan. 24	Regular	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Feb. 28	Regular	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mar. 28	Regular					
Apr. 25	Regular	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
May 30	Regular	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
June 27	Regular	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aug. 2	Regular	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aug. 22	Regular	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sept. 26	Regular	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Oct. 24	Regular	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nov. 28	Regular	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dec. 19	Regular	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

LEGEND:

PRESENT ABSENT

APPENDIX 2

(2022 Audited Financial Statements)