# Rural Community of Upper Miramichi
# 6094 Route 8, Boiestown, September 28th, 2026

**PLACE:** The Council meeting of the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi was held in the Upper Miramichi Community Centre on September 28th at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**: Mayor D. Frank McKeil, Councillor Grant Ross, Councillor Wendy Wellwood, Councillor Joe Hunter, Councillor Nolan Astle and Mary Hunter were in attendance. Margie McKay-Lyons sent her regrets.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor McKeil called the meeting to order.

2. **AGENDA:** It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

3. **MINUTES:** It was moved by Councillor Hunter and seconded by Councillor Astle that the minutes of August 24th be approved as presented. Motion carried.

4. **NOTATION OF QUORUM:** Mayor McKeil noted that a quorum was present.

5. **DECLARTION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** A conflict was declared by Councillor Ross regarding the grant application for UMES and Mayor McKeil declared a conflict regarding the grant application for Landmark Lodge #51 F@AM.

6. **RCMP REPORT:** RCMP Const. Laliberte reported there has not been many incidents in RCUM area.

7. **BUSINESS PROPOSAL:** Mayor McKeil noted that the proposal is most likely not ready to be presented at this time.
   Nexcel Metal Corp. is looking to obtain space at the Business Park. A letter of support to enter into an agreement for two lots was sent. A subdivision plan will need to be completed for the Business Park. Nolan is to look after completing this.
   Mayor MCkEIL also commented on his engagement with Sisson Mine project persons.

8. **BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:** Nolan Astle gave his report to Council. There were 2 confirmation of zoning applications. It was moved by Councillor Wellwood and seconded by Councillor Ross to accept the Building Inspector report. Motion carried.

9. **RSC UPDATE:** Mayor McKeil reported that he has been attending meetings. The main subject is the 2027 Budget. There is also a new regional calendar on the website that can be used for all communities to enter their activities and events.

10. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Councillor Ross reported that the fire department responded to 3 calls. Training sessions were on searches and drags. Fire boundaries with Village of Doaktown were discussed. It was moved by Councillor Astle and seconded by Councillor Hunter to accept the Fire Department report. Motion carried.

11. **EMO:** Councillor Wellwood wanted to clarify who to call in the event of someone being lost. Councillor Ross said the fire department would be called. Const. Laliberte said that the RCMP have canine services and drones. Miramichi Search and Rescue would also be called in. Mary Hunter reminded Council that the EMO plan needs to be update and completed. It was moved by Councillor Hunter and seconded by Councillor Astle. Motion carried.

12. **RECREATION AND PARKS REPORT:** Councillor Ross reported the Tennis court has been refinished and Darcy Beek has filled in any cracks and painted any areas that needed. Quotes were reviewed regarding doors in the rink boards for the end that currently does not have any exit points. Councillor Astle will check with Fire Marshall to see if this makes a difference in the number of occupancy. It was moved by Councillor Wellwood and seconded by Councillor Hunter to accept the Recreation and Parks report. Motion carried.

13. **UPPER MIRAMICHI LIBRARY:** Councillor Ross reported the Library has received $10000 for several years. He is recommending Council increase the budget as costs have increased if our budget has adequate funds to support it. The Library's 2027 budget is asking for $12,292. It was moved by Councillor Hunter and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to accept the Upper Miramichi Library report. Motion carried.

14. **TOURISM:**
Councillor Hunter said the Trailhead sign is ready for pickup. The plan is to install the signage and then have a grand opening and invite the public, the ATV Club and the Snowmobile Club. Mayor McKeil is still working on the kiosk. It was moved by Councillor Astle and seconded by Councillor Ross to accept the tourism report. Motion carried.

15. **TRANSPORTATION:**
Councillor Astle reported that he has talked to DTI regarding lighting in Ludlow, flooding at the post office and Bruce Road. He also talked about a culvert in Carroll's Crossing that is washing out. Councillor Hunter said he would contact Paul Colford of the ATV Club to see if there is something that can be done on the trail to correct this.
It was moved by Councillor Hunter and seconded by Councillor Ross to accept the transportation report. Motion carried.

16. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Mayor McKeil talked about the mining company and a couple of other possible submissions. It was moved by Councillor Hunter and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to accept the economic development report. Motion carried.

17. **COMMUNITY HOUSING:** Councillor Ross reported the application for funding has been sent for the Former Nursing home project. Just waiting for a response. Mayor McKeil said he had a meeting with Village of Doaktown council, Miramichi River Valley council, MLA Kevin Russell and Minister Dornan regarding the proposal of medical clinic services. Mayor McKeil will draft a proposal. It was moved by Councillor Astle and seconded by Councillor Hunter to accept the community housing report. Motion carried.

18. **HEALTH CARE:** Councillor Wellwood talked about the collaborative care hybrid for primary care. This would be for Blackville, Doaktown and Boiestown areas. It would include

numerous disciplines. There is a new Nurse Practioner in Doaktown. Councillor Wellwood said that Keltie Keir is working acceptingly well in Boiestown . It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Astle to accept the health care report as presented. Motion carried.

**19. BUSINESS PARK REPORT:** Councillor Wellwood just commented that the business proposal that was presented to Council has not responded back yet. It was moved by Councillor Hunter and seconded by Councillor Astle to provide a letter of support. Motion carried.

**20. CORRESPONDENCE:**

New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation sent a letter asking if Council would like to request financing. Council declined.

New Brunswick Association of Fire Chiefs sent a request to place an ad in their Annual digital Children's Fire Safety Journal. Council declined.

A letter from Premier Susan Holt regarding rules for procurement of US goods was received.

**21. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UPDATES:**

21.1 *Gas Tax Projects* – Mayor McKeil reported continuing work on the Kiosk. Councillor Ross said he is still working on the lighting project for the Trail in village.

21.2 *Capital Renewal Fund* – Flooring quotes have been clarified. It was moved by Councillor Astle and Councillor Wellwood to accept the quote from Tommy's Flooring at a cost of $18,311.40 plus HST. Motion carried.

21.3 *Rural Plan and Building By-law* – Mayor McKeil said a meeting has been set up with Jamie Burke, Stantec, for October 19.

**22. NEW BUSINESS:**

22.1 *Donations and Grants*: –

It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to grant the Normandy Br. 78 Ladies Auxiliary $500.00. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Hunter and seconded by Councillor Wellwood to grant the McNamee Recreation Center $500.00. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Astle and seconded by Councillor Hunter to grant the Belyea LOL 158 $500.00. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Astle to grant the Upper Miramichi Lions Club $2,500.00. Motion carried.

Councillor Ross left the Council chambers as he declared a conflict on the UMES grant application.

It was moved by Councillor Wellwood and seconded by Councillor Hunter to grant the UMES $500.00. Motion carried.

Councillor Ross returned to the Council chambers.

Mayor McKeil left the Council chambers as he declared a conflict on the Landmark Lodge #51 F@AM grant application.

Deputy Mayor Ross presided over this item.

It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Hunter to grant the Landmark Lodge #51 F@AM $500.00. Motion carried.

Mayor McKeil returned the Council chambers and presided over the remaining time of the meeting.

22.2 *2027 Budget* – Mary Hunter said she has been working on the 2027 budget and wanted Council to send any requests or needs for funding as soon as possible.

22.3 *Website Upgrade* – Mary Hunter said she received a proposal from Core Computing – Claude Petitpas- to upgrade our website. Claude has proposed a better, more secure and user-friendly website. Council agreed that as long as Claude can prove that staff can use the website easily then we should go ahead with his proposal. It was moved by Councillor Wellwood and seconded by Councillor Astle to explore the ease of use of the website with Core Computing. Motion carried.

22.4 *New Door Lock and Security System* – Mary Hunter reported that Margie McKay-Lyons was unable to attend the meeting but that she is working on quotes for these two items.

22.5 *In Camera Session* – It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Astle to adjourn regular meeting and move into closed session at 9:12 pm. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Hunter to close in camera session and move back to regular meeting at 10:00. Motion carried.

**20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next regular meeting will be held on October 26, 2026 at the Community Room at the Upper Miramichi Community Center.

**21. ADJOURNMENT:** The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor Wellwood at 10:02 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Mary Hunter
Administrative Clerk/Treasurer

D. Frank McKeil
Mayor

Reason for closed session:
Local Governance Act, Section 68(1)(c) information that could cause financial loss or gain to a person or the local government or could jeopardize negotiations leading to an agreement or contract.