

**MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Bedford called the meeting to order at 7:29 pm with Deputy Mayor John Cairns, Councillor Brad Brown, George Cyr, Jeanette Spearing, Shawn Brown, and Gregory Moran present. Also present was CAO Brian Baker.

**Approval of Agenda**

A Motion was made by Councillor Shawn Brown, seconded by Councillor Moran and unanimously to approve the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 agenda.

**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:** None

**Delegations:**

**Peter DeSotta, Bay Baie:** Mr. DeSotta expressed his concern regarding the number of vehicles that are speeding in St. Martins. He has requested that the council consider installing speed bumps and a bike lane for bicycles.

**Byard Moran, Century Farm Campground:** Mr. Moran expressed his concern regarding a dirt bike that has been travelling on Main Street on one wheel. He is concerned for the safety of the driver. He would also like to have speed bumps installed on Main Street and a traffic control sign as he feels that the trucks are going too fast. He also mentioned that when the Fundy Trail Parkway was initially discussed, it was to have a wilderness campground only.

**Sgt. Nelson, RCMP:** Sgt. Nelson mentioned that he had a conversation with the driver of the dirt bike that Mr. Moran was concerned about. Sgt Nelson updated the council that there is a new RCMP officer living in Willow Grove. There were 30 files in Willow Grove, 6 files in Baxter Corner, 4 files in Rowley, 1 file in West Quaco, 12 files in Bains Corner and 7 files in St. Martins.

**Envision Saint John:** Envision Saint John did a presentation to the Council giving a description of the mandates that they are responsible for. They have a strategic plan that they shared with the council. They are a sponsor of the Sea Shanty Festival. When asked about funding a web page for Fundy-St. Martins, they mentioned that they are unable to provide funding but could supply names of companies that could help with creating a web page.

**Correspondence:**

- 1) **Sea Shanty Festival:** A letter was read from Gary Caines asking if Fundy-St. Martins could help sponsor the Sea Shanty Festival.

**A Motion was made by Councillor Shawn Brown, seconded by Councillor Cyr to sponsor the Sea Shanty Festival in the amount of \$1000.00. This motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of Open Meeting, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Minutes**

**A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cairns, seconded by Councillor Shawn Brown and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting.**

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of Closed meeting, April 11th, 2023 minutes**

**A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cairns, seconded by Councillor Spearing and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Closed meeting.**

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of Open House Meeting, April 18th, 2023 minutes**

**A motion was made by Councillor Cyr, seconded by Councillor Shawn Brown and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Closed meeting.**

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of Closed Meeting, April 25th, 2023 minutes**

**A motion as made by Councillor Shawn Brown, seconded by Councillor Spearing and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Closed meeting.**

**Old Business:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Tourism Accommodation Levy By-Law:**

**The Tourism Accommodation Levy By-Law was read in its entirety. A motion by Councillor Cyr and seconded by Deputy Mayor Cairns to approve the Tourism Accommodation Levy By-Law and passed unanimously.**

**Motion Carried**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Nuisance By-Law:**

**The changes that were made to the Nuisance By-law were read into the minutes. A motion was made by Councillor Cyr and seconded by Councillor Spearing to approve the Nuisance By-Law and passed unanimously.**

**Motion Carried**

**New Business:****Commissions & Committees:**

- 1) **Financial** – Mayor Bedford reported that a meeting was held in Fredericton with Gary Crossman, MLA, Tammy Scott-Wallace, Minister of Tourism and Daniel Allain, Minister of Local Governance. The financial state of Fundy-St. Martins was discussed. The need for a new soccer field and summer students for the VIC was discussed.
- 2) **Human Resources**: Councillor Spearing and Deputy Mayor Cairns reported that they had gone over the first 5 policies and were going to look at the next 5. The next meeting is May 17.
- 3) **Administration – By-Laws** – Councillor Spearing and Deputy Mayor Cairns reported that the next By-Laws that they would be looking at are littering, ATV and parking overnight.
- 4) **Communications & Active Living** – Councillor Shawn Brown: The website for Fundy-St. Martins is being worked on. There were 14 entries submitted for the Logo contest.
- 5) **Special Projects** – Greg Moran and Brad Brown: The tender to have the work completed at the VIC has closed and the Special Projects will be meeting to make recommendations as to who to award the contract to. The tender for the Consultants design work is ready to be released.
- 6) **Emergency Management & Public Safety** – Jim Bedford and George Cyr: The committee has 10 members, and the executive Director is Grant Grills.

**Update on work being completed at Tourist Information Bureau:** The tender has closed and the Special Projects committee will be meeting to make recommendations to the Council as to who should be awarded the project. The tender for the Consultants Design Work is ready to be put out for Tender.

**Discussion on Canada Heritage Grant:** Clerk Jean McCumber updated the Council that she had applied for \$10,000 but was notified that Fundy-St. Martins had received \$3000.00. The recommendation is that Council purchase flags for the Hydro poles. Councillor Shawn Brown recommended that this decision be put off until the next meeting of May 9. It was recommended that CAO Baker contact Tammy Scott-Wallace office to enquire about receiving funding for additional brackets that could be installed in Simonds.

**Transfer Canada Community Building Fund money from General Account to CCBF Account:** A motion was made by Councillor Shawn Brown to transfer \$ 19,884.00 from the General Operating Account to the Gas Tax Account. These are top up funds that was owed to the Village of St. Martins from the Canada Community Building Fund for 2022. This motion was seconded by Councillor Moran and passed unanimously.

**Motion Carried**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Tourism Accommodation Levy By-Law:**

Councillor Shawn Brown made a motion to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Tourism Accommodation levy By-Law. This was done by reading the title. The Tourism Accommodation Levy By-law seconded by Deputy Mayor Cairns and passed unanimously.

**Motion Carried**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Nuisance By-Law:**

Councillor Brad Brown put forth a motion to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the Nuisance By-law which was read by title. Councillor Spearing seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of the Bills**

The bills listed with these minutes were presented for payment and were formally approved at this time and are attached to the original Minutes.

**A motion was made by Councillor Shawn Brown, seconded by Councillor Moran and passed unanimously.**


**Motion Carried**

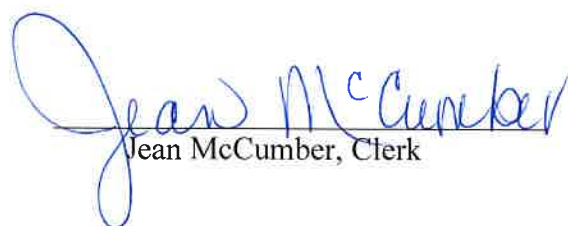
**Call for next meeting.**

**It was moved by Councillor Spearing, seconded by Councillor Moran, and passed unanimously that next meeting will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre.**

**Motion to Adjourn**

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm on a motion made by Councillor Shawn Brown and seconded by Councillor Spearing and passed unanimously.

  
James Bedford, Mayor

  
Jean McCumber, Clerk