

**COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 3, 2024 MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Jim Bedford called the meeting to order at 7:29 pm with Deputy Mayor Cairns, Councillor George Cyr, Shawn Brown, Brad Brown, and Gregory Moran present. Also present was Development Officer Andrew Fry.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Councillor Greg Moran, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cairns, and passed unanimously to approve the December 3, 2024 agenda.

**Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:** None

**Delegations:**

**Sgt. Luc Samson, RCMP:** Sgt. Samson informed the council that Corporal Curtis will be assigned to the Fundy-St. Martins municipality. There will be 57 incidents in November. Sgt. Samson said he attended the St. Martins Christmas parade. He thanked the council for their support during his time here.

**Chief Brian Hunter, Simonds Fire Dept:** Chief Hunter was unable to attend the meeting. His report was read into the minutes.

**Chief Carey Gray, St. Martins Fire Dept:** Chief Gray was unable to attend the meeting. His report was read into the minutes.

**Candidates for By-election Ward 1:** Lyndsay Clements Epton, Katie Herrington and Tom Raithby

Each candidate was given 5 minutes to introduce themselves, discuss their interests and explain to the council and public the reasons that they felt that they could best serve the public.

**Correspondence: Fundy Sea Shanty awarded Best Small Festival & Event in New Brunswick:**

A letter from the Sea Shanty Festival was read into the minutes. The letter congratulated the Fundy Sea Shanty Festival for being awarded Best Small Festival & Event in New Brunswick. The Council congratulated the staff and management for a well done festival.

**Approval of Open Meeting, November 5, 2024**

A motion was made by Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Brad Brown, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings.

Motion Carried

**Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting, November 19, 2024**

A motion was made by Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Brad Brown, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting.

Motion Carried

**Approval of Closed Meeting, November 26, 2024:**

A motion was made by Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Brad Brown, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings.

Motion Carried

**Correspondence: na**

**Old Business:**

**Update on Water/Wastewater project:** Development Officer Andrew Fry gave an update on the progress of the Water/Wastewater project. The access road has been completed and well drilling at the selected sites will begin on December 6. The preliminary phase is going very well.

**New Business:**

**Commissions & Committees:**

- 1) **Financial** – 85% of the 2024 budget has been allocated. Development Officer Andrew Fry is having ongoing conversations with the municipality’s accountant to ensure that the 2024 budget has been allocated and transfers to the Capital Reserve are done.
- 2) **Communications & Active Living:** Nothing to report.
- 3) **Special Projects:** Nothing to report
- 4) **Emergency Management & Public Safety** – Councillor Cyr reported that a beginners tabletop exercise had occurred. The vulnerable Persons Registry has been tested and works according to the plan.
- 5) **Tourism Committee:** Mayor Bedford reported that there wasn’t a meeting in November but that the meetings would begin in January. Mayor Beford stated each of the tour companies would be contacted to discuss how best to approach the congestion that occurs on cruise ship days at the harbour.

**Appointment of Andrew Fry as chief Administrator Officer of Fundy-St. Martins effective December 1, 2024**

Councillor Moran put forth a motion, seconded by Councillor Cyr and passed unanimously to appoint Andrew Fry as the Chief Administrative Officer effective December 1, 2024 instead of being effective on January 1, 2025. This would include all the conditions that were included in the January 1, 2025 contract.

**Motion Carried**

**Letter of Support for Establishing Highway Use Permits providing ATV access to designated provincial Roads in Fundy-St. Martins**

This was deleted from the Agenda and will be moved to the January 7, 2025 agenda

**Motion to approve the budget for 2025**

I, Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Cyr and passed unanimously, do hereby put forth a motion to approve the budget for 2025. The council of the Village of Fundy-St. Martins resolved that the sum of \$3,334,705 be the total operating budget of the local government, that the sum of \$3,184,683 be the Warrant of the local government for the ensuing year, and that the tax rate(s) for the local government be listed as: Taxing authority 452.00 will be .6418, taxing authority 452.01 will be 1.26, taxing authority 452.02 will be .6418 and taxing authority 452.03 will be .6418. The Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Local Government of said amount on real property liable to taxation under the Assessment within the local government of Village of Fundy-St. Martins Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2024 by the Council of the local government of Village of Fundy-St. Martins.

**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 Moran, seconded by Councillor Cyr, and passed unanimously.:**

**Motion Carried**


**Call for next meeting.**


The next meeting will be held on January 7, 2025 at 7:30 pm at the St. Martins Community Centre.

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**Motion to Adjourn**

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

  
James Bedford, Mayor

  
Jean McCumber, Clerk

