

Agenda



Regular Meeting

DATE OF MEETING

October 20th, 2025

TIME

7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Opening Prayer**
3. **Recording of Attendance**
4. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**
5. **Approval of Agenda**
6. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a) Regular Meeting: September 15th, 2025
 - b) Special Meeting: September 29th, October 7th, 2025
7. **Stephanie Hamilton, Library Manager 2026 Budget Presentation**
8. **Thomas Argue – PRIDE Flag Presentation**
9. **Committee Reports:**
 - Mayor Eagles*
 - Regional Service Commission
 - RSC – Public Safety
 - UMNB
 - Deputy Mayor Gary Harding*
 - Public Works
 - Tobique Forestry Advisory Committee
 - Cemetery Committee
 - Councillor Laurie Barry-Kinney*
 - Economic Development COW Committee
 - Tourism COW Committee
 - Policy & By-Laws
 - Pond Hockey

Councillor Tony Wright

Recreation COW Committee
Facility Maintenance
Pond Hockey

Councillor HW Eagles

Fire Department COW Committee
Public Transportation
Cemetery
Long Term/Palliative Care

Councillor Sharon DeWitt

Finance
Emergency Measures Organization Liaison
Library
Education

Councillor Joanne Michaud

Health
Policy & By Laws
Christmas Committee

Note: Motion for acceptance of committee reports and accounts payable

10. CAO/Administration Report

11. Business Arising from the Minutes

12. New Business

a) Jan Simpson, National President of Canadian Union of Postal Workers advising of the mandate review of Canada Post could affect jobs and services in your community. I am asking your municipality to: pass a resolution asking for a delay on this mandate review; ask the government to commit to a full transparent public process involving input and hearings from all stakeholders in all regions, and; make a written and/or oral submission to the upcoming mandate review – if you have the capacity and depending upon how the review is structured.

b) Tobique Lions Club asking for district support for their huge Silent Auction. The event will be held at the Tobique Lions Center on Saturday November 8, 2025, starting at 11:30 am with bidding until 3 pm.

c) Keeper of the Light Foodbank advising they have acquired a space at the Lions Club as they are unsure how long their existing space will be available. They have been advised by the Lions Club they do not plow the back end of the building due to costs. The Keeper of the Lights are asking if it would be possible for the maintenance department to plow out the back of the Lions club when they are around plowing after a storm. They noted they are there every Tuesday to receive the Midland Truck and pack boxes. The Keeper of the light noted they don't receive many cash donations, and these cash donations are meant to purchase food which doesn't leave us any operating expense to fall back on.

- d) Tobique Valley High School Representatives looking for support for dugouts for the Community Baseball Field. Asking for support for a project that will help our students, athletes and families. We are raising funds to build dugouts for the community baseball field found behind Tobique Valley High School. The total cost of this would be an estimation of \$185.00
- e) Letter from Trish Kennedy raising concern regarding the local gym's age restrictions. She noted her son, who is 14 asking that council review this policy or explore the possibility of reinstating access for those under 16 when accompanied by a parent.
- f) Plaster Rock Public School Library is preparing to launch its 25th annual Adopt-A-Book event and is requesting the district's support in expanding its literary resources.

13. Correspondence

- a) Hon. Aaron Kennedy, Minister, Local Government advising an independent review of the Regional Service Delivery Model is being undertaken.
- b) Office of the Premier Susan Holt advising of the establishment of the Ministerial Task Force on Homelessness across New Brunswick. This task force will bring together the Ministers and Deputy Ministers from Social Development, Health, Housing, Justice and Public Safety, Mental Health and Addictions, and Local Government.
- c) NB Medical Society established the District Community Fund with the goal of supporting local projects, programs, and association within each of the ten medical districts in NB. The committee has selected "Safe Housing" as the 2024 theme, reflecting the critical needs to address housing insecurity in NB. This information was forwarded to Jennifer at the Community Health Centre.
- d) NB Power, advising they have submitted a new General Rate Application to the NB Energy and Utilities Board for the 2026/27 fiscal year requesting a rate increase of 4.75% across all classes. Changes would go into effect April 1, 2026. We want to be clear and open with you about the reason behind this decision. Rates are changing as aging infrastructure, an increase in demand for electricity and stronger weather systems due to climate change, means rate increases continue to be necessary.
- e) Kerrie Luck, President, NB Association of Occupational Therapists. Advising that October is recognized nationally as Occupation Therapy Month. We invite your municipality to join us in celebrating OT Month. Municipal support could include raising awareness through an announcement at a council meeting; and/or issuing an official proclamation to recognize October as Occupational Therapy month.

14. Next Meeting Date: Monday, November 17th, 2025 @7:00 p.m. at the Phil Sharkey Memorial Centre

15. Closed Session - Land

16. Adjournment