

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

January 21, 2026 @ 6:30pm

North Shore Community Centre

PRESENT:

Chair Mayor Watts, Councillor MacKinnon, Councillor Sheehan, Councillor Cook, Councillor Doyle, Councillor McLaine, and Interim CAO- Marie McInnis

Absent: Councillor Paquet

Public: 4

1 Call to Order

6:30 am by Chair Mayor Watts

2 Approval of the agenda

It was duly moved and seconded to approve the agenda with an addition 6.4.

Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Doyle.

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

Unanimously

2026-01-001

2.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary or other Conflicts of Interest

None.

3 Approval of the minutes from December 17,2025

It was duly moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2025, meeting as presented.

Moved by Councillor Sheehan, seconded by Councillor Cook.

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

Unanimously

2026-01-002

3.1 Business Arising from the Minutes

- Playground equipment to be researched and receive quotes for North Shore Community Centre and Grand Tracadie locations.
- The equipment must be to safety standards according to PEI regulations.
- There's a need to research property for Pleasant Grove area for a play area.
- Justin Walsh from Watershed Group is unable this month to present.
- Various projects on the go: Grand Tracadie, NSCC, Stanhope Place, EV Chargers, IT, and Solar.

4 Delegations, Special Speakers and Public Input

4.1 Frank Morrison – January Drug / Tobacco Awareness Month

- Congratulations and thanks to Council for providing protection from the drug/tobacco industry, in all public/ workplaces.
- A brief review of the historical journey to drug/tobacco free public places.
- A brief review and current strategy reading, “dealing with the drug crisis” across Canada
- Information about the recent tobacco settlement; PEI will be receiving \$168million, Atlantic Canada \$2 billion.
- The benefits to PEI and Canada of protection from the Drug /Tobacco Industry.
- “Drug Free Communities” This strategy is “hot off the press”, and will be presented as part of “ Community Engagement “discussions.

5 Reports

5.1 CAO Report

Received 2,684.00 from Commemorative Partnership Program- Remembrance Day

Forwarded the letter and resolution to Suzanne Pater with Taxation Dept requesting new Tax Category implemented for 2026 on Dec 22, 2025. She confirmed it was sent to Ryan Pineau. Tax Commissioner

Completing ‘Land Use Planning Funding’ report with Municipal Affairs.

We received the paperwork on Food Sustainability funding. We must submit by March 15, 2026 (\$ 8500.) refund on courses that Willie was registered for and was refunded \$171.00

Finalized the food funding program agreement on Dec 22, 2025 (\$5500.)

We issued 101 permits in the year of 2025.

Contacted Michelle Burge with MRSB regarding submission of final financial report to Municipal Affairs is to be in by October 15th. Ours for 2025 was sent in 2025-11-28.

Update on our research on CDA refer to the outline.

Update on the addition to the building addition and met with Chris Blaisdell on Tuesday January 13th. Chris has allocated an additional 10,000. to our Municipality.

CAO job posting – received 22 applicants

With the beginning of a new year, remember to list scheduled municipal council meetings for public awareness. I have set the dates, and they will be uploaded to the website.

If your council is considering a tax rate change, the Provincial Tax Commissioner must be notified of the change by March 31 by filing the Tax Rate Certificate.

Remember to consider election costs in the 2026-2027 budget.

The 2026-2027 Financial Plans including municipal budgets, capital budgets 1-5 years, and asset management plans are due for submission to Municipal Affairs on April 15, 2026.

Could we play an entertainment evening with live music and bar for 3 hours? Would everyone be on board to be responsible to sell a certain amount of tickets by a certain date? I would need to reassure the coverage of the bar and music and security.

Monitoring the well at Stanhope Place and if it doesn’t improve it will require a new well.

Installing a new shower for EMO shelter. We are looking at having it go in where Janice cleaning room is. It will be a neo- angle shower- round front.

Promenade Agreement – Gerard and myself met with Transportation & Infrastructure – Steven, Brian, and Sharron.

5.2 Finance and Infrastructure Report

- Chair of Finance -Councillor Paquet away. Mayor Watts delivered.
- Committee met January 14, 2026.
- Surplus of \$53,500.
- Starting budget process.

5.3 Planning Board 7 development Permit Report

- 101 permits issued in 2025
- Setting up a meeting. Date will be determined.

5.4 EMO Report

- Meeting scheduled for January 28, 2026.
- Emily Foster will be guest speaker representing Dept. Forestry.
- Fire Dept. have been invited to take part.
- Doing rotating of power outages will be affecting members of the Municipal.

5.5 Recreation & Community Engagement Report

- Rinks are being maintained to the best of the weather to date.
- Volunteers are working out well for Grand Tracadie.
- Daycare is using the rink as well.
- Community school at Stanhope Place is largely attended.
- Interest for a coffee shop set up at Stanhope Place.
- Shane MacDonald with NuWelcom(app) should be utilized to advertised.
- Will be performing PPR's with all our new hires in the coming weeks.
- Strategic Operation Plan could streamline funding.

It was duly moved and seconded to approve all reports.

Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Sheehan.

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

Unanimously

2026-01-003

6 New Business

6.1 Grand Tracadie Commons

- Reach out to a surveying company and must complete the plans and signed.

It was duly moved and seconded to receive tenders on surveying the Grand Tracadie Commons.

Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Sheehan

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

Unanimously

6.2 Speed Limits to be lowered

- Send a letter to request reduce speed limit in Stanhope and Grand Tracadie areas.

6.3 Bus signs in certain areas of the Municipality.

- Discussed areas that bus stop signs should be posted in the Municipality are Grand Tracadie turn.

6.4 New CAO for York. (addition to agenda)

- Natalie Lewis is the new CAO of York.
- Wants to join RMNS JEMO Committee.

It was duly moved and seconded to approve a new member to the EMO committee Natalie Lewis.

*Moved by Councillor Cook and seconded by Councillor Doyle
All in Favor
MOTION CARRIED
Unanimously
2026-01-005*

7 Next meeting

February 18, 2026

8 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

It was duly moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm

*Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Cook
All In Favor
MOTION CARRIED
Unanimously
2026-01-006*

SIGNED: NAME, Chair

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