



NASHWAAK

RURAL COMMUNITY

Committee of the Whole Meeting

January 7th, 2026 6:00pm

Nashwaak Community Office

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Mayor Sweeney.

2. Record of Attendance

Present: Mayor David Sweeney, Councillor Jeff Foster, Councillor Victoria Green, Councillor Mike Mulherin, Deputy Mayor Heather Holt-Logan, Councillor Doug Koch, Councillor Andrew Ferris

Staff: CAO Bethany Ryan, Clerk Anouchka Hawkes-O'Hara

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: That the agenda for the January 7, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Mulherin

Seconded: Councillor Ferris

Result: Carried

4. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

Members were asked to declare any conflicts of interest. **None declared.**

5. Presentations/Delegations

- Keegan Webster, CUPW Local 054, spoke to council about potential Canada Post Office closures.
- MMA Consultants - Mediation Presentation

Motion: That Council move into a closed session pursuant to section 68(1)(b) of the Local Governance Act.

Moved by: Councillor Mulherin

Seconded: Councillor Koch

Result: Carried

Motion: To leave the closed session

Moved by: Councillor Koch

Seconded: Councillor Mulherin

Result: Carried

6. Discussion Items.

- Procedural By-law
- Nashwaak Valley School(NVS) Outdoor Courts/Canada Community Building Fund
- Crown Lease - Miramichi Lake
- CEEP/Quest
- Active Communities Grant - Call for Interest
- Fire Department Study RFP

7. Recommendations to Council

• Procedural By-law – Council Meeting Package Timelines

The Committee of the Whole recommends that Council direct staff to amend the Procedural By-law with the following points:

- to require that the Council meeting package be distributed on the **Friday** prior to a Council meeting, rather than the current practice of distribution on **Monday**. Under this proposed change, Council members would be required to submit any items for inclusion on the agenda by **Wednesday of the preceding week** (*section 4(d)*).
- the agenda is to be posted to the Nashwaak Rural Community website on the **Monday** prior to a Council meeting (*section 4(d)*).
- If the Wednesday or Friday deadline falls on a holiday, it would be moved to the day before. If the Monday deadline falls on a holiday, it would be moved to the day after (*section 4(d)*).
- The Mayor, as Chair, should remain impartial and only vote in the case of a tie (*section 6(a),(g)*).
- Council members shall announce their vote openly and individually, and the clerk shall record it. Should a member give no response/vote, they shall be recorded as being in the affirmative (*section 6(g)*).

• NVS Outdoor Courts

The Committee of the Whole recommends that Council support the Nashwaak Valley School (NVS) outdoor courts project by agreeing to cover the engineering costs (\$12,000) using operating funds.

• Crown Lease - Miramichi Lake

The Committee of The Whole recommends that Council retain the lease.

• CEEP/Quest

The Committee of The Whole recommends that Council participate in the CEEP workshop.

• Active Communities Grant

The Committee of the Whole recommends the application for the Active Community Grant.

• Fire Department Study RFP

The Committee of the Whole recommends the posting of the RFP for the Fire Department Study.

8. Other Business

Request for Street lights in Penniac (Councillor Ferris)

Sisson Mine Statement - To be discussed January 21

9. Adjournment

Motion: That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 9:50pm

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Holt-Logan

Result: Carried