



# NASHWAAK

## RURAL COMMUNITY

Committee of the Whole Meeting

January 7th, 2026 6:00pm

Nashwaak Community Office

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### 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