

THE COMMUNITY OF THREE RIVERS
MINUTES
February 18, 2026

Present	Mayor	-	Peter Saunders
	Deputy Mayor	-	Dennis Murphy
	Councillors	-	Karen Hall-Middleton
		-	Luke Lymburner
	Staff	-	Janice Conley
	Absent	-	Councillor Silverthorn, Sandra Kelly

Call to Order Mayor Saunders called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and asked for any additions to the agenda.

Agenda It was moved by Councillor Murphy that the agenda be approved as presented.
Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton.

MOTION CARRIED
22-2026

Conflict of Interest No conflict of interest was declared.

Approval of Minutes of February 4, 2026

Councillor Hall-Middleton made a motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2026, as presented. Seconded by Councillor Lymburner.

MOTION CARRIED
23-2026

Presentations Francesco Callazo, Regional Economic Development General Manager from the Southeast Regional Service Commission, and David Campbell of Jupia Consultants gave a presentation on a recently completed report meant to help The Community of Three Rivers develop a plan for population growth, economic development, infrastructure planning and services delivery and to support the Regional Service Commission in its planning and service development and delivery.

Business Arising from The Minutes

First Reading by Title By-Law 2026-09 COTR Rural Plan

Background: *At a meeting of council held January 21, 2026, Council made a resolution to consider repealing By-law No. 60, "Village of Petitcodiac Rural Plan" along with the portion of the Westmorland-Albert Planning Area Regulation 21-WAP-069-00 that affects properties in the new municipal entity and adopting a new Rural Plan for the Community of Three Rivers;*

On February 4, 2026 Lori Bickford of Plan 360 hosted a public hearing to address any questions or concerns regarding the new By-Law 2026-09, The Community of Three Rivers Rural Plan. As no concerns were raised, she proceeded to present key details of the proposed amalgamated rural plan.

First Reading by Title of The Community of Three Rivers Rural Plan By-Law No. 2026-09

Councillor Murphy made a motion that first reading by title be given to The Community of Three Rivers Rural Plan By-Law No. 2026-09. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton. MOTION CARRIED
24-2026

The clerk gave first reading by title of by-law 2026-09; The Community of Three Rivers Rural Plan By-Law.

Second Reading by Title of The Community of Three Rivers Rural Plan By-Law No. 2026-09

Councillor Murphy made a motion that second reading by title be given to The Community of Three Rivers Rural Plan By-Law No. 2026-09. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton. MOTION CARRIED
25-2026

The clerk gave first reading by title of by-law 2026-09; The Community of Three Rivers Rural Plan By-Law.

New Business

Drug, Alcohol & Medication Policy for Review Council was given a copy of the Drug, Alcohol & Medication Policy for review and will be asked for a motion to approve this policy at the next meeting of Council.

Progressive Discipline Policy for Review Council was given a copy of the Progressive Discipline Policy for review and will be asked for a motion to approve this policy at the next meeting of Council.

Resolution – Five Year Capital Investment Plan for The Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) 2024-2028

2024-2028 Moved by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton “that the document entitled The Community of Three Rivers Five-Year Capital Investment Plan for the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) 2024 – 2028, revised February 18th, 2026, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
26-2026

Councillor Hall-Middleton made a motion that the meeting have a 5-minute recess.

May Elections 2026 Council was given information on the upcoming Municipal Elections slated for May 10, 2026. More details are available at electionsnb.ca

Correspondence

Nominations for the 2026 Order of New Brunswick Council received information from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor that nominations are open for the 2026² Order of New Brunswick and close on April 1, 2026.

In Camera Session

Motion to go In Camera

Councillor Lymburner made a motion that the meeting go into an in-camera session.
Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton.

MOTION CARRIED
27-2026

Human Resources

Motion to go back to Regular Session

Councillor Lymburner made a motion that the meeting go back to a regular session. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton.

MOTION CARRIED
28-2026

Department Reports

Ward 1 Councill Hall-Middleton provided her report. Items discussed:

Beautification
Tourism/Promotion
Maple Street Park
Garden Club
EMO

She also asked and received Council's approval for volunteers and the Community of Three Rivers to host the Whose Ur Mudder event in June.

Additionally, she asked that the current recycling container and signage located at the works department garage be updated to a bigger container with proper signage. Mayor Saunders will see if ECO 360 would be able to assist with this request. This is part of a volunteer program where proceeds of the recyclables are donated.

Ward 3 Nothing to report at this time.

Public Works & Transportation, Sewer The crew has been busy with snow removal. Englobe Engineering will be working with the works department to analyze the condition of the sewer and storm drain systems in Ward 2.

Public Safety Nothing to report at this time

Recreation Councillor Murphy reported the winter carnival went very well with good attendance.

Finance Mayor Saunders reported that work will begin addressing overdue sewer accounts in the coming weeks.

Environmental Health Nothing to report at this time

Community Development Nothing to report at this time

Residential & Industrial Development Nothing to report at this time

EMO Councillor Hall-Middleton reported they have an upcoming meeting scheduled to discuss the emergency plan for The Community of Three Rivers.

Library Nothing to report at this time

Regional Service Commission Nothing to report at this time

General Government Mayor Saunders attended a recent SPOT meeting and updated council on topics discussed.

Passing of Accounts

Community of Three Rivers General Operating Fund

Councillor Murphy made a motion to pay the bills from The Community of Three Rivers General Operating Fund up to February 18, 2026, in the amount of \$45,181.48. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton. MOTION CARRIED 29-2026

Community of Three Rivers Sewer Operating Fund

Councillor Murphy made a motion to pay the bills from The Community of Three Rivers Sewer Operating Fund up to February 18, 2026, in the amount of \$285.20. Seconded by Councillor Lymburner. MOTION CARRIED 30-2026

Adjournment Councillor Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Peter Saunders

Clerk Janice Conley