COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MINUTES

September 22, 2026, 6:30 PM
Municipal Office, 82 Main Street, Rexton, NB, E4W 5N4

1. Call to Order.

Actual Start: 6:31 p.m.

2. Attendance.

CHAIR:	Kevin Scully	Mayor
COUNCIL (IN PERSON):	Kevin Scully	Mayor
	April Warman	Councillor / At Large / Deputy Mayor
	Mike Robertson	Councillor / At Large
	Natalie Fillmore	Councillor / Ward 1
	Dan Shortall	Councillor / Ward 2
	Bruce Hickey	Councillor / Ward 3
COUNCIL (VIRTUAL):	Carl Cosby	Councillor / Ward 4
COUNCIL (ABSENT) :	N/A	
CLERK:	Rob Webber	
STAFF:	Tiffany Cail	Assistant Clerk
	Marley Burke	Community Development & Events Manager
GUESTS:	Daniel Glenn	Daniel Glenn Group

3. Approval of Agenda of COTW Meeting on September 22, 2026.

Resolution C092226.01
Be it resolved that the committee of the whole approves the agenda, as submitted by the Clerk, for its meeting on September 22, 2026.
Moved by: COUNCILLOR HICKEY | Seconded by: COUNCILLOR ROBERTSON.
MOTION CARRIED.

4. Presentations.

a. Daniel Glenn of the Glenn Group. Proposal for Tourism Charette.

5. Disclosures of Conflict of Interest.

There was no conflict of interest declared.

6. Business Arising from Prior Meeting.

a. 2029 to 2031 PMHP (Provincial Municipal Highway Partnership) Plan. Each year, every municipality must submit a new PMHP plan to the province for a future 3-year period. This year, our plan will cover 2029 to 2031. Though it is due by September 25, the province has indicated that a draft by September 25 will suffice, followed by a signed copy after the first regular council meeting in October.

The PMHP program focuses on designated highways. In Five Rivers, within Rexton, there are

four: Route 116 (Bonar Law Avenue), Route 134 (Main), Route 495 (Centennial Avenue West), and Route 505 (Centennial Avenue East). To complete the 2029 to 2031 plan, Public Works inspected and scored the four roads by component (asphalt, shoulders, curb, gutter, etc.). They concluded that parts of the 116 were in the poorest condition, followed by the 134 from Station Street to Queen Street. Public Works considered the state of the 495 and 505 to be satisfactory, as both have received work in recent years.

The province does not approve all projects in PMHP plans. In most cases, it rejects more than it approves. To improve our chances of approval, the municipality can cover a percentage of the cost. While there is no hard rule, in general, the higher the municipal contribution, the greater the likelihood of approval. In the 2029 to 2031 plan, we assumed a municipal contribution of 10% toward the total estimated project cost.

Another point is that in addition to designated highways, Five Rivers has to fully fund roadwork done on its own streets in Rexton, such as School and Brait. So, the PMHP plan is only part of the total investment we will make in transportation infrastructure. That said, the administration asks council to indicate its approval for the proposed plan and as applicable, direction regarding amendments.

Resolution C092226.02
Be it resolved that the committee of the whole recommends to council that the PMHP Plan for 2029 to 2031 be approved as presented [with amendments as proposed by the committee.
Moved by: COUNCILLOR ROBERTSON | Seconded by: COUNCILLOR COSBY.
MOTION CARRIED.

7. New Business.

a. INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION. Orange Shirt Day takes place on September 30. It is a special day to remember residential school victims, to honor survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing journey of reconciliation. September 30 was chosen because it was the time of year in the past when indigenous children were taken from their homes and forced into the residential school system. The movement was inspired by Phyllis Webstad, who had her orange shirt taken away on her first day at the St. Joseph Mission Residential School in British Columbia in 1973. The municipality is preparing to recognize Orange Shirt Day on its social media and outdoor signage. Council may consider other steps or measures to serve the end of indigenous recognition

Motion C092226.03 [DIFFERED]
Be it resolved that the committee of the whole directs the CAO to formally recognize Orange Shirt Day [or to take other measures...].
Moved by: COUNCIILLOR COSBY | Seconded by: COUNCILLOR HICKEY.

b. PLANNING, BUDGETING, STAFFING OVERVIEW. CAO to present information pertaining to 2027 planning, budgeting, and staffing in advance of the preparation of 2027 operating budgets and capital plans.

8. Closed Meeting.

Resolution C092226.04
BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to exit the open meeting and enter a closed meeting.
Moved by: COUNCILLOR ROBERTSON | Seconded by: COUNCILLOR HICKEY.
MOTION CARRIED.

a. Local Governance Act, Section 68(1)(c), information that could cause financial loss or gain to a person or the local government or could jeopardize negotiations leading to an agreement or contract.

b. Local Governance Act, Section 68(1)(g), litigation or potential litigation affecting the local government or any corporation referred to in subsection 8(1) or 116.1(1), the local government's agencies, boards or commissions including a matter before an administrative tribunal.

Resolution C092226.05
BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to exit the closed meeting to return to its open meeting.
Moved by: COUNCILLOR ROBERTSON | Seconded by: COUNCILLOR COSBY.
MOTION CARRIED.

9. Recommendations for Motion from Closed Meeting.

a. N/A

10. Date of Next Meeting(s).

a. Regular Meeting of Council: October 13, 2026.

b. Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 2026.

11. Adjournment.

Resolution C092226.06
Moved by: COUNCILLOR HICKEY | Seconded by: COUNCILLOR SHORTALL.
MOTION CARRIED.

Kevin Scully, Mayor

Rob Webber, Clerk

DRAFT