SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

September 22, 2026, 6:00 PM
Municipal Office, 82 Main Street, Rexton, NB, E4W 5N4

1. Call to Order.

Actual Start Time: 6:00 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
	Carl Cosby	Councillor / Ward 4 (joined at 6:09 p.m.)
COUNCIL (VIRTUAL):	N/A	
COUNCIL (ABSENT) :	N/A	
CLERK:	Rob Webber	
STAFF:	Tiffany Cail	Assistant Clerk
	Marley Burke	Community Development & Events Manager
GUESTS:	N/A	

3. Approval of Agenda of the Special Meeting on September 22, 2026.

Resolution 092226.01
BE IT RESOLVED that the council of Five Rivers approves the agenda, as submitted by the clerk, for its special meeting of council on September 22, 2026.
Moved by: COUNCILLOR HICKEY | Seconded by: COUNCILLOR ROBERTSON.
MOTION CARRIED.

4. Disclosures of Conflict of Interest.

There was no conflict of interest declared.

5. Business Arising from Prior Meeting.

a. DEBENTURE. In 2025, council approved a 20-year, $350,000 debenture to pay for a new fire truck for the Rexton Fire Department. To complete the process of setting up the debenture, council must approve the following motion as provided by the province.

Resolution 092226.02
BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation a Local Government of Five Rivers debenture in the principal amount of $ 350,000.00 on such terms and conditions as are recommended by the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation, and be it resolved that the Local Government of Five Rivers agree to issue post-dated cheques payable to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation as and when they are requested in payment of principal and interest charges on the above debenture.
Moved by: COUNCILLOR ROBERTSON | Seconded by: COUNCILLOR SHORTALL.
MOTION CARRIED.

b. E6 CONSULTATION. Earlier this year, council approved a proposal from E6 International to review our financial practises and policies. The motion included the condition that their work would start after a Director of Finance was hired by Five Rivers. Given the importance of completing the review in parallel with the 2027 budgeting cycle and in time for any recommendations to be implemented in 2027, the administration advises council to repeal the motion so E6 consultation can commence.

Resolution 092226.03
BE IT RESOLVED that council repeals resolution 031026.12.
Moved by: COUNCILLOR SHORTALL | Seconded by: DEPUTY MAYOR WARMAN.
MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 092226.04
BE IT RESOLVED that council approves E6 International to provide consulting services as per their proposal at a cost of $3750.
Moved by: COUNCILLOR HICKEY | Seconded by: COUNCILLOR FILLMORE.
MOTION CARRIED.

c. BONAR LAW SIDEWALKS. Over the past two weeks, the civil engineering firm Englobe has worked to execute the scope of work approved by the province in our 2026 PMHP (Provincial Municipal Highway Partnership) Plan.

That scope will see a 400-meter section of Bonar Law Avenue upgraded, starting from its intersection with Route 134 (Main Street). It includes asphalt milling, new asphalt surfacing, and curb and gutter replacement. Under the PMHP Agreement, the project cost would be limited to approximately $390,000, with the province to cover about $330,000 and the municipality to cover the other $60,000.

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In addition to the approved scope of work, Englobe reported that some sidewalk in the target area was in very poor condition, which has been confirmed by Public Works. Englobe said that for an estimated cost of up to $30,000, approximately 125 meters of sidewalk sections in poor condition would be replaced.

Because sidewalks cannot be included in PMHP projects, the municipality would be responsible to cover the full $30,000 (that is, there would be no provincial contribution). The administration supports this investment. Given the current year-end forecast, the cost could be absorbed through our general operating budget. Alternatively, at year-end, council could decide to move funds from its general capital reserve to cover some or all of the cost.

Resolution 092226.05
BE IT RESOLVED that council approves Englobe to replace portions of sidewalk on Bonar Law Avenue at a cost of up to $30,000.
Moved by: DEPUTY MAYOR WARMAN | Seconded by: COUNCILLOR FILLMORE.
MOTION CARRIED.

6. New Business.

a. N/A.

7. Closed Meeting.

Resolution 092226.06
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.

Resolution 092226.07
BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to exit the closed meeting to return to its open meeting.
Moved by: COUNCILLOR ROBERTSON | Seconded by: COUNCILLOR SHORTALL.
MOTION CARRIED.

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8. Motions Arising from Closed Meeting.

a. **Resolution 092226.09**
Be it resolved that council approves the administration to move forward with the amendments to the PSA for PID 25140823 as proposed.
Moved by: COUNCILLOR ROBERTSON | Seconded by: COUNCILLOR COSBY.
MOTION CARRIED.

9. Date of Next Meeting(s).

a. Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

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

10. Adjournment.

Resolution 092226.08
Be it resolved that council adjourns this special meeting of Council.
Moved by: COUNCILLOR HICKEY | Seconded by: COUNCILLOR ROBERTSON.
MOTION CARRIED.

Time: 6:29 p.m.

Kevin Scully, Mayor

Rob Webber, Clerk

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