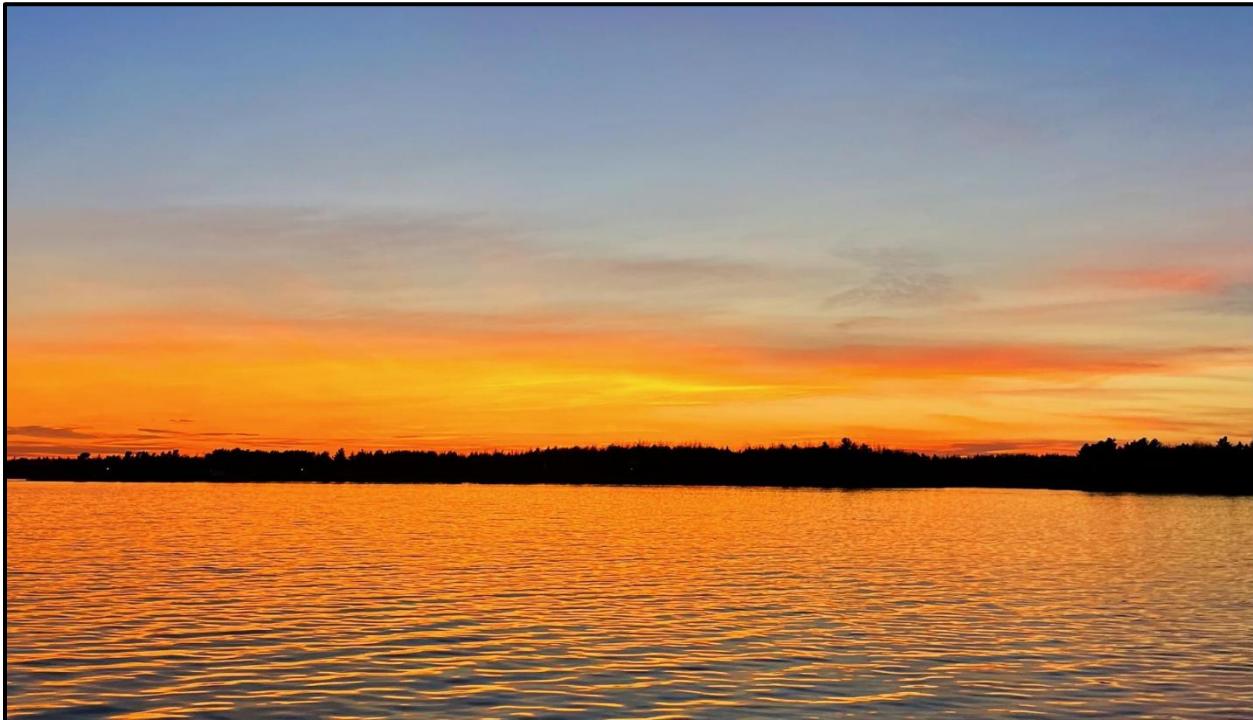


Five Rivers

Public Report

2025 Year in Review

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Overview

2025 was a year of significant activity, growth, and development for the municipality of Five Rivers. Following the directives of council and guided by its strategic plan, the municipality completed many key tasks and milestone projects for the residents of Five Rivers. This tables below provide a list of those tasks and accomplishments.

Administration & Finance
Held 21 meetings of council: 12 regular, 7 special, and 2 committee-of-the-whole
Recorded & posted videos of council meetings on YouTube
Awarded more than \$26k in municipal grants to 13 local organizations
Formed a Rural Plan Committee and started work on a new rural plan for Five Rivers
Implemented Microsoft SharePoint for document management
Published the 2024 Annual Report
Secured a \$350k debenture to fund the Rexton Fire Truck purchase
Completed 2024 financial audit
Secured Community Investment Fund grants from local MLAs (Finnegan & Borque)
Completed a 5-year Canada Community Building Fund Plan (2024 – 2028)
Managed the 2025 General Operating Budget to a \$350k surplus
Managed the 2025 Utility Operating Budget to a \$25k surplus
Held Strategic Plan review and developed a Strategic Plan matrix
Conducted Governance Training for council with Brenda Knight & Barb Quigley
Formed a new Age-Friendly Committee
Completed review of HR policies with Pivot Consulting
Hired a new full-time position: Recreation Coordinator
Attended AMANB, UMNB, and FCM conferences
Signed Flusher Truck Agreement with the KRSC

Public Works & Safety

Purchased new \$850k Fire Truck for Rexton Fire Department

Completed \$3.1M Sewer System Upgrade project (with Englobe)

Constructed new outdoor rink for Clairville/Beersville Recreation Council

Replaced stairs & wheelchair ramp for Bass River Hall

Replaced inlet at lagoon

Participated in EMO meetings & planning

Repaired Sidewalk on Route 116

Replaced water well and repaired roof at Lion's Club

Repaired foundation & changing room floor at Rexton Sports & Recreation Center

Completed repairs at the Museum

Built new riverside fence, added water pump, and refurbished chicken coop at Bonar Law Common

Communications & Community Development

Launched new municipal website

Produced & distributed quarterly newsletters

Created templates for official Five Rivers documents

Developed new Five Rivers road & highway signs

Completed sales of two municipal properties

Published 2 RFPs to sell industrial park properties

Attended Truth & Reconciliation Day in Grand-Buctouche

Attended training for indigenous communications

Planted apple trees for Truth & Reconciliation Day

Attended Healthy Coasts conference & participated on Healthy Coasts Committee

Recreation & Culture

Created new 4-Day municipal festival (Roots & Rivers, with unique logo & merchandise)

Secured provincial funding to repair the Bonar Law Historic Site

Canada Day celebration (supported by Celebrate Canada 2025)

Hosted 7 weddings and 11 special events at Bonar Law Common

Hosted Summer Day Camp at Bonar Law Common

Hosted Kent Curling at the Rexton Sports & Recreation Centre

Hosted open houses to discuss plans for Rexton Recreation Centre

Completed various upgrades to municipal ball field

New program: Youth Fitness at Rexton Sports & Recreation Centre

Special program: Yoga at the Farm

New event: Harvesting Hope (A Day for Mental Wellness)

New event: Easter Egg Hunt And Llama-zing Adventures

New event: Haunted Halloween Trail & Trunk or Treat (in partnership with BLMS)

Special event: Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony & Market

Special event: Frosty Fest

Special event: House Decorating Contest & Scarecrow Decorating Contest

Special event: Multicultural Day at Bonar Law Common (in partnership with KRSC)

Special event: Visit Richibucto River Museum (with NB Museum)

Special event: Community Yard Sale (in partnership with Beaurivage)

Familiarization Tour with Destination Southeast at Bonar Law Common

Participated on Regional Cultural Development Committee

Participated on Physical Literacy Committee

By-Laws and Policies

Updated the Proceedings of Council By-Law

Updated the Wastewater System By-Law

Created a Policing By-Law

Updated the Fire Protection & Prevention By-Law

Updated the Mobile Vendors & Traders By-Law

Updated the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises By-Law

Created a new Civic Awards Policy

Created a Municipal Fees & Charges Policy

Created an Administrative Standards Policy

Created a Disposition of Municipal Assets Policy