



**Central York Rural Community
Regular Meeting of Council
June 23, 2026
Minutes**

1. Notation of Council Members in attendance

Attendance Roll Call:

Mayor David Duplessis	√	Councillor Kevin Guiggey	√	Councillor Aileen Anderson	X
Councillor Wendy Brewer	√	Councillor Jordan Manzer	√	Councillor Kristy Brewer	√
Councillor Mathew Shepard	√	Councillor Anthony O'Leary	√		

Staff:

CAO Duncan Walker	√	Treasurer Karina Lenting	X	~~Rec. Director Ashley Jensen~~	X
Members of the Public	0				

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Anthony O'Leary and **seconded by** Councillor Kristy Brewer that the agenda be approved as presented.

Unanimously Carried #1062326

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – None

4. Delegates

a. Garry Armstrong and Nicole Evans of Shannon & Buffett attended virtually to review the 2025 Draft Audited Financial Statements with Council.

The delegates advised that the audit report was clean and unqualified. Council reviewed the statement of financial position, statement of operations, net debt, cash flow, notes, reserve balances, and subsequent event information related to the arena transfer. The delegates noted the community's strong cash position at year-end, a 2025 day-to-day surplus of \$23,664, and that the general operating reserve may be slightly above the allowable threshold and could be addressed through a future transfer.

Council asked questions regarding the useful life of the fire truck and the treatment of HST rebates. The delegates confirmed the fire truck was depreciated over 15 years and that HST rebates are treated as recoverable amounts rather than revenue.

Moved by Councillor Kevin Guiggey and **seconded by** Councillor Anthony O'Leary that Council approve the 2025 Audited Financial Statements.

Unanimously Carried #2062326

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Councillor Aileen Anderson and **seconded by** Councillor Mathew Shepherd that the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2026, be approved as presented.

Unanimously Carried #3062326

6. Business Arising – None

7. Correspondence – None

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8. Committee Reports - None

9. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Karina Lenting presented the unaudited monthly financial statements for April and May 2026. The report reviewed revenue, expenses, year-to-date figures, budget usage percentages, arena income, fire department income, building permits, rental income, interest income, general government services, protective services, environmental health services, and recreation and arena expenses.

Council asked questions regarding the human resources line item and office building budget. The CAO clarified that the office building budget included planned renovation funding and capital renewal funding.

Moved by Councillor Anthony O’Leary and ***seconded by*** Councillor Kristy Brewer that the Treasurer Report for April and May 2026 be accepted.

Unanimously Carried #4062326

10. Chief Administrative Officer’s Report

The CAO reported that a new municipal website was expected to be launched on or around July 20, 2026, and that council photos may be arranged for July 14, 2026. The CAO also provided updates on Larry Gould Field and Cally Ann Field, noting that financial details would be discussed in closed session. Council orientation on roles and responsibilities, code of conduct, and conflict of interest was proposed for Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. The CAO also reminded Council to use Councillor email accounts for Council communications and to copy all Council members on general municipal matters.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wendy Brewer and ***seconded by*** Councillor Kristy Brewer that the CAO Report be accepted.

Unanimously Carried #5062326

11. Mayor’s Report

The Mayor reported that on June 12, 2026, he served as acting chair of the Capital Region Service Commission for the launch of the paddling network around the Capital Region, known as the Blue Trail system. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor Brewer also attended the Capital Region Service Commission orientation at Mactaquac Lodge. Council members were asked to advise the CAO by June 29, 2026, if they wished to be considered for Capital Region Service Commission committees.

The Mayor moved acceptance of his report, ***seconded by*** Councillor Aileen Anderson.

Unanimously Carried #6062326

12. New Business

- a. **Dog Control** – Councillor Kristy Brewer raised concerns regarding repeated incidents involving dogs at large and the safety of residents. The CAO advised that dog control is governed by provincial regulation and enforced by the NBSPCA, and that Central York currently has an animal

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control bylaw that refers to the Act. Council discussed the possibility of developing a more detailed local bylaw, including provisions related to dogs at large and penalties.

Action: The CAO will bring a draft dog control bylaw to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for Council's review.

- b. **Provincial Veterinarian Service Reduction** - Councillor Manzer raised concerns about the potential elimination or reduction of provincial veterinary services and the potential negative impact on agriculture and equine activities in Central York.

Moved by Councillor Jordan Manzer and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Wendy Brewer that Central York Rural Community draft a letter to the Government of New Brunswick stating that the proposed reduction or elimination of provincial veterinary services would negatively impact Central York residents involved in agriculture and equine activities and requesting that government reconsider the plan and continue listening to stakeholders.

Unanimously Carried #7062326

- c. **RCMP J Division Quarterly Report for Central York**

The RCMP J Division Quarterly Report for Central York was received for information. Council discussed that the report covered the fourth fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2026.

13. Closed Session

Local Governance Act, SNB 2017, c 18

- 68(1)** A council meeting or a committee of council meeting may be closed to the public for the duration of the discussion if it is necessary to discuss
(d) the proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land,

Moved by Councillor Anthony O'Leary and **seconded by** Councillor Aileen Anderson to move into closed session at 8:17 PM.

Unanimously Carried #8062326

Moved by Councillor Anthony O'Leary and **seconded by** Councillor Jordan Manzer to move out of closed session at 8:35pm.

Unanimously Carried #9062326

Moved by Mayor David DuPlessis and **seconded by** Councillor Mathew Shepard that Central York Rural Community approves the purchase of Larry Gould Field (PID 75573352) from the Keswick Valley Recreation Council Inc. for \$23,000.00.

Unanimously Carried #10062326

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Kristy Brewer and **seconded by** Councillor Aileen Anderson the meeting adjourn at 7:58PM.

Unanimously Carried #11062326

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Next Regular Meeting August 25, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Certified Correct,

Duncan Walker
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

David DuPlessis
Mayor