



**Central York Rural Community
Regular Meeting of Council
September 22, 2026
Minutes**

1. Notation of Council Members in attendance

Attendance Roll Call:

Mayor David Duplessis	✓	Councillor Kevin Guiggey	✓	Councillor Aileen Anderson	✓
Deputy Mayor Wendy Brewer	✓	Councillor Jordan Manzer	✓	Councillor Kristy Brewer	✓
~~Councillor Mathew Shepard~~	X	Councillor Anthony O’Leary	✓		

Staff:

CAO Duncan Walker	✓	~~Treasurer Karina Lenting~~	X	~~Rec. Director Ashley Jensen~~	X
Members of the Public	13				

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Kevin Guiggey and ***seconded by*** Councillor Kristy Brewer that the agenda be approved as presented.

Unanimously Carried #1092226

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – None

4. Delegates

Raghav Parikh, Planner, Capital Region Service Commission (CRSC), accompanied by Melinda Parks, presented a rezoning background report concerning Springhill Infrastructure Limited. The application proposes rezoning PIDs 75223545 and 75205393, and portions of PIDs 75131383, 75137307, and 75508333 on Claudy Road, Douglas, from Agriculture and Resource and Environmental Constraint zones to Extractive Industrial under Central York Rural Community Rural Plan By-law A. The total area under consideration is approximately 84.09 hectares; portions outside municipal boundaries are excluded. The subject lands are adjacent to an existing rock quarry and are surrounded primarily by vacant woodlots. CRSC completed a site visit in July 2026. The preliminary site plan identifies the proposed development area, the intended initial operating area, and other nearby lands owned by the applicant that are not part of this application. The application proposes access via Royal Road; CRSC is consulting with the applicant regarding possible alternative access from Claudy Road or Carlisle Road. CRSC has consulted relevant provincial, environmental, and local government departments. Compiled comments will be included in a Council report before a public hearing. The potential next steps are to set and advertise a public hearing in accordance with section 1-11 of the Community Planning Act, direct CRSC to prepare a by-law amendment, and direct the Clerk to request the written views of the Planning Review and Adjustment Committee.

Council asked about updating older technical information, including sight-distance information; the history and suitability of proposed haul routes; consultation with the City of Fredericton; anticipated community benefits; the projected life of the quarry; and the applicant’s reasons for renewing the application. CRSC advised that alternative access options and municipal comments remain under review, and that questions concerning project benefits and lifespan would be referred to the applicant. It was clarified that the similar application denied in 2017 predated the municipality and was handled through the former local service district.

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5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wendy Brewer and **seconded by** Councillor Anthony O’Leary that the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2026, be approved as presented.

Unanimously Carried #2092226

6. Business Arising – None

7. Correspondence – None

8. Committee Reports –

Moved by Councillor Kristy Brewer and **seconded by** Councillor Anthony O’Leary that the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes dated September 8, 2026, be approved.

Unanimously Carried #3092226

9. Treasurer Report – None

10. Chief Administrative Officer’s Report

- The Larry Gould Field transaction has been finalized, and the property is now owned by Central York Rural Community.
- At the Cally Ann Complex, it is too late in the season to apply the required treatment to the pickleball court surfaces. Perimeter fencing will be installed, with remaining work planned for spring 2027.
- The CAO will contact Council to schedule 2027 budget discussion meetings in October and early November. Committee of the Whole time may also be used if necessary.

Moved by Councillor Aileen Anderson and **seconded by** Councillor Anthony O’Leary that the CAO Report be accepted.

Unanimously Carried #4092226

11. Mayor’s Report

The Mayor reported that the CRSC Board of Directors met with the Minister responsible for Natural Resources and Energy and Assistant Deputy Minister Neil Jacobs. The discussion included the Sisson mine project, foreign investment, control of the project, potential European demand for tungsten and molybdenum outside the Chinese market, and possible implications of Canada–United States trade conditions.

Moved by Mayor David DuPlessis and **seconded by** Councillor Anthony O’Leary that the Mayor’s Report be accepted.

Unanimously Carried #5092226

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12. New Business

- a. Deputy Mayor Brewer encouraged residents to support Zealand in Country 92.3's Small Town Challenge by voting through the station's website.
- b. In response to questions from the gallery, Council clarified that the applicant is expected to attend a future Council meeting to address outstanding questions. The matter was anticipated to return on October 13, 2026. Members of the public will not ask questions during that Council meeting; public input will occur at a later public meeting if the rezoning process advances. A public meeting, if held, will take place at the recreation centre in Estey's Bridge. Residents may provide concerns or information to their Councillors in the meantime.

13. Closed Session - None

Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wendy Brewer and ***seconded by*** Councillor Kristy Brewer the meeting adjourn at 7:19PM.

Unanimously Carried #6092226

Next Regular Meeting October 13th, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Certified Correct,

Duncan Walker
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

David DuPlessis
Mayor