



**Central York Rural Community
Regular Meeting of Council
July 14, 2026
Minutes**

1. Notation of Council Members in attendance

Attendance Roll Call:

Mayor David Duplessis	√	Councillor Kevin Guiggey	√	Councillor Aileen Anderson	√
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	√
Members of the Public	0				

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Unanimously Carried #1071426

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – None

4. Delegates

- a. Ashley Jensen, Director of Recreation and Parks, presented the Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan for 2025–2030 and the Keswick Valley Arena report. Council discussed arena operations, facility conditions, insulation and roof-related concerns, and the timing of ice installation. Ice is normally installed in September or early October, subject to weather and building conditions. Minor hockey is seeking access by September 28. Council thanked Ms. Jensen for the detailed presentation.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Councillor Mathew Shepard and **seconded by** Councillor Wendy Brewer that the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2026, be approved as presented.

Unanimously Carried #2071426

6. Business Arising – None

7. Correspondence – None

8. Committee Reports –

Moved by Councillor Kevin Guiggey and **seconded by** Councillor Aileen Anderson that the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes dated June 23, 2026, be accepted, subject to correction of a typographical error in Councillor Manzer’s name under the pickleball item.

Unanimously Carried #3071426

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9. Treasurer Report

The June and July unaudited financial reports will be presented at the August 25, 2026, meeting.

10. Chief Administrative Officer's Report

- The new municipal website remained in development and was expected to be operational the following week.
- Council photographs were proposed before a regular meeting on August 25 or September 8.
- Legal work for the purchase of Larry Gould Field was nearing completion.
- Legal documents and an operational agreement were being prepared for the potential transfer of Callie Anfield, including the building, to the municipality.
- A virtual Council orientation session was scheduled for July 16 at 6:30 p.m.; staff would attempt to have the session recorded.
- The Central York Celebration was scheduled for August 22 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at Centennial Park, in conjunction with the Canadian Lumberjack Championship.
- Volunteer award nominations would close July 29 at 11:59 p.m.; Councillors were asked to submit their selected nominees by July 31.
- Councillors and staff were invited to provide shirt sizes for branded clothing and indicate whether they wanted business cards and a cell number included.

Moved by Councillor Anthony O'Leary and ***seconded by*** Councillor Kristy Brewer that the CAO Report be accepted.

Unanimously Carried #4071526

11. Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported on the PGA Tour Americas tournament at Mactaquac, his election as Chair of the Capital Region Service Commission Board on July 7, upcoming outreach to medical students, and attendance at the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick Mayor's School on August 20 and 21. Council also discussed the New Brunswick Medical Education Program, under which Central York sponsors a medical student at \$10,000 per year for four years in return for a service commitment, with repayment required if the commitment is not fulfilled.

Moved by Councillor Kevin Guiggey and ***seconded by*** Councillor Anthony O'Leary that the Mayor's Report be accepted.

Unanimously Carried #5071426

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12. New Business

- a. Council discussed concerns reportedly raised by local RCMP members about the security and suitability of the existing facility. Members considered the provincial policing contract, staffing levels, the cost and scope of a secure facility, possible regional cooperation, and the need for clearer information about local policing service levels. Council agreed that further information should be gathered and discussions should continue with appropriate RCMP officials regarding requirements and options.
- b. Council discussed persistent cellular dead zones affecting Kingsley Road, Route 617, Route 104 and Zealand. Members emphasized that unreliable cellular and landline service is a public-safety concern. Previous discussions with telecommunications providers indicated that new rural towers were not planned in the near term because of cost and population density. Council supported continued advocacy with service providers, the CRTC and government officials, and encouraged residents to report service deficiencies directly to providers.
- c. Council received an overview of the Capital Region Service Commission, its provincially mandated regional functions, funding arrangements and committees. Discussion covered planning, landfill services, tourism, economic development, public safety, transportation, recreation and infrastructure. Committee appointments are generally for two-year terms, and vacancies may arise during the term. The Planning Review and Adjustment Committee operates at arm's length, with nominations brought forward through the planning division for Board approval. The Commission's Chief Executive Officer is expected to attend a future Council meeting to provide a more detailed presentation.

13. Closed Session - None

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Anthony O'Leary and **seconded by** Councillor Mathew Shepard the meeting adjourn at 8:52PM.

Unanimously Carried #6071426

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

Certified Correct,

Duncan Walker
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

David DuPlessis
Mayor