

HANWELL
Rural Community
Regular Meeting of Council
February 18, 2026
Minutes

Attendance:

Mayor Dave Morrison, Deputy Mayor Susan Jonah, Councillor Holly Hyslop, Councillor Tim Fox, Councillor Jarred Dooley, Councillor Lee Crouse, Councillor Darren MacKenzie, Councillor Candice Dekleva, CAO/Treasurer Terri Parker, Clerk/Assistant Treasurer Sherri Johnston, Chief Murray Crouse, and one member of the public.

1. Calling to Order

Mayor Dave Morrison called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Holly Hyslop and **seconded by** Councillor Jarred Dooley to approve the agenda with the addition of 8c. Merge Program.

Unanimously Carried #01-02-2026

3. Consent Section

Moved by Councillor Holly Hyslop and **seconded by** Councillor Tim Fox to adopt the consent section with the removal of the Upper Kingsclear Hanwell Fire Department report, to be moved to Business Arising 7a.)

Unanimously Carried #02-02-2026

4. Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Lee Crouse declared a Conflict of Interest with item #8b

5. Public Input/Inquiries - None

6. Presentations, Petitions, or Delegations

7. Business Arising (from Consent Section, if applicable)

a) Upper Kingsclear Fire Department

Moved by Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Councillor Lee Crouse to receive the fire department report for January.

Unanimously Carried #03-02-2026

8. New Business

a) Hanwell Days Committee

Moved by Councillor Candice Dekleva and **seconded by** Councillor Jarred Dooley to strike the Hanwell Days Committee and have Mayor Dave Morrison as chair and the rest of council as members of the committee.

Amendment to the main motion to remove “and the rest of council as members”

Moved by Councillor Tim Fox and **seconded by** Councillor Jarred Dooley to strike the Hanwell Days Committee and have Mayor Dave Morrison as chair of the committee.

Motion #04-02-2026

Primary Motion #05-02-2026

Councillor Lee Crouse left council chambers at 7:11pm.

b) Canada Post Service Cuts

Moved by Deputy Mayor Susan Jonah and **seconded by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie

Whereas Canada Post is the only provider of letter mail and small package delivery to every postal code in Canada and is publicly owned and therefore should be considered a public service, and

Whereas there is uncertainty around the future of Canada Post and its services, and

Whereas there is no further option for Small Business, Municipalities, Volunteer Organizations, etc. to circulate unaddressed ad mail locally, and

Whereas a drop in door-to-door service especially, will affect seniors and people with disabilities the most, and

Whereas Hanwell is a community with already limited Postal Service as well as being very rural.

I move to direct staff to send a letter of concern to the Minister in charge of Canada Post, The Prime Ministers Office and the MP for Tobique Mactaquac, as well as the head of Canada Post.

Asking for a full, unbiased and public consultation before any political decisions are made.

Unanimously Carried #06-02-2026

Councillor Lee Crouse returned to council chambers at 7:15pm.

- c) Merge Program
Moved by Councillor Holly Hyslop and **seconded by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie to authorize and direct the CAO to apply for a road study via the Merge Program.
Motion #07-02-2026

9. **Proclamations** - None

10. **Upcoming Activities**

- a) Open House – Rural Plan Review – February 24th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm – Upper Kingsclear Community Centre
b) February 28th - Moonlight Hike – Hanwell Recreation Park at 7:00pm.
c) Open House – Rural Plan Review – March 2nd from 6:30pm to 8:30pm – Hanwell Place
d) Babysitting Course – March 5th – 9:15am to 4:30pm – register at recreation@hanwell.nb.ca
e) Easter Eggstravaganza – March 28th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, Hanwell Place

11. **Closed Session**

12. **Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting**

Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers
March 18, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

13. **Adjournment**

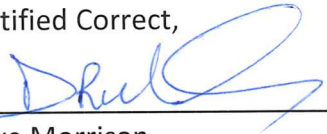
Moved by Councillor Holly Hyslop to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Sherri Johnston
Clerk/Assistant Treasurer

Certified Correct,



Dave Morrison
Mayor

