

# Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour

## Regular Council Meeting

January 10, 2018 at 7:00PM

**Present:** Chair: Mayor Garry Herring

Councillors: Deputy Mayor James Irving, Joan Young, Paul White, Derek Squirell, Faye Fraser  
Wendy Siebrands (*present via electronic means*)

Staff: Mark Tiller, Acting CAO

Special Advisor: Roy Main

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Herring called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**1a.** Mayor Herring advised all present that in accordance with the New Municipal Act the official name for the Village is now ***The Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour***. All Chairs now become **Mayors**; all Vice-Chairs, **Deputy Mayors**.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Cllr White

**that Council hereby approve tonight's agenda as submitted.**

**Motion Carried**

### 3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

1. Councillors White, Fraser and Young each declared a conflict of interest with respect to the rental rate for the Friends of Murray Harbour as each are members of the Board of Directors of the organization and refrained from voting on the issue. The Mayor accepted the conflict.
2. Mayor Herring declared a conflict of interest with respect to snow clearing contract around the Municipal building as his son is being considered for the work and refrained from voting on the issue.

### 4. Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2017 Council of the Whole Meeting

Moved by Dep. Mayor Irving and seconded by Cllr Young

**that Council hereby approve the minutes of the December 6, 2017 Council of the Whole meeting as submitted**

**Motion Carried**

#### **4b. Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2017 Regular Council Meeting**

Moved by Cllr Young and seconded by Dep. Mayor Irving

**that Council hereby approve the minutes from the December 6, 2017 Council meeting as submitted**

**Motion Carried**

#### **5. Delegations**

None

#### **6. Staff Reports**

##### **a. Financial Report**

A/CAO Tiller advised that the report reflected P & L January 1 - November 30, 2017.

Moved by Dep. Mayor Irving and seconded by Cllr Young

**that the Financial Report as prepared by A/CAO Tiller for the period of Jan.1 - November 30, 2017, be received as information.**

**Motion Carried**

##### **b. Snow Plowing**

A/CAO Tiller updated Council. There was no response for the tender to clear snow around the community centre. Clint Herring has been asked to see to this for the time being. An agreeable form/amount of remuneration is to be worked out. McKay will again take on the community's sidewalks.

##### **c. Grants**

A/CAO Tiller informed Council that grant applications for a Summer Student (from Federal Gov't) and the Province's Gas-Tax Municipal Strategic Component have been received. We will apply for a summer student thru both the Fed. and Prov. programs. Council has been asked for their "Wish List" of things they'd like to see the Municipality apply for.

***Deadline for the Gas-Tax program is the Third Friday of March, 2018.***

#### **7. Correspondence**

None

#### **8. Committee Reports**

##### **a. Utility**

No update

##### **b. Budget**

Dep. Mayor Irving advised that there would be a budget meeting Tuesday January 16, 2018 at 11AM. He also advised Council of the new rules regarding reporting and community involvement with regard to budget preparation and approval.

### **c. Parks and Recreation**

Cllr White questioned the landscaping around the playground. A/CAO Tiller explained that the initial design of railway ties had been modified to a gradual slope for safety reasons. This may involve some seeding on the Village's part.

The Fire Dept. is on to flood the rink for winter use. Mayor Herring advised that the rink is able to withstand regular 'hockey-puck' use. Users of the facility will be expected to do their own surface cleaning. The Municipality will supply shovels.

### **d. EMO**

Cllr Young reported that the area was lucky and avoided any power outages during the last storm. Citizens are expected to be able to sustain themselves for 72 hours in the event of an outage but it was decided that the Centre should be opened the next morning if there is an overnight lack of power. People will be asked to bring any food they can during this time. Cllr Siebrands will put this into a newsletter.

Cllr Young would like all the Cllr's on the EMO. A consultation with the Fire Dept. will be arranged.

### **e. Fire Department**

Dep. Chief Glover advised Council of their 2017 calls, 23 in total;  
11- Medical; 1- Motor Vehicle; 1- grass fire; 10 - mutual aid.

The Dept. is still on the lookout for a new rescue truck.

At present they have 12 "first responders" in the Dept which comprises  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the force. New volunteers are always welcome. They must be at least 19 yrs of age. Dep. Chief Glover will supply some info & Cllr Siebrands will put this in the Newsletter.

## **9. Old Business**

### **a. Councillor's Wish-List**

The Councillors were asked to consider and submit their community ideas per **6.c.** above.

### **b. Sewer Project Update**

Special Advisor Main updated Council on the Sewer project. The timing issue is still in the hands of the Province but he didn't believe there would be a problem to their approving the new start/finish dates.

### **c. Farmers' Market request**

Moved and covered under **10. d.**

## **10. New Business**

### **a. Bylaws.**

Special Advisor Main gave Council an extensive outline and history of the new bylaws and the procedure for adopting same. There are a number that Council will have to address immediately and others by year end.

i) Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Cllr Fraser

**that Bylaw 111, being a bylaw to establish the Proceedings of Council, be read a first time.**

**Motion Carried**

Moved by Cllr Fraser and seconded by Cllr Squirell

**that Bylaw 111, being a bylaw to establish the Proceedings of Council, be approved.**

**Motion Carried**

ii) Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Dep. Mayor Irving

**that Bylaw 112, being a bylaw to provide for a Code of Conduct for Members of Council, be read a first time.**

**Motion Carried**

Moved by Cllr Fraser and seconded by Dep. Mayor Irving

**that Bylaw 112, being a bylaw to provide for a Code of Conduct for Members of Council, be approved.**

**Motion Carried**

iii) Moved by Dep. Mayor Irving and seconded by Cllr Squirell

**that Bylaw 113, being a bylaw to provide Rules Governing Conflicts of Interest for Members of Council, be read a first time.**

**Motion Carried**

Moved by Cllr Fraser and seconded by Dep. Mayor Irving

**that Bylaw 113, being a bylaw to provide Rules Governing Conflicts of Interest for Members of Council, be approved.**

**Motion Carried**

#### **b. Playground Fencing**

Mayor Herring expressed concerns about the proximity of the front portion of the playground to the roadway. Due to the financial ramifications, a partial fence covering the front part of the playground will be discussed at the January 16, 2018 budget meeting. A/CAO Tiller will look into street signage.

#### **c. Mayor's Committee Assignments and chairs.**

Mayor Herring advised of his names for Committee Chairs and the terms of reference were given to each.

Moved by Dep. Mayor Irving and seconded by Cllr White

**that Council approve the Committees and their chairs.**

**Motion Carried**

#### **d. New Community Centre Rates**

Cllr Young advised Council of the proposed new rates and the process by which they were formulated. As a whole there will be an increase for users for 2018 with several exceptions;

- i) Farmers Market will be charged \$750.00, being the figure they requested.
- ii) Friendly Circle's rate will remain the same. This is based on their continued generosity and benefit to the Community.
- iii) Friends of Murray Harbour's rate will be decreased from \$60.00 to \$40.00. This is based on the many and continued contributions to the Community and Community Centre specifically.
- iv) Hootenanny will remain the same

Moved by Cllr Young and seconded by Cllr Squirell

**that Council approve and implement the 2018 Community Centre rates submitted by the sub-committee save and except the Friends of Murray Harbour**

#### **Motion Carried**

Moved by Cllr Young and seconded by Cllr Squirell

**that the rental rate for Friends of Murray Harbour be reduced from \$60.00 to \$40.00**

#### **Motion Carried**

#### **11. Adjournment**

Moved by Dep. Mayor Irving and seconded by Cllr Young

**that Council do now adjourn at 8:17 PM.**

#### **Motion Carried.**

Next Meeting to be held on February 7, 2018 at 7PM.

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Mayor Garry Herring

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Mark Tiller, Acting CAO