

Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour

Regular Council Meeting

February 7th, 2018 at 7:00PM

Present: Chair: Mayor Garry Herring

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

Regrets: Cllr Fraser, Cllr Young

Staff: Mark Tiller, Acting CAO

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Deg. Mayor Irving and seconded by Cllr White

that Council hereby approve the agenda for the February 7, 2018 Council Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

4. Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2018 Council Meeting

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Squirell

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the January 10, 2018 Council meeting as submitted

Motion Carried

5. Delegations

Mr. William Dyck addressed Council about the possibility of the Village establishing a small gym/fitness site. He has the equipment he will sell and was asking if the Village could provide a suitable location. Cllr Squirell discussed several cons ie. liability and actual lack of available sites. It would be a long process. Mr. Dyck will await Council's decision.

6. Staff Reports

a. Financial Report

A/CAO Tiller advised that the report reflected P & L January 1-31st. A more complete picture will be available once the budget is set.

Moved by Dep. Mayor Irving and seconded by Cllr Squirell

that the Financial Report as prepared by A/CAO Tiller for the period of January, 2018, be received as information.

Motion Carried

b. Proposed Gas Tax Projects

A/CAO Tiller reported on two items from the Cllr's "wish list". Quotes were received on banners for the Village light standards and 'vintage' street signs (attached). Applications to the Province would be discussed with the Infrastructure Secretariat as soon as possible.

c. Summer Student Applications

A/CAO Tiller informed Council that the grant application for a Summer Student (from Federal Gov't) had been sent and received. The Provincial application has yet to be received but will be completed and sent when it is.

7. Correspondence

Mr. Shawn Landon read his letter (attached) about the Village's participation in the development in the former Mariner Seafoods Property. Cllr Squirell advised that the Village was presently in discussions with the present owner.

8. Committee Reports

a. Utility

Dep. Mayor Irving advised that a meeting was being set up soon to discuss various issues. Cllr Squirell spoke to an issue with regard to the Village "manhole" covers and all the rain/melt water that is presently flowing into the sewers. This is putting extra burden on our sewage pumps and electricity usage. Application of simple carriage bolts could solve this problem. The issue will be referred to the Utility meeting.

b. Budget

Dep. Mayor Irving advised that there would be a budget meeting later in February and that the budget was a work in process.

c. Parks and Recreation

Cllr White advised that the rink had not been flooded as yet. He requested suggestions for events for next summer. Cllr White will be looking into hanging baskets for the Village's light standards.

d. EMO

A/CAO Tiller spoke on Cllr Young's behalf. There is a concern about people walking along the Village's street after dark. Most are wearing dark clothes and are very difficult to see. A note will be included in the newsletter reminding people to be more diligent in this regard.

e. Fire Department

Mayor Herring spoke on the Chief's behalf. The Department is looking for volunteers. He also again thanked the department for the community centre's defibrillator.

f. Newsletter

Cllr Siebrands advised that there is a new Editor for the newsletter. They would like all articles in by the following Friday. Cllr White will interview Mr. William Dyck. Cllr Siebrands will supply some question. Mayor Herring announced he will clarify his departure in the next issue. Dep. Mayor Irving would like some historical pictures and info for the website and newsletter. Jackie Dorian will be contacted.

9. Old Business

a. Sewer Project Update

A/CAO advised that the project is now officially a go. **The start date is May 1, 2018.**

10. New Business

a. Bylaws.

Number 111, 112 & 113 received final reading, approval and adoption

i) Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Deg. Mayor Irving

that Bylaw 111, being a bylaw to establish the Procedures for the meetings of Council, be read a second time.

Motion unanimously Carried

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Deg. Mayor Irving

that Bylaw 111, being a bylaw to establish the Procedures for the meetings of Council, be hereby approved, signed by the Mayor and CAO and engrossed in the bylaw book

Motion unanimously 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 second time.

Motion unanimously Carried

Moved by Dep. Mayor Irving and seconded by Cllr Squirell

that Bylaw 112, being a bylaw to provide for a Code of Conduct for Members of Council, be hereby approved, signed by the Mayor and CAO and engrossed in the bylaw book

Motion unanimously Carried

iii) Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Cllr White

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

Motion unanimously Carried

Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Dep. Mayor Irving

that Bylaw 113, being a bylaw to provide Rules Governing Conflicts of Interest for Members of Council, be hereby approved, signed by the Mayor and CAO and engrossed in the bylaw book

Motion unanimously Carried

Number 114, 115 & 116 received initial reading and approval

i) Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Squirell

that Bylaw 114, being a bylaw to provide for grants be read for the first time

Motion unanimously Carried

Moved by Deg. Mayor Irving and seconded by Cllr Squirell

that Bylaw 114, being a bylaw to provide for grants be approved

Motion unanimously Carried

ii) Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Cllr White

that Bylaw 115, being a bylaw to provide for fees be read a first time.

Motion unanimously Carried

Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Dep. Mayor Irving

that Bylaw 115, being a bylaw to provide for fee be approved

Motion unanimously Carried

iii) Moved by Deg. Mayor Irving and seconded by Cllr White

that Bylaw 116, being a bylaw to provide for Tax Rate Groups be read a first time.

Motion unanimously Carried

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Dep. Mayor Irving

that Bylaw 116, being a bylaw to provide for Tax Rate Groups, be approved

Motion unanimously Carried

b. Dangerous Building

Cllr White expressed concern about the condition of a building owned by the Macleans on Main street. A/CAO Tiller was asked to write a letter outlining our concerns.

c. Insurance

A/CAO Tiller reported on the Risk Summary received from our Insurers. He will contact the Fire Department and see to the other issues.

d. Audit

A/CAO Tiller reported the our annual audit will commence February 12, 2018

e. Floating Bridge

Dep. Mayor Irving reported on the lack of plans to replace the bridge. Although not theoretically a Village concern, a letter will be prepared for Minister Bigger voicing our mutual support for the larger community.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Dep. Mayor Irving

that Council do now adjourn at 8:28 PM.

Motion Carried.

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

Mayor Garry Herring

Mark Tiller, Acting CAO