

Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour

Special Council Meeting

March 28th, 2018 at 7:00PM

Present: Chair: Mayor Garry Herring

Councillors: Deputy Mayor James Irving, Paul White, Derek Squirell, Faye Fraser.
Regrets: Wendy Siebrands

Staff: Mark Tiller, Acting CAO

Guest: Tara Wheeler, Arsenault, Best, Cameron, Ellis - Auditors

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cllr Fraser and seconded by Cllr White

that Council approve the agenda for the March 28, 2018 Special Council Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

4. Presentation of 2017 Financials

Tara Wheeler presented the Financials and Auditors' Report to Council. Gallery was invited to comment. Very few questions arose. Ms. Wheeler was thanked by the Mayor.

Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Cllr Fraser

that Council accept and approve the 2017 Financial and Auditors' Reports as provided and presented by the representative of Arsenault, Best, Cameron, Ellis.

Motion Carried

5. Presentation of 2018 proposed tax rates

A/CAO Tiller presented the new tax rates and explained that there would be no tax increases for the 2018 fiscal year. Gallery was invited to comment. Very few questions arose.

Moved by Dep. Mayor Irving and seconded by Cllr White

that Council accept and approve the tax rates for 2018

Motion Carried

6. Presentation of the Proposed 2018 Capital and Operating Budgets

A/CAO Tiller presented the Budgets. Many questions and much debate followed. ** The movers of the motion to adopt the budgets agreed to amend their original motion before putting it to a vote

Moved by Dep. Mayor Irving and seconded by Cllr Squirell

that Council adopt the Operating and Capital Budgets as presented with an amendment to include a contingency fund of \$30,000.00 to be offset by \$30,000.00 in revenue by the Municipal Capital Expenditures Grant (MCEG).

Motion Carried with one abstention.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Dep. Mayor Irving

that Council adjourn the March 28, 2018 Special Council Meeting at 8:06 PM.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Garry Herring

Mark Tiller, Acting CAO

** Several beneficial changes in procedure for next year's budget discussions were voiced. With more time available next year for budget preparation, the Community will be invited to a town hall meeting to voice their concerns and offer their suggestions before the budgets are adopted. The categories for approved Gas Tax spending will be put on the website for the Community to also offer their suggestions.