

Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour

Regular Council Meeting

March 7th, 2018 at 7:00PM

Present: Chair: Mayor Garry Herring

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

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 Squirell

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

Motion Carried

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

4. Approval of Minutes of February 7, 2018 Council Meeting

Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Deg. Mayor Irving

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the February 7, 2018 Council meeting as submitted

Motion Carried

5. Delegations

None

6. Staff Reports

a. Financial Report

A/CAO Tiller presented a P & L January 1-February 28, 2018. A more complete picture will be available once the budget is set

Moved by Cllr Young and seconded by Cllr Fraser

that the Financial Report as prepared by A/CAO Tiller for the period of January 1, - February 28, 2018 be received as information.

Motion Carried

7. Correspondence

Mayor Herring read a letter from Ann Fraser regarding the addition of a family member's name to our Cenotaph monument. Discussion ensued and questions arose as to who has the authority to authorize such an addition. A/CAO Tiller to contact the Montague branch of the Royal Canadian Legion to get further information.

Mr. Shawn Landon submitted a letter regarding the lookout at the town bridge. As his letter and request/comments appeared to be based on incorrect information, no further action was deemed necessary.

Mayor Herring advised that Government representatives would be making an official announcement soon.

8. Committee Reports

a. Utility

Dep. Mayor Irving advised that there was no update at this time.

b. Budget

The budget will be discussed under new business

c. Parks and Recreation

Cllr White wanted to extend an official thank you to Peter Young for removing garbage in the park area and to Shawn Landon for his work on the dog park gates.

Cllr White has put up a barrier around a section of the park area by the dog park and will post a sign advising motorized vehicles to stay off the area. A/CAO Tiller will get sign made up once he gets the wording from Cllr White.

Lights have been left on in the rink hut. A/CAO Tiller to do a simple sign asking that they be turned off. Special "self-extinguishing" bulbs will be purchased for the hut also.

Outdoor exercise equipment for adults will be investigated by Cllr White.

d. EMO

No update.

e. Fire Department

The FD had been in the process of looking at a new rescue vehicle. Unfortunately it was sold before they could make any inroads.

f. Newsletter

Cllr Siebrands wanted to officially thank Christine Jackson for her excellent work on the Newsletter. Many rave reviews on new format. A/CAO Tiller advised that the post office's official requirement is now 255 copies. The newsletter is now on the website.

g. Planning

Cllr Squirell reported on a meeting held with Mr. Chris Blaisdell from Rural and Regional Development. There are several programs that may provide us with grant money for village projects and they will be investigated. Mr. Blaisdell seemed to be very much on the side of the Village.

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.**

b. A/CAO Tiller reported on the banners for the Village light standards and 'vintage' street signs. Applications to the Province have been turned down as the items do not meet Gas Tax criteria. Grant applications to Rural & Regional Development department will be completed.

c. Bylaws.

Number 114, 115 & 116 received final reading, approval and adoption

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

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

Motion unanimously Carried

Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Dep. Mayor Irving

that Bylaw 114, being a bylaw to provide for grants, 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 115, being a bylaw to provide for fees be read a second time.

Motion unanimously Carried

Moved by Cllr Young and seconded by Cllr Fraser

that Bylaw 115, being a bylaw to provide for fees, be hereby approved, signed by the Mayor and CAO and engrossed in the bylaw book

Motion unanimously Carried

iii) Moved by Cllr Young and seconded by Cllr Fraser

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

Motion unanimously Carried

Moved by Dep. Mayor Irving and seconded by Cllr Squirell

that Bylaw 116, being a bylaw to provide for Tax Rate Groups, be hereby approved, signed by the Mayor and CAO and engrossed in the bylaw book

Motion unanimously Carried

Number 117 received initial reading and approval

i) Moved by Cllr Fraser and seconded by Young

that Bylaw 117, being a bylaw to authorize general borrowing be read for the first time

Motion unanimously Carried

Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Dep. Mayor Irving

that Bylaw 117, being a bylaw to authorize general borrowing, be approved

Motion unanimously Carried

b. Mr. Dyck's request

Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Dep. Mayor Irving

that we thank Mr. Dyck for his offer to sell exercise equipment to the Village however this is not a project that we can move forward with at this time.

Motion unanimously Carried

10. New Business

a. Budget

A/CAO Tiller presented the proposed operating and capital budgets. Discussion followed and several points were clarified. It was confirmed that this meeting was to accept the budgets for presentation and adoption at the March 28, 2018 special council meeting. The budgets will be on public display March 14, 2018. There will be no increase in tax rates this year.

Moved by Cllr Fraser and seconded by Dep. Mayor Irving

that Council do now accept the Operating and Capital budgets for 2018 for adoption at the March 28, 2018 special Council meeting

Motion carried 3 votes for; 3 votes against. Tie broken by Chair.

Mayor Herring thanked Dep. Mayor and the Budget Committee for their work on the budget.

Cllr Siebrands extended a special thanks to A/CAO Tiller for providing all the important documents to her so she could meaningfully participate in the meeting electronically.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Dep. Mayor Irving

that Council do now adjourn at 8:02 PM.

Motion Carried.

Next Regular Meeting to be held on April 4, 2018 at 7PM.

Special Meeting to adopt Budgets - March 28, 2018 at 7PM

Mayor Garry Herring

Mark Tiller, Acting CAO