

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 24, 2021

In Attendance: Mayor Paul White; Deputy Mayor Carol White, Chair; Cllr Paula MacLean;
Cllr Sandra Gordon; Cllr Marlene MacNeill; Cllr Gary MacKay

Regrets: Cllr Margaret VanInderstine

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

Gallery: Faye Fraser; Elaine Herring; Bernice MacLeod

1. Call to Order:

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cllr Gordon and seconded by Cllr MacKay,
that the agenda for the March 24, 2021 Council Meeting be accepted as amended.
Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr MacKay and seconded by Deputy Mayor White,
that Council hereby approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021 regular Council meeting and the March 10, 2021 special Council meeting.
Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

- a. Paula will speak to Kenny Beck and ask him to clear a path to the dog park with the snowblower and hand shovel a clear area for the gate to open. Paula will also ask John to empty the large garbage can at the dog park. *Path clearing has been arranged. Paula emptied the garbage can and suggested we remove the garbage can and have people take the dog poop with them for disposal.*
- b. Deputy Mayor White will get a second estimate to have an electrical plug installed for the Lobster Trap Christmas tree. Estimates were received.
- c. Deputy Mayor White to speak to Fire Department to see if they will give the bell back. *Bell will be returned to Village.*
- d. Anne to investigate cancelling the Nest subscription. *Subscription has been cancelled. We will be receiving a pro-rated refund.*

6. Delegations - None

7. Correspondence - None

8. CAO Report

- a. See report attached.
- b. Financial Report: see attached

Moved by Cllr MacKay and seconded by Cllr Gordon

that Council hereby received the CAO's report as information.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

9. Reports of Committees

Parks & Recreation - Deputy Mayor White

- a. Received two quotes for Electrical (from JEM and AMAC) they are within \$100 of each other. Likely go with JEM as it is a local company.
- b. MacKay's can move the Gazebo from Railhead park to the wharf however, it is cheaper to build a new Gazebo (\$9,240.25). Deputy Mayor White has spoken to owners of wharf and they agree to have the Gazebo on their land. Item will be added to the Gas Tax Funds project list.

Finance & Infrastructure - Cllr MacKay

- a. Nothing to report.

Planning - Cllr MacKay

- a. Nothing to report.

Sewage - Cllr Gordon

- a. Nothing to report.

EMO: Cllr MacNeill - Report given by Deputy Mayor White

- a. See report attached.

Beautification and Special Events - Cllr VanInderstine

- a. Nothing to report.

10. New Business

- a. Municipal Property Tax Increase Recommendation

Moved by Cllr MacKay and seconded by Cllr Gordon,

that Council accept the recommendation of the Finance & Infrastructure Committee to increase municipal tax rates (commercial and non-commercial) to \$0.580 and \$0.550.

Vote was 3-2 against; Motion failed.

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b. Budgets for 2021/2022 Year

Moved by Cllr MacLean and seconded by Cllr Gordon,
that Council hereby adopt the operational budget for 2021-2022 as amended. (tax rate was returned to \$0.540 and \$0.570)

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

Moved by Cllr Gordon and seconded by Deputy Mayor White
that Council hereby adopt the capital budget for 2021-2022 as amended.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

c. Gas Tax Project - Closures, Withdrawals and 21/22 Projects

Moved by Cllr MacKay and seconded by Cllr MacLean,
that Council hereby agree to withdraw the remainder of Gas Tax project 15.4.4 - Sewage Infrastructure Upgrades Machon point and Gas Tax project 15.5.5 - Village Walking/Biking Trails and reallocate the funds to other priority projects.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

d. Use of COVID Restart Funds

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr MacKay,
that Council hereby approves the use of COVID restart funds to purchase AV equipment (estimate \$4,500) to enable the broadcasting of Council meetings via our website.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

e. Hubert White's ship replica

Anne and Deputy Mayor to write letter to Murray River asking for replica to be returned to Murray Harbour.

f. Janitor

Anne to send copy of revised job description to Councillors and Jaki Durocher.

g. Electronics Collection

There was a program where used electronics were collected, refurbished, and donated to needy individuals. We missed this year, however, may be something to look at next year.

h. Road Maintenance Issue

Meeting with Alec Blue scheduled for March 26, 2021.

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i. CAO hours and rate of pay

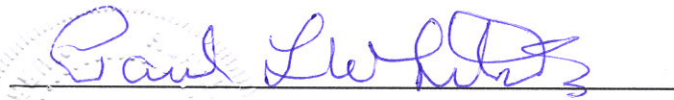
Moved by Deputy Mayor White and seconded by Cllr Gordon,
that Council hereby approves to increase the CAO hours to 20 hours per week and adjust the hourly
pay rate of the CAO to \$20.50 per hour.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor White and seconded by Cllr MacKay to adjourn at 9:12 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on May 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm



Mayor, Paul White



Anne Harnesk, CAO