

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2022

In Attendance: Mayor Paul White, Chair; Cllr Sandra Gordon; Cllr Gary MacKay; Cllr Marlene MacNeill;
Cllr Margaret VanInderstine

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Carol White

Gallery: Glen White, Phil for streaming and zoom assistance

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

1. Call to Order:

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts declared.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cllr Gordon and seconded by Cllr MacKay,
that the agenda for the March 16, Council Meeting be accepted.
Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.

4. Delegations - None

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr MacKay and seconded by Cllr VanInderstine,
that Council hereby approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022 regular Council meeting and the minutes of the March 2, 2022 special Council meeting as submitted.
Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Correspondence - Shawn Landon and John Robertson

Shawn wrote asking to if the grass could be cut on a Wednesday or Thursday no earlier than 11:00 am. Also, Shawn thanked the person for clearing the path to the dog park and requested in future if the inner gate area could be cleared and the area in the dog park be cleared to allow the gate to open fully. Anne will send a letter to Shawn letting him know the issues have been discussed. A draft copy of the letter will be sent to Council before being sent.

John sent an email in response to our email thanking him for removing the Community of Murray Harbour from the sign in front of his house. We will have to see where John goes with this issue and may need to involve our lawyer. John also raised concerns regarding broken/crumbling sidewalks and suggesting the roll over weeks of the village 50/50 lottery be used for maintenance items. Anne will send a letter to John letting him know the issues have been discussed. A draft copy of the letter will be sent to Council before being sent.

7. CAO Report/Business Arising from Previous Meetings

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

Moved by Cllr MacKay and seconded by Cllr MacNeill,
that the CAO's report be received as information.
Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.

8. Reports of Committees

Parks & Recreation - Deputy Mayor White

- a. No report at this time

Finance & Infrastructure - Cllr MacKay

- a. See attached report.

Planning - Cllr MacKay

- a. See attached report.

Newsletter - Cllr MacKay

- a. See attached report.

Sewage - Cllr Gordon

- a. Bylaw 102 is being updated to be inline with the current *Municipal Government Act*. It will require readings at two council meetings and then a vote to pass.
- b. Three severely overdue accounts have been sent disconnection letters March 15, 2022.

EMO - Cllr MacNeill

- a. Trying to arrange a meeting with the EMO group, hopefully March 18, 2022 to review our EMO Plan. The Plan then goes to Provincial Representative for review.

Beautification and Special Events - Cllr VanInderstine

- a. Lobster Roll takeout scheduled for April 2nd, 2022 and is already sold out.
- b. Small Halls is booked for Monday, June 13, 2022.

10. New Business

a. Appoint Auditor

Discussion was had regarding the appointment of Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis for the 2021/22 audit.

Moved by Cllr Gordon and seconded by Cllr VanInderstine,
that Council hereby approve the appointment of Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis as the auditor for the 2021/2022 annual audit.

Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.

b. Budget for 2022/2023 year

Final discussions regarding the 2022/2023 budget.

Moved by Cllr VanInderstine and seconded by Cllr MacNeill,
that Council hereby adopt the operational budget for 2022/2023 as submitted including the rate of pay increase for CAO to \$21.00/hour, Janitor to \$16.00/hour and Groundskeeper to \$16.00/hour.

Vote was 3-1 in favour; motion carried

Moved by Cllr VanInderstine and seconded by Cllr MacNeill,

that Council hereby adopt the capital budget for 2022/2023 as submitted .

Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried

c. Sewage Utility Bylaw 123 - First Reading

The sewage utility bylaw 123 was read.

Moved by Cllr VanInderstine and seconded by Cllr MacKay,

that Council accept the first reading of the Sewage Utility Bylaw 123.

Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried

d. James Evans Fundraising Donation

James Evans donated an oil painting of Main Street last year. Anne checked into online auctions, and it was not a viable option. It was decided that the painting would be put in the library and bids will be accepted (like they do for the Ducks Unlimited pictures). The successful bidder will be announced at one of the Farmers' Markets.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr MacKay and seconded by Cllr MacNeill to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on May 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm.



Mayor, Paul White



Anne Harnesk, CAO