

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 12, 2021

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

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Carol White

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

Gallery: John Robertson

1. Call to Order:

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cllr MacKay and seconded by Cllr Gordon,
that the agenda for the May 12, 2021 Council Meeting be accepted as amended.
Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr Gordon and seconded by Cllr MacLean,
that Council hereby approve the minutes of the March 24, 2021 regular Council meeting as submitted.
Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

- a. Anne and Deputy Mayor White to write letter to Murray River asking for Hubert Whites' replica ship back. *Letter was sent May 5, 2021. Dianne from Murray River called today, the replica is in the Murray River Library and we can come and get it anytime. Paula, & Gary will take care of getting the replica here. Paul will check with Sue regarding space in the Library.*
- b. New Janitor has been hired. Gordon Ramsli started on April 18th. Thank you, Jaki & Phil Durocher, for all your hard work. *Anne to send thank you card to Jaki & Phil.*
- c. Mayor White, Cllr MacKay, Glen White and CAO met with Alec Blue regarding road maintenance. *Alex has been updated with the concerns.*

6. **Delegations** - Gordon Ramsli was unable to attend. He wanted to discuss an outdoor gym. Council will look at idea for the fall project intake with Community Funding.

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. Deputy Mayor White was not able to attend meeting. No report.

Finance & Infrastructure - Cllr MacKay

- a. Quote for basement air exchange was \$22,000. Becks has been too busy to come out and quote, so will likely go with quote we have.
- b. The government is meeting May 18th to decide which of our projects will receive funding from the Community Funding (formerly Gas Tax).
- c. Received a quote of \$8,000 from David Rain for the walkways.
- d. Talked to a couple of Greenhouses regarding trees for the "fence". We would require trees that are already quite high (10') and they are about \$200 each. Perhaps we should switch to the post and rope style of "fence". Anne to source out a price on rope.

Planning - Cllr MacKay

- a. Lorin Brehaut reached out. He works with a couple from Fortune that did a development in Souris. It is a barrier free style and has been well received in Souris. Will continue with conversations with Lorin and this couple regarding the development of property by Community Centre.

Sewage - Cllr Gordon

- a. Reviewed sewage accounts in arrears.
- b. Some residents on Cape Bear Road have still not connected to the sewer line. A reminder letter will be sent.
- c. Stephen is looking at proceeding with the fencing around the lagoon area.
- d. Overdue vacation pay was paid to Stephen. He now receives 6% instead of 4% due to his number of years with the Sewage Utility.

EMO - Cllr MacNeill

- a. See report attached.

Beautification and Special Events - Cllr VanIlderstine

- a. Paul arranged the baskets this year. If we get the approval to have Shannon back, we could arrange to have baskets for the village.
- b. Marg suggested a Landing Day BBQ fundraiser with hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage on a bun. Landing day is currently scheduled for Wednesday, June 30th but may change.
- c. Hope to have an End of Summer Corn Boil again this year.

10. New Business

a. Council Member Disclosure Statement

As specified in section 107(2)(d) of the MGA; and our bylaw 112, section 11.1 - 11.4 all Council members should have filled one of these out 30 days after election and be updated every November. A copy was provided to each Councillor to fill out. Once completed, they will be kept in the file cabinet in the locked file room.

b. Work and Study Hub

The work and study hub will be running until July 20th. Hours will need to be changed to accommodate the Farmers' Market which begins July 3rd. Beginning June 28th, the Work and Study Hub hours will change to Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

c. Kayak launch on Riverside Drive

This item will be added to the next meeting as Deputy Mayor White was unable to attend this meeting. This item was added to the agenda by Deputy Mayor White.

d. Summer Walking Tours

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e. Basement Rec space for kids

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f. Road erosion on Main Street, corner before Baker's Garage

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g. Canada Day - Thursday, July 1, 2021

Paul volunteered and Carol was volunteered to be a member of this committee. Marg will get more volunteers. Suggestions included raising the flag and having a fundraising lobster burger meal. Price would need to increase this year as lobster prices have increased. Also, a cake auction held at the Community Centre.

h. 2021 Capital Investment Program (CIP)

Discussed during Planning Committee update.

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i. Land Development for housing project (Lorin Brehaut)

Discussed during Planning Committee update.

j. Out and About in Murray Harbour

Paul received email from Dawn Keith at Harbourview Restaurant. She is concerned by the comments being left on the Out and About in Murray Harbour Facebook page. Paul explained that this Facebook page does not belong to the Municipality or Murray Harbour Council. Paula will contact Natalie Edgar (site moderator) and ask her to put a disclaimer on the sight, letting people know that this site is not controlled by Village Council.

k. Derelict Building

The old service station coming into Murray Harbour (next to East Coast Engine) is falling down. The roof has caved in and the large window at the front is all broken out. Property is owned by Jamie Richards. Anne to send a letter to Jamie asking him to deal with the property. If nothing is done, the matter will be escalated to filing a complaint with the Department of Communities, Land and Environment.

l. Unsightly Property

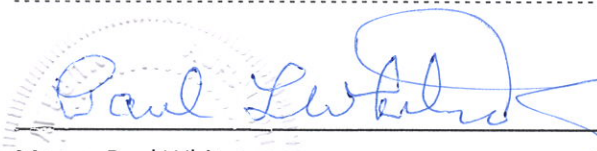
Complaints regarding 1121 Cape Bear Road have been received by Council. Anne to send a letter to Garry Herring asking him to deal with the property. If nothing is done, the matter will be escalated to filing a complaint with the Department of Communities, Land and Environment.


11. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr Gordon and seconded by Cllr MacLean to adjourn at 8:24pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on June 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

This meeting is in addition to the scheduled regular Council meetings.



Mayor, Paul White

Anne Harnesk, CAO