

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR**  
**MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 13, 2021**

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

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

Gallery:

**1. Call to Order:**

Deputy 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 MacNeill,  
**that the agenda for the October 13, 2021 Council Meeting be accepted.**  
*Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**4. Delegations**

Caroline Farrell

Update on Co-op - waiting for figures from BDO. Would like to have someone from Council available to sit on Co-op committee and would like to use the Community Centre for meetings of the Co-op committee. *There was no objection to the Committee using the Community Centre for the meetings.* Also, has anyone investigated extending the boundaries of Murray Harbour to extend the tax base?

Children's Christmas Party - Caroline puts on a Children's Christmas Party. There is no charge to the parent's and all items/supplies are donated. Due to COVID restrictions if the event gets too big to be held at Home Plate, can she have the party here at no charge. *Yes, no issue with holding the party here.*

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Cllr MacKay and seconded by Cllr Gordon,  
**that Council hereby approve the minutes of the September 8, 2021 regular Council meeting as submitted**  
*Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**6. Correspondence - Proposal from Jaki Durocher**

The letter from Jaki was reviewed and quite a few suggestions on her list are items that will be pursued via the Community Building Fund.

**7. CAO Report/Business Arising from Previous Meetings**

- a. See report attached.
- b. Financial Report: see attached
- c. October 13<sup>th</sup>, I spoke with Tanya from Island Waste Management regarding the issue on Riverside Dr. Tanya will speak to Management to see if a solution can be reached. Perhaps using a smaller truck. Smaller truck is not an option. Deputy Mayor White has spoken with owners at 112, 113 and 115 Riverside Drive. The truck can turn into 113 or 115 and back out into 112. Anne has called Island Waste Management with this update.

Moved by Deputy Mayor White and seconded by Cllr MacKay  
**that Council hereby received the CAO's report as information.**  
*Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**8. Reports of Committees**

Parks & Recreation - Deputy Mayor White

- a. Have received a donation in the amount of \$1,010. from the ball hockey tournament held in September. They would like the funds going to the Community Centre.
- b. Lost at Sea Memorial - No progress has been made to date despite numerous attempts to motivate artist. Need to pick-up the sample and move on to some one else.
- c. Hot Dog sales from Music on the Water event may have accidentally been included in Canada Day sales. Ultimately it does not affect the Fund-Raising bottom line, just each event total.

Finance & Infrastructure - Cllr MacKay

- a. All projects are (except Lost at Sea Memorial) are completed or almost completed.

Planning - Cllr MacKay

- a. No update.

Sewage - Cllr Gordon

- a. Several residents on Cape Bear Road have connected to the sewer line
- b. The Sewage Utility ended up absorbing the price of legal fees on the overdue account of 1119 Cape Bear Road. If we had not done so, it would have meant the delay in the sale closing. As a result, we will now be using Maggie Hughes from Cox and Palmer for any further legal action.
- c. We will be reviewing Bylaw 103 at the next Sewage Meeting.

EMO - Cllr MacNeill

- a. EMO meeting tentatively scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Beautification and Special Events - Cllr Vanlderstine

- a. Paul and Jaki Durocher have been running things in Margaret's absence
- b. Lobster/Ham Dinner Take-out is scheduled for November 20, 2021

**10. New Business**

a. Railhead Park and Old Dump Property

Part of Railhead Park runs by Shannon Penny's property. She would like to purchase a chunk if we ever decide to sell. Mike Vanasse approached Council at the last meeting regarding purchasing the Old Dump property for \$300/acre.

Moved by Deputy Mayor White and seconded by Cllr MacKay

**that Council hereby accept Mike Vanasse's offer to purchase the old dump property.**

*Vote was 0-4 in favour; motion denied.*

b. Lobster/Ham Take-out Dinner

Will be held November 20<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed.

c. Nomination for Heritage Award

It was decided to nominate Jackie MacNeill Doiron for this award for her dedication in keeping the history of Murray Harbour alive. *Nomination has been sent in.*

d. Youth-on-Board Program

Councillor MacKay will investigate this program further.

e. Net Zero Communities Accelerator Program

Program to help communities reduce their carbon footprint. We currently have a CBF project for Solar Panels to be installed on the Community Centre roof. Councillor MacKay will investigate this program further.

f. Age Friendly Community Program

Program to get people young and old engaged in Community. This will be pursued via the CBF projects.

g. Seniors Housing

Was looked at years ago, but nothing ever came of it. It may be like what Lorne Brehaut is looking to develop.

h. MacQuaid Construction

As above.

i. Old School Bell

It is still on top of the Fire Hall, but not connected. Deputy Mayor White to speak to Alan Glover to determine if they still okay with us taking the bell. We will need to arrange to have the bell removed from the Fire Hall roof.

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j. Community Building Fund - Fall Project intake ideas

There are a few projects that already have approval we just need to decide if they are going to be initiated.

Ideas for new projects included:

- Extend Sidewalk from Post Office to corner
- School Bell
- Adult Outdoor Exercise Equipment
- Flowerboxes on Bridge
- Benches on Front Yard
- Community Flagpole

Deadline for Fall submissions is October 29<sup>th</sup>

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by Cllr and seconded by Cllr to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

Due to scheduling issues, the next regular meeting of the Council will be on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 pm instead of November 3, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

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Mayor, Paul White

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Anne Harnesk, CAO