

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR**  
**MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 9, 2021**

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

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

Gallery: Glen White, Elaine Herring, Jackie MacNeil-Doiron, John Robertson

**1. Call to Order:**

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 June 9, 2021 Council Meeting be accepted as amended.**

*Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**4. Delegations**

Chris from Island First Aid provided training on the AED machine.

Heather MacKay from Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis reviewed the audited financial statements

Moved by Deputy Mayor White and seconded by Cllr, Gordon

**that Council hereby accept and approve the 2020/2021 Financial and Auditor's reports as provided and presented by the representative of Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis**

*Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Cllr Gordon and seconded by Cllr MacKay,

**that Council hereby approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 regular Council meeting as submitted**

*Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**6. Business Arising from Previous Meetings**

a. Anne to send thank you card to Jaki and Phil. *Card was signed and mailed.*

b. Anne to source out a price for rope for a post and rope style fence. *Anne to check with Glen Hawkins to see if he has any connection/insight with Northumberland Ferries. Request in Community Newsletter asking for donations of rope. Gary MacKay and Glen White overseeing this project.*

- c. 1180 Cape Bear Road. Jamie does not own property any longer. Now owned by Scott McNiven. *Anne to follow up with Doug Nicholson. Doug checked with owner and was told he is going to repair building once he can get a carpenter. Doug will keep an eye on the situation.*
- d. 1121 Cape Bear Road. *Anne to follow up with Doug Nicholson. Doug will continue to monitor situation.*

**7. Correspondence - Cllr VanInderstine received a letter from Scott's Fertilizer advising we were not selected to take part in their Communities in Bloom.**

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 VanInderstine

- 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 30<sup>th</sup> but may change.
- c. Hope to have an End of Summer Corn Boil again this year.

**10. New Business**

a. Soldiers' Monument Fund

This fund is currently the Soldiers' Monument Committee account. As such CAO Harnesk has no control/access to this account. Deputy Mayor White and CAO Harnesk have an appointment on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> to review the account with CIBC. The plan is to close the account and reopen it under the Village "umbrella" of accounts. *Carol and Anne met with Michelle from CIBC. Print outs of the account were provided, and no issues were found. The account is now under the Murray Harbour "umbrella".*

b. Property owned by Dr. Richard Michenfelder

CAO Harnesk was requested to reach out to Dr. Michenfelder to see if he would be interested in selling his property to the Village. He is interested and provided a non-negotiable price of \$40K Canadian. CAO Harnesk will continue to work on this matter. *No additional information at this time.*

c. Railhead Park

CAO Harnesk was requested to investigate the possibility of selling this Village owned property to purchase Dr. Michenfelder's property and to also pay down a portion of the village debt. CAO Harnesk reached out to Realtor Robin Gamble and received a rough estimate of \$149,900 listing price. CAO Harnesk will continue to work on this matter. *Nothing further at this time.*

d. Flags

Cllr MacLean has removed the Provincial Flags from the monument as the flags were in disrepair. We need to replace flags. Is it appropriate to have the Canadian Flags that were in place during WWI and WWII flying on the monument? CAO Harnesk to reach out to Canadian Legion and Lawrence MacAulay to obtain proper protocol. Deputy Mayor White to get size of flags removed from monument for CAO Harnesk. *Flags have been ordered and received.*

e. Kayak Launch on Riverside Drive

This area needs to be groomed. At this point council is not sure if we own the land. An address or PID number needs to be given to CAO Harnesk to determine ownership. *We own property however; nothing has been done to date.*



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f. Summer Walking Tours

Village should support Jackie with the tours. Jackie will be conducting historical tours Monday and Friday mornings. Would like to put tour information in newsletter and on new electronic sign. Would also like people to be able to call the office to confirm attendance. *No issues in having people call the office and information will be added to Newsletter and electronic sign.*

g. Basement Rec space for kids

Great idea, however, basement must be cleaned up first and HVAC system put in place

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

This area needs to be patched. CAO Harnesk to call Alec Blue to find out where they are with respect to our items on the list given to him at our meeting in April.

i. 2021 Capital Investment Program (CIP)

Dealt with under Finance and Infrastructure update.

j. Land Development for housing project (Lorin Brehaut)

Cllr MacKay continues to work with Lorin on this project. Will be a long-term project.

k. Jake Brakes

Signs should be put up at the three entrances to Village that jake brakes are not to be used within Village proper. Glen White suggested Council meet with Minister of Highways. Anne to send letter to Darlene Compton & James Alyward, Minister of Transportation.

l. Harbourview Restaurant

Dawn needs letter from Council stating they support Harbourview having live music on Friday or Saturday nights from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. *Letter provided to Dawn.*

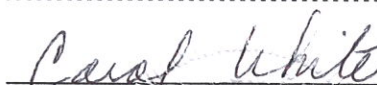
m. Speed Limit Westview Drive

To be included in letter being drafted for item k above.

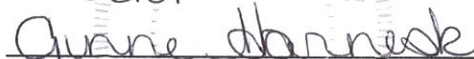
**11. Adjournment**

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

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on September 8, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

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Deputy Mayor, Paul White  
Carol



Anne Harnesk, CAO