

Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour

Regular Council Meeting

May 2nd, 2018 at 7:00PM

Present: Chair: Mayor Garry Herring

Councillors: Derek Squirell, Faye Fraser, Wendy Siebrands, Paul White

Staff: Mark Tiller, CAO

Regrets: Dep. Mayor James Irving

1. Call to Order

Mayor Herring called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Fraser

that Council hereby approve the agenda for the May 2, 2018 Council Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

4. Approval of Minutes of April 4, 2018 Council Meeting

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Fraser

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the April 4, 2018 Council meeting as submitted

Motion Carried

5. Appointment of permanent CAO

The following Motion was put forth;

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Fraser

that Council hereby approve the appointment of Mark Tiller as permanent Chief Administrative Officer effective immediately in accordance with the contract mutually agreed to.

Motion Carried

6. Delegations

- a. Sheena Gellatly spoke on her concerns about the wharf and waterfront area. She would like to investigate the possibility of installing public washrooms, picnic tables, better lighting and garbage receptacles as well as monetary donations and hiring skilled tradespersons to

do needed repairs. At present she is out of pocket for many of these things. The Mayor asked for volunteers to form a small committee to work with Sheena on this and Cllr White agreed. Council thanked Sheena for her presentation.

7. Staff Reports

a. Financial Report

CAO Tiller presented the P & L for January 1- April 30, 2018.

Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Cllr Siebrands

that the Financial Report as prepared by CAO Tiller for the period of January 1, - April 30, 2018 be received as information.

Motion Carried

b. CAO Tiller brought council up to date on several issues. Rebate applications have been submitted for the sewer project and are starting to be received and 10% MCEG grants will be arriving soon. The fence around the playground will be installed next week and will be covered by Gas Tax funding. He also reported that the monthly Equalization payment from the province has been reduced by \$900.00. The Province has guaranteed that the net amount each Municipality receives will not be less than the previous Equalization payment. It will do this through the new MCEG grant program.

8. Committee Reports

a. Parks and Recreation

Cllr White reported that two new names for our war memorial will soon be added by the funeral home. He also spoke at length about the vandalism to the change room building by the rink. After much discussion it was decided that Council would offer a reward of \$500.00 for information leading to the apprehension of the culprits.

Grass seed will be purchased and Shawn Landon will apply it to the required areas. Cllr White also talked about the hanging baskets and asked for monetary donations. Each will cost approximately \$25.00. He also informed council of his investigations into having summer concerts at Railside Park. More info will be coming and will be supplied to Cllr Siebrands for the Newsletter.

b. Newsletter

Cllr Siebrands is asking for information for the next Newsletter that will be published in June.

g. Planning

Cllr Squirell reported on his proposal to establish a permanent and conspicuous Arts, History and Culture presence within the Village. His complete proposal is attached. Council backed this fully and Mayor Herring appointed Cllr Squirell Chair of the new Arts & Culture Committee.

Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Cllr Siebrands

that council establish the position of Poet Laureate and advertise for a person to fulfil these responsibilities as presented to council on May 2, 2018.

Motion Carried

9. New Business

a. New Gas Tax Program

CAO Tiller presented the new GT program. We will reallocate some of the approved grant money from the Machon Road Sewer project to the new Cape Bear Sewer project and thus lower our ultimate liability.

Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Cllr Siebrands

that the Gas Tax grant application for additional funding in the amount of \$65,000.00 for the Cape Bear sewer extension project be approved and submitted to the province.

Motion Carried

b. Appointment of MEO and Dep. MEO for the November 2018 Election

Moved by Cllr Fraser and seconded by Cllr White

that Council hereby appoints the Village CAO, Mark Tiller, as the Municipal Electoral Officer and Margaret Brady as the Deputy Municipal Electoral Officer for the November 18, 2018 Municipal Election.

Motion Carried

c. Grass Cutting Tender

CAO Tiller reported that only one response to the tender was received.

Moved by Cllr Fraser and seconded by Cllr White

that Council hereby accept and approve the proposal of Mr. George MacKay to handle grass cutting and associated services for the 2018 season as outlined in the Lawn Cutting Tender.

Motion Carried

d. Small Halls Festival

Cllr Fraser advised Council that the Village will be hosting a Small Halls event on Saturday June 23, 2018. Info will be furnished to Cllr Siebrands for the Newsletter.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr Fraser and seconded by Cllr Siebrands

that Council do now adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Motion Carried.

Next Regular Meeting to be held on June 6, 2018 at 7PM.

Mayor Garry Herring

Mark Tiller, CAO