

Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour

Regular Council Meeting

September 5, 2018 at 7:00PM

Present: Chair: Mayor Garry Herring
Councillors: Derek Squirell, Faye Fraser, Wendy Siebrands, Paul White
Regrets: James Irving
Staff: Mark Tiller, CAO

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cllr Siebrands and seconded by Cllr Squirell

that Council hereby approve the agenda for the September 5, 2018 Council Meeting as amended.

Motion Carried

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

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

Moved by Cllr Siebrands and seconded by Cllr White

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

Motion Carried

5. Business arising from Minutes

Cllr Squirell advised that Council has yet to receive a reply to our concerns regarding the Hospital closures.

6. Delegations

Mr. John Robertson addressed Council about his concerns regarding traffic speed and community sidewalks/pedestrian safety. The CAO will look into costs for repairing the section of sidewalk between Butler's and the Post Office. Paving a walking/bicycle path to Robertson Road will also be looked into.

7. Correspondence

a. The CAO read a letter from Elaine Herring regarding Community Centre Usage.

b. The Mayor read a letter from Deputy Minister Darren Chaisson. The Province is committed to paving the remaining portion of Cape Bear Road once the Bridge is finished.

The Mayor updated Council on the bridge. Cllr Squirell thanked the “signage” people for marking the detour route better. He also confirmed that decorative lighting and banner placement will be part of the new bridge contraction.

Cllr Siebrands asked that reflectors be put on the end of the walkway to better indicate their position.

8. Staff Reports

There was no financial update as the Village computer has crashed and is on it's way back to the manufacturer.

CAO Tiller updated Council on the Cape Bear Sewer Project. It is complete and on budget. Cllr Squirell advised on the procedure and status of hookups.

CAO outlined the procedure regarding the November election. A broader report will be furnished for the October 3, 2018 meeting.

9. Committee Reports

a. Parks and Recreation

Cllr White spoke about the flower baskets. Donations furnished all the baskets. He reported that the Village won 1st place at the Fisheries' Festival and thanked all who participated. Concern was voiced about the two basketball standards that are in the back parking lot. Having them repositioned will be investigated.

b. Newsletter

Cllr Siebrands advised that the next newsletter should be out the end of September

c. Planning

Cllr Squirell advised that he was again in conversation with Tim James about the Harbour property. New funding may make this a more likely “community project”. He will keep Council advised.

d. Utility

In Cllr Irving's absence, Cllr Squirell answered questions about the lagoon's status and the program to avert rainwater away from the sewage drains. A question was raised about the functioning of the pump at Riverside Drive. The CAO will talk to Stephen MacKay about this.

10. New Business

a. The Election by-law, #118. CAO Tiller explained the by-law.

Moved by Cllr Fraser and seconded by Cllr Squirell

that Bylaw 118, being a bylaw to establish the rules and procedures for municipal elections, be read a first time.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Cllr Squirell and seconded by Cllr Fraser

that Bylaw 118, being a bylaw to establish the rules and procedures for municipal elections, be approved.

Motion Carried.

b. As there will not be enough elapsed time between the bylaw's second reading and adoption, a special opening meeting of Council will take place on Wednesday September 19, 2018 for this sole purpose.

c. The CAO reported that he will be on holidays from September 22 until October 3, 2018.

d. The Mayor spoke on behalf the Farmers' Market and confirmed that they had their own board and the Village was in no way responsible for their rental procedures. They would like more main floor storage. Friendly Circle is investigating the space they now have to see if some might be available.

Special thanks to the Farmers' Market.

Question arose about the shacks in the Harbour. Cllr White to look into this.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr Siebrands and seconded by Cllr Fraser

that Council do now adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Motion Carried.

Special Open Meeting to be held on September 19, 2018 at 7PM.

Next Regular Meeting to be held on October 3, 2018 at 7PM.

Mayor Garry Herring

Mark Tiller, CAO