

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 14, 2020

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

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

Gallery: Derek Squirell, John Robertson, Lawrence Harnesk, Heather Moore

1. Call to Order: 7:04pm

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cllr Gordon and seconded by Cllr White

that the amended agenda for the October 14, 2020 Council Meeting be accepted. *Motion carried.*
(amendment was to move Oath of Office from New Business, to before Approval of Minutes)

4. Oath of Office

Oath of office was administered by CAO Anne Harnesk to Cllr Vanlderstine and Cllr Mackay.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr MacLean and seconded by Cllr McNeil

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the September 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.
Motion Carried.

6. Correspondence

- a. Letter received from Minister Jamie Fox regarding extension of MGA Timelines:

Municipal Service	Previous Timeline	New Timeline
Submit Emergency Management Program to EMO for Review and Approval	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2020
Provide Municipal Planning Services including Official Plan and Bylaws	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2023

- b. Letter from Derek Squirell regarding Council sending a letter to Tourism PEI regarding pedestrians being allowed to use a portion of the Confederation Trail for walking in the winter. The PEI Snowmobile Association has “exclusive use” of the Trail (except for two small sections) from December 1st to March 31st each year.

Moved by Cllr VanInderstine and seconded by Cllr MacKay

that Council hereby approve the drafting of a letter to Tourism PEI by Derek Squirell and Anne Harnesk, asking for a MOU so individuals can walk on the trail during the PEI Snowmobile Association’s “exclusive use” time period.

Motion Carried.

7. CAO Report

- a. See report attached.
- b. Financial Report: To date, the following functions have a net profit of:

50/50 Draws:	1,055.85
End of Summer Event:	726.16
Yard Sale:	2,656.72

Further to email regarding someone’s attendance at the FPEIM’s virtual annual meeting at which time Gary MacKay volunteered to attend.

Moved by Cllr Gordon and seconded by Cllr White

that Council hereby approve the registration fee of \$45.00 plus HST for Gary MacKay to attend the virtual meeting.

Motion Carried.

8. Reports of Committees

Parks & Recreation - Cllr White

- a. Cenotaph has been updated with 3 names moved from the back to the front and two more names added.
- b. Charles Blue is interested in working on the Fisherman’s Memorial
- c. Christmas Tree made with 187 traps and is 14’ high. It would be placed down on the wharf if there is room. Would have to check with the fishermen first.
- d. Remembrance Day. Will have to take the celebration outside as there is no way to be COVID 19 compliant indoors.
- e. Received complaints regarding people not cutting their grass. Sometimes the neighbours will cut it as they cannot stand to look at it any longer.
- f. Suggested a bonus be given to Shannon Penny in appreciation of taking on the custodial duties this summer.

Moved by Cllr MacLean and seconded by Cllr White

that Council hereby approve giving Shannon Penny a one-time bonus in the amount of \$100 for taking on the custodial duties during the summer.

Motion Carried.

Finance & Infrastructure

- a. No report at this time.

Planning

- a. We have three years to complete the Bylaws now. How effective can the process be if our representative cannot meet with the Community to get their input. The existing bid is good until the end of the year. Will need to arrange another meeting with the Planning Committee.

Sewage

- a. Video Inspection is complete. A USB is available for viewing. Check with Lora Ann for availability.
- b. Received monies from lien placed on property for outstanding sewer fees. Others are going to collection or are with Lawyer.

EMO

- a. Met on September 26, 2020. What would we do in COVID 19 times if there was a drastic event in the winter? We cannot host the number of people in the Community Centre as we have had in the past. Looking at MOU's with a couple of Churches in the area.
- b. We plan to have a table-top meeting on November 20th to go over such an event.
- c. Every five years we must have a mock-up of an emergency.
- d. Is there an Operational Plan in place for the Community Centre as a whole? Anne to find out.
- e. Need Insurance company to provide "insurance speak" for liability insurance for the MOU. Anne to follow up with Tyler at insurance company.
- f. We need a list of vulnerable seniors in the community so that in the event of an emergency someone can check up on them. Marlene to follow up with the Murray Harbour Fire Department as they may have started such a list.

Beautification and Special Events

- a. Planning a Lobster and Ham dinner on November 28th Paul has 20 people so far. After discussion, it was changed to Lobster and Turkey Dinner to use up the turkey's purchased earlier this year.

New Business

- a. Letter to RCMP

A letter was sent to the RCMP by someone in the community regarding the ATV and dirt bikes speeding through the village. RCMP cars have been seen in the area, however the activity did not occur while they were here.

- b. Christmas

Are we going to do something? Christmas Tree at Firehall with warm cider and Mayor to light the tree.

- c. Internet Survey

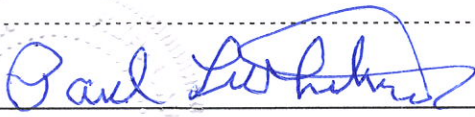
Gary spent a few Saturday's at the Farmer's Market with an internet survey. Results were across the board from horrible to excellent. Eastlink seems to be the one most people have and works well. There is funding available to communities, individuals, and broadband providers. There is a


residential pilot where you can apply for funding to have a pole installed in your yard to get "line of sight" to a tower (Explornet). Gary continues to follow up on this item.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr Gordon and seconded by Cllr MacKay to adjourn at 8:29 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on November 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm



Mayor, Paul White

Anne Harnesk, CAO