

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 2021

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

Regrets: Cllr Sandra Gordon

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

Gallery: Heather Moore, Jaki Durocher, Jim Evans

1. Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cllr MacKay and seconded by Cllr White
that the amended agenda for the January 13, 2021 Council Meeting be accepted.
(amendment was to add New Business items m, n, and o.)
Motion Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr MacLean and seconded by Cllr MacKay
that Council hereby approve the minutes of the November 4, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.
Motion Carried.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

- a. Paul and Anne to draft letter to RCMP regarding ATV's and dirt bikes.

Letter sent November 6, 2020. I heard from Staff Sergeant Darryl MacMullin. If we know who is doing this, we can call him with the names, and he will speak to them personally.

- b. Dialysis Service at KCMH. Sandra to get more information from community. Council to write letter to Minister of Health.

Letter emailed January 7, 2021. Anne read letter out loud at Council meeting.

- c. Community Internet Access Room. Anne to find out if we have unlimited data.

Yes, we have unlimited data.

- d. Municipal Affairs - Active Transportation Fund. Anne to review Guidelines and Criteria.

This would not allow us to purchase land and then have trails developed. We would have to own the land first. Deadline of December 4th has now passed.

See CAO Report

- e. Follow up letter to Minister of Highways. Anne to draft letter.

Letter sent November 20, 2020. Dairized to send another letter in January.

- f. Municipal Affairs Safe Restart Agreement. Anne to get further clarification.

I reached out to Jaclyn Casler at Municipal Affairs. We qualify for \$6,999. The catch is this money must be used for COVID-19 related matters. For example, the large bottle of hand sanitizer and masks recently purchased can be paid for from this money. Extra janitorial services can be paid from these funds, but not "normal janitorial" such as the ten hours a week the janitors work now. Perhaps some of it could go to getting professional signage done. Money was received and is in the general operating account.

6. Delegations

Jim Evans has donated a painting he did of "Sharam Hill" to be used as a fundraiser for the community. Council will look at an event in the future. Thank you, Jim, for your generosity.

7. Correspondence

Email from Josh Ellis, Executive Director Small Halls

8. CAO Report

- a. See report attached.
- b. Financial Report: see attached

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Mackay

that Council hereby received the CAO's report as information.

Motion Carried.

9. Reports of Committees

Parks & Recreation - Cllr White

- a. Pool table is available for donation. We should run an ad to look for a volunteer to run a league if there is interest.
- b. Pickle ball players donated \$200 to the Village. Thank you for your generosity.
- c. Charles Blue is going to do the work on the Fisherman's memorial.
- d. Lobster trap tree will have a six-foot cross on the top for Easter.
- e. Would like to have the Gazebo from Railhead Park moved to the wharf or have a new gazebo built on the wharf. Discussion - no firm decision made.

Finance & Infrastructure

- a. See attached report
- b. Margaret Vanlderstine and Glen White have been added as committee members.
- c. Heard back from Lawrence MacAulay's office and plans are being made for a meeting.

Planning

- a. Nothing to report

Sewage

- a. Met in January. A few people owe substantial amounts which have gone to the lawyers for collection.
- b. We meet again in April.

EMO

- a. See attached

Beautification and Special Events

- a. It would be nice to have a Murray Harbour Flag. Paula's son did a mock design. Paula will look into this further regarding costs and if we hold a design contest.

New Business

- a. Confirm Council meeting dates for 2021:

Meeting dates are January 13, February 10, March 10, May 12, September 8, November 10. Additional meetings will be called if necessary.

Moved by Cllr MacLean and seconded by Cllr White
that the schedule for 2021 Council meetings be accepted as amended.
Motion Carried.

- b. Letter to Minister regarding Dialysis service at KCMH

See item b of Business arising from Previous Meeting.

- c. Electronic Sign

Paul and Anne met with Don and Andrew from Sign City. A mock-up was emailed to Council members and feedback was positive.

- d. Internet - Community Broadband Fund

Economic Development will pay for Site Supervisor; however, qualifications are quite strict (must be over 30, unemployed, and out of EI benefits). The program runs for 24 weeks. Site Supervisor would work for 12 weeks and another Site Supervisor would take over. If we cannot find someone, Daryl MacDonald from Employment Development Agency may be able to help locate a candidate. Discussion held on advertising on our website.

- e. Keys for Council Members

It was confirmed that Councillors White, MacLean, Vanlderstine and MacNeill do not have a key to the main Village Office door. Councillor MacKay was given a key. Mayor White already have a key to the door.

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f. Snow Removal

Shannon did the shovelling for the last storm; however, she does not want to continue for health reasons. Cllr White to speak with John Beaton and Kenny Beck to see if they would be willing to take on this job.

Electric mats need to be brought up from the basement and tested. Cllr White and Cllr MacLean will do this

g. Heat Pumps

Heat Pumps are not working properly. Anne to call Browns to see if they installed heat pumps. If they did, Anne to request they come and service. This led to discussion on whether Council should get quotes on jobs over a certain amount. No decision was made.

h. Smoke Detectors

The smoke detectors in CAO office and Utility Administrator's office were beeping. Phil took detectors down. Anne to contact Kidde to get replacements.

i. Janitorial Services

Jaki advised we should look for a new Janitor/handyman. Jaki will continue with janitorial services until we find someone. Anne to place ad and job description on website.

j. Move Gazebo from Railhead Park to Wharf

Item spoken to by Parks and Recreation report

k. Old School Bell

Item will be discussed at February 10, 2021 Council meeting.

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m. Public Relations, Facebook, Internet, and Website

The Village of Murray Harbour Facebook page is not monitored by anyone on Council and anyone can post to it. There was some concern with the name of the page being "The Village of Murray Harbour" that it may be assumed to be endorsed by Council. Paula will speak with Natalie Edgar and ask her to change the name to something like "Murray Harbour and Area - Out and About. Paula will also ask Natalie to remove Anne as an administrator.

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr MacKay

To extend the January 13, 2021 Regular Council meeting to 9:10 pm.

Motion Carried.

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n. Unsightly Properties

Mayor White has received a complaint regarding garbage around a property. As the Village does not currently have a by-law regarding unsightly properties, how do we deal with this issue. Cllr MacKay to contact Province for direction. Cllr VanInderstine to check the property and confirm it is still an issue, and if so, speak to the property owner.

o. Invoice from Northumberland Recreation Ass'n Inc.

Invoice for \$450 for Sign Rental.

Moved by Cllr white and seconded by Cllr MacLean

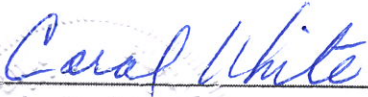
To pay \$450 invoice from Northumberland Recreation Ass'n Inc.

Motion Carried.


9. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr MacKay and seconded by Cllr White to adjourn at 9:05 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on February 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm



~~Mayor, Paul White~~
Deputy Mayor - Carol White



Anne Harnesk, CAO