# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**September 14, 2022** 

In Attendance:

Mayor Paul White, Chair; Deputy Mayor Carol White; Cllr Sandra Gordon; Cllr Marlene MacNeill; Cllr Gary MacKay; Cllr Margaret VanIderstine

Gallery: Jackie MacNiell-Doiron, John Robertson

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

#### 1. Call to Order:

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

## 2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts declared.

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cllr MacKay and seconded by Cllr Gordon, that the agenda for the September 14, 2022 Council Meeting be accepted as submitted. *Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.* 

## 4. Delegations - Tara Callaghan, owner, Hautenature.

Presentation of Landscaping design for Community Garden, Historical Park, Fitness area and monument for Those Lost at Sea. Using a nautical, ships wheel concept. See design package.

# 5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr Gordon and seconded by Cllr MacKay, that Council hereby approve the minutes of the June 8, 2022 regular Council meeting, and the July 20, 2022 special Council meeting as submitted.

Vote was 3-0 in favour; motion carried.

# 6. Correspondence - Linda Palmer Village Players

- Letter from Shawn Landon regarding location of Community Garden
- Memo from Minister of Fisheries and Communities Jamie Fox, regarding deadline for Official Plan and Bylaws.
- Agriculture and Land Amendments to the Special Planning Areas Regulations under the *Planning Act* Subdivision and Development Regulations
- Marwood Properties Development at Machon Point Properties

## 7. CAO Report/Business Arising from Previous Meetings

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

Moved by Cllr MacKay and seconded by Cllr Vanlderstine, that the CAO's report be received as information. Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

Also moved by Cllr Gordon and seconded by Cllr MacKay,

that Christine Jackson be contracted for up to two hours per month to update the Murray Harbour website.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

## 8. Reports of Committees

# Parks & Recreation - Deputy Mayor White

- a. Cornhole Games donated by Friendly Circle
- b. Pickleball is going great

# Finance & Infrastructure - Cllr MacKay

a. As of 11:00 am September 14th our solar panels are generating power!

#### Planning - Cllr MacKay

a. Official Plan delayed until December 2025. Most of the smaller Municipalities don't have the resources to create and manage an Official Plan.

## Newsletter - Cllr MacKay

a. Would like to put another edition out. Perhaps the end of November.

#### Sewage - Cllr Gordon

- a. One major debt account is in the process of being collected.
- b. Kings County Construction can do disconnects and ask that Stephen MacKay advise.
- c. No increase in sewage rates this year.

## EMO - Cllr MacNeill

a. Our EMO plan is with the Province for review and recommendations.

#### Beautification and Special Events - Mayor White

- a. 70 Mile Yard Sale. Are any councillors available to help?
- b. End of Summer event was a great success. The bouncy castle and petting zoo (consisting of goats, ducks and chicks) was very popular. Face Painting was the hit of the day.

#### 10. New Business

a. Locking in Interest Rate on Long Term Debt

Moved by Cllr MacKay and seconded by Cllr MacNeill,

that Council hereby approve locking in the interest rate on the long-term debt with CIBC at the 5-year rate of 6.614%

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

## b. Maintenance Issues

- There are several major maintenance issues that will need to be addressed.
- Painting of the Building, including the repair of shingles behind the propane tanks. Superior Propane is to come out and do a site visit.
- Rebuilding Flower Beds
- Rebuilding the Garbage holder outside by the shed
- The Painted sign outside of the Community Centre is rotting from the back side.
- Trees at Railhead Park. There are 20 poplar trees that have ant damage and are at the end of their life cycle. Shannon would like to remove these trees.
- There are 7 problem trees that Shannon is not comfortable taking down. They are situated in such a way they could cause property damage. See quote from Laird's tree service.

After discussion it was decided that the larger maintenance items would be issues for the next council to deal with. The 20 trees at the end of their life cycle Shannon are to take down when she has time. Margaret said she knows another tree guy and will ask him to provide a quote

#### c. Flag Policy

The Village Flag Policy is in need of updating There was an issue raised when it was decided to fly the Pride Flag on the main flagpole during pride week.

# d. Cash Gift for Shannon Penny

Shannon Penny is getting married on October 1, 2022. She is a valued employee of the Village, and a wedding gift is the amount of \$200 is suggested.

Moved by Cllr VanIderstine and seconded by Cllr Gordon

That Council approve the amount of \$200 be given to Shannon Penny as a wedding gift from the Village and Council

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

#### 11. Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor White and seconded by Cllr MacKay to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on November 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor, Paul White

Anne Harnesk, CAO