

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 8, 2023

In Attendance: Mayor, Terry White; Deputy Mayor, Gary MacKay; Cllr. Paul White;
Cllr., Jaki Durocher; Cllr. Pam Oickle; Cllr., John Robertson; Cllr. Erin Welch Taglioni

Absent:

Gallery: Glen White, Mike Vanasse

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

1. Call to Order:

Deputy Mayor Mackay called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts declared.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKaye,
that the agenda for the February 8, 2023 Council Meeting be accepted as amended. (Moved Mike Vanasse from New Business to Delegation and added i. Basement.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

4. Delegations – Mike Vanasse

Requested permission to paint the stage area and floor.

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Durocher,
that council approves the repainting of the stage floor and painting the walls of the stage to be supervised by Mike Vanasse. Expenses for the painting are not to exceed \$500 without approval from Council.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr Oickle,
that Council hereby approve the minutes of the January 11, 2023 regular Council meeting as submitted.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

January 11, 2023

b. Potential sources of Municipal Grand funding and preparation of submissions

Cllr Oickle is willing to investigate the process of applying for grants. A meeting with Cllr Oickle Anne and Sonia Dixon to be arranged. Cllr Durocher suggested the idea of a Daycare in the basement. She will investigate what that would require.

A meeting has been scheduled for February 16th at 10:00 am at the Village Office.

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e. Dogs running loose – Cllr Durocher

- I spoke with Executive Director of the PEI Humane Society, Carolyn Thorne. It is not as simple as we have a bylaw in place, and they come out. We would need to have a service agreement with them, and depending upon the amount of service required that would dictate the price. Also, it does not mean they would come out for an at large dog. Someone would need to contain the animal in a safe, secure area until they could get here.
- I then spoke with District Commander Cody of the Montague RCMP detachment. He mentioned there is a *Dog Act* for PEI. Part II, section 9 prohibits dogs running at large (see attached). RCMP would generally not come out to the Village for a dog running at large unless it was a safety concern. District Commander Cody suggested that any time the dog is seen running loose to document the date and time. He also suggested that a letter to the owner from the Village be sent.

After much discussion it was decided Anne will send a letter to owner once name and address of the owner are determined.

f. Oliver the Cat – Cllr White

After much discussion it was decided to try and keep Oliver out of the Community Centre as much as possible. COMPLETE

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d. Roof on Long House

Anne asked Shannon to patch the roof on the long house as insurance has a \$2,500 deductible. Shannon will follow up with Anne when done. No update.

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b. Cameras at Dog Park and Rink Area

I contacted Carlos Bosco at Signal Solutions for a quote (please see attached). They came out and did a site visit and provided a quote. I did speak with Sonia Dixon, and she felt this would qualify for a government grant of 50% of the cost and felt that CCBF could be used as our 50%. *The cameras can be added to an existing CCBF project. Will update when further information is available. I emailed Carlos with a copy of the design overview from Tara. He is working on an updated quote.*

7. Correspondence – Kevin Wells – Veterans Service Recognition Book

Received an email from Kevin asking if the Village would be willing to place an ad in the Royal Canadian Legion Veterans' Service Recognition book.

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr Robertson,

that a business card sized ad is \$250.00 Council members volunteered to assume the cost of the ad between themselves.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

8. CAO Report/Business Arising from Previous Meetings

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr White,
that the CAO's report be received as information.
Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

9. Committees

Planning

Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

No change from January report. Still looking for someone to develop the property for a Seniors apartment.

Spoke at the February Friendly Circle meeting. They are very interested in the Community Garden project and would like to be kept up to date on the progress.

Budget

Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

Will be meeting soon to develop the 2023-2024 budget. We will present the budget to Council at the March 8, 2023 Council meeting with a special meeting planned for March 22, 2023 to vote budget in.

Maintenance & Infrastructure

Councillor Robertson – Chair

With all the rain in January our basement was flooding. Gary MacKay and I bailed and mopped. It took two days before we found another floor drain which was plugged. Our plumber of record, Dan Petrie will come sometime this year to roto-router the drainpipe and clear the drain.

There used to be a demarcation on the roadway by the bridge area that indicated a "sidewalk". We will be marking these areas again.

Volunteers will be remaking the garbage receptacle by the shed with supplies on hand.

Newsletter

Councillor Welch Taglioni

Deputy Mayor MacKay is happy to pass the newsletter on to Cllr Welch Taglioni. He will assist with the learning curve. Plans are for issues in Spring (May/June), Summer/Fall (September) and Winter (November/December).

Sewage Utility

Councillor Durocher – Chair

Had a meeting with Stephen MacKay which was very informative. We found out we have two holding ponds with four pumps. We also have two back-up pumps, one small and one large.

Stephen mentioned that holding ponds should be cleaned and drained every 30 years or so. Our pond is 28 years old. This would be a very expensive proposition in the \$100K range. We may need to have the depth of the silt layer in the pond checked.

Committee members asked to have a tour of the facility. Stephen suggested some time this summer. Lawrence Harnesk asked to shadow Stephen next time he takes water samples to get an idea of what is involved. Lawrence would **perhaps** be an emergency back up person to Stephen. Stephen will work on a job description.

EMO

Councillor Oickle

Committee met January 14, 2023. Jamie MacKay is the Chair of the committee, Mike Vanasse is the Vice-Chair and Faye Fraser is the Deputy-Chair. They will be developing a volunteer list.

Will be attending a conference February 11th which will have information regarding Hurricane Fiona response.

Fundraising

Councillor White – Chair

Councillor Durocher – Co-chair

Next event is a St. Patrick's Day dance. We are also planning a Family Fun Day for April 1st. \$10 per family and they must pre-register.

We are also looking at having Bingo at the hall. Some of the committee will be attending a Bingo at Murray Harbour North to get an idea of what is involved. We will need volunteers if we decide to go ahead.

10. New Business

a. Signing Authorities – Anne Harnesk

We need to have a motion to have the new signatories added to the bank accounts.

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr Welch Taglioni,
that Terry White, Gary MacKay, Paul White and Jaki Durocher be the signing authorities for the Village of Murray Harbour bank accounts.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

b. Trees around the Community Centre – Anne Harnesk

There are five or six trees that need to be removed from around the Community Centre.

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr Welch Taglioni,
that Stephan Johnson be hired to remove the trees. Not to exceed \$300.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

c. Donation to Southern Kings Consolidated School Breakfast/Lunch Program – Anne Harnesk

While we were collecting coats for keep warm Murray Harbour, cash in the amount of \$50 was donated. As this money was not used to purchase coats or gloves etc. I suggest donating the money to Southern Kings Consolidated School Breakfast/Lunch program.

Council approved the donation.

d. Accessibility Improvements to Community Centre Front Entrance – Cllr Robertson

There must be grants out there to allow us to change the entrance of the Community Centre to allow wheelchairs and stretchers an easier access to the building. This item is on the top of the list when Cllr Oickle meets with Sonia Dixon on February 16th.

e. King Charles Coronation – Saturday, May 6th – Cllr Robertson

What can we do to celebrate? Is there a Provincial or Federal grant for a celebration? What are the Province and the Federal government doing?

Cllr Robertson to ponder and come up with a few ideas.

f. Annexation – Cllr Oickle

Spoken with Tracey Allen at Municipal Affairs. Annexation is when a Municipality takes over an area that does not have representation, i.e. unincorporated areas. Amalgamation is when areas with local representation come together to form a larger entity.

There are approximately 35 properties on the portion of Machon Point Road that are not part of the Village. Should I proceed further in the Annexation process for the Machon Point Road properties.

Discussion followed and Council agreed Cllr Oickle should proceed with the next step.

g. Community Fridge – Mayor White

There is government funding available to communities that put a Community Fridge in place. Discussion followed and it was determined Mayor White should get additional information.

h. Basement

Daycare in basement is not feasible. What about advertising the space as is and see if anyone is interested. Discussion followed and determined to wait on this idea as there could be liabilities invoiced in being a “landlord”.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on March 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm.



Mayor, Terry White



Anne Harnesk, CAO

