

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2023

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

Absent: Mayor, Terry White

Gallery: Glen White, Erin Welch-Taglioni

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 Cllr Oickle,

that the agenda for the January 11, 2023 Council Meeting be accepted as amended. (added f. Oliver, g. Approval Process for attending Seminars)

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

4. Swearing-In of Erin Welch Taglioni as Councillor

5. Delegations – Tara Callaghan, owner HauteNature

Presentation of latest designs for Community Garden, Heritage Park, Outdoor Exercise Area, and Memorial for those lost at sea.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr Robertson and seconded by Cllr Durocher,

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the December 7, 2022 regular Council meeting as submitted.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

7. Correspondence – None.

8. CAO Report/Business Arising from Previous Meetings

a. See report attached.

b. Financial Report: see attached

Moved by Cllr Robertson and seconded by Cllr Oickle,

that the CAO's report be received as information.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

9. Committees

Planning

Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

Nothing new to report. Hartwood Developers are not available to meeting until late 2023 or early 2024. Will meeting with Cllr Robertson, chair of Maintenance and Infrastructure to discuss plans.

Budget

Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

Nothing to report yet.

Maintenance & Infrastructure

Formerly Finance and Infrastructure

Councillor Robertson – Chair

Walked around Village taking pictures of items that require attention. Will develop a maintenance binder for the Community Centre listing items that need to be done and the time frames they should be done in. Working with Shannon and Gordon on this and should take approximately 1 year. Lots to be done.

Newsletter

Deputy Mayor MacKay until someone else can be found

See attached breakdown.

Sewage Utility

Councillor Durocher – Chair

Spent \$1,800 on new UV bulbs and ballasts for water treatment.

We need to meet with Stephen MacKay to get new committee up to speed. Lots of questions for Stephen.

We decided as a committee the full amount of the CCBF monies for the generator replacement will be accessed

Anne to call Derek Squirell to see if he has a job description for the Sewage Operator position

EMO

Councillor Oickle

No update as EMO committee has not met yet. There seems to be some difficulty scheduling a meeting with the former Chair of the committee.

Fundraising

Councillor White – Chair

Councillor Durocher – Co-chair

New Years Eve party was a great success. Made a net profit of \$300

We are scheduling a St. Patrick's Day dance using the same DJ (\$500 instead of \$700), will order less food and co-ordinate with the Montague Liquor store for a bit of a discount on the alcohol.

10. New Business

a. Canadian Community Building Fund (CCBF) – Cllr MacKay

Presented CCBF projects and explained the CCBF to new councillors. Deputy Mayor MacKay and Cllr Robertson will meet to discuss which projects may be changed/withdrawn and bring recommendations to council.

b. Potential sources of Municipal Grant funding and preparation of submissions – Cllr Oickle

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.

c. Fundraising – Cllr Oickle and Cllr Robertson

We need to get Village debt taken care of. Cllr Robertson will have further suggestions in the weeks ahead.

d. Identifying Priorities – Cllr Robertson

Establish and agree upon what are priority items such as the Sewage Utility and Warming Centre.

e. Dogs running loose – Cllr Durocher

Had an incident where a large black dog (Camo) came into yard and my dog followed the large dog for quite a ways. My husband following in the truck and went to the large dog's owner who was not willing to discuss the issue and called RCMP saying he was harassing her. RCMP came and asked if the Village had a bylaw in place. Without a bylaw they cannot do anything.

I would like the Village to put an animal at loose bylaw in place.

Anne to find previous bylaw that was repealed and email to Council for further discussion.

f. Oliver the Cat – Cllr White

A photo of Oliver drinking water from the kitchen sink was put on Instagram (it has since been taken down). Having Oliver running loose in the building could pose an issue with our kitchen license which allows us to run a commercial kitchen. If we were to lose that designation, it could cost the Village rental income which we cannot afford. After much discussion it was decided that a letter should be sent to Amanda Vanasse (Oliver's human) making her aware of the issue.

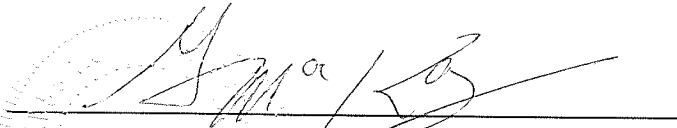
g. Approval process for attending seminars – Cllr Oickle

What is the process of getting approval to attend a seminar or meeting that costs money?
Normally it would be discussed at a council meeting and approval given. If it is between council meetings it was decided to email the request to Anne, and she will forward to all council members to okay the expenditure.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Welch Taglioni to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

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



Deputy Mayor, Gary MacKay



Anne Harnesk, CAO