

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 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:

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

1. Call to Order:

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:55 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 March 8, 2023 Council Meeting be accepted as amended. (removed b. Budget and d. EMO Committee. Added e. Grant Opportunities and f. Unsightly properties)

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr Robertson, and seconded by Cllr Durocher,
that Council hereby approve the minutes of the February 8, 2023 regular Council meeting as submitted.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

a. Trees around Community Centre – Anne

Spoke with Stephan. He came to do the work and realized it was more complex than he initially thought. We are going to need someone with a cherry picker to top the trees to being them down. There is no space to fell them. Stephan suggested Laird Tree Services for the Tree Feller. Cllr Welch Taglioni suggested Branch Manager. Anne to get quotes.

b. King Charles Coronation – Cllr Robertson

Cannot get any information from Province or Fed's as to their plans. Cllr Robertson to reach out to Lieutenant Governor's Office again.

c. Community Fridge – Mayor Terry White/Anne

Began filling out form and realized the deadline was for completion by March 31, 2023. Terry to reach out to Linda to see if they are running program again this year.

6. Delegations – None

7. Correspondence - None

8. CAO Report/Business Arising from Previous Meetings

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

Would like to see the balance of our two loans on the monthly financial report.

Moved by Cllr Oickle 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

Showed picture of 6-unit barrier free until built in Belfast by Federation Construction. Deputy Mayor MacKay to reach out to Federation Construction to see if they are available to attend our April 2023 Council meeting. Deputy Mayor MacKay to also find out who built our existing Seniors Housing complex.

Budget

Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

Have worked on the budget and ended up \$25 on the positive side. Will be looking at a 2% increase for Non-Commercial properties and 4% for Commercial properties.

Maintenance & Infrastructure

Councillor Robertson – Chair

Transportation and Infrastructure acknowledged out letter. Asphalt curbs are falling apart and are being destroyed by the snowplows. Cllr Robertson to speak with Stephan MacKay to see if he knows anything about the asphalt curbs. We still do not know who patched the pothole in front of the Community Centre

Newsletter

Councillor Welch Taglioni

A new issue will be done for May 2023. Cllr Welch Taglioni and Deputy Mayor MacKay to meet. Each Committee Chair will provide a blurb. As will the Fire Department, Farmers' Market and Community School

Sewage Utility

Councillor Durocher – Chair

Nothing to report. Will be meeting soon to discuss the budget.

EMO

Councillor Oickle - Chair

Met today. I am now Chair with Jamie Mackay as Vice-Chair. Copy of EMO plan has been given to all committee members for review. Firming up who will do what. Looking at issued during Fiona such as trucks pulling up and filling huge containers of water from Community Centre well.

Fundraising

Councillor White – Chair

Councillor Durocher – Co-chair

St. Patrick's Day dance ticket sales have been dismal. Hoping everyone is waiting to buy their ticket at the door. Will be picking up Liquor on Friday. Need someone to pick up buns on March 16th.

No response so far to April Fun day. Will ramp up advertising after St. Patrick's Day Dance. Looking at a soft opening for Bingo once we get going. Have begun the application process. Confirming we will be having a Yard Sale during the 70 Mile Yard Sale this year.

10. New Business

a. Appoint Auditors for 2022/2023 Audit – Anne Harnesk

We need a motion to appoint Arsenault, Best, Cameron, Ellis.

Moved by Cllr Durocher and seconded by Cllr Welch Taglioni,

that council approve the appointment of Arsenault, Best, Cameron, Ellis as the auditor for the 2022/2023 annual audit.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

c. Insurance - Council

Cllr Robertson has the insurance policy to review. Would like to meet with insurance company in September to go over policy.

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.

e. Grant Opportunities – Cllr Oickle

met with Sonia Dixon. We will be able to address the Community Centre front and Parking Lot entrances via the Accessibility Grant. We will also be able to take advances of the Heat Pump program for front entrance. Deputy Mayor MacKay mentioned working with Larry Siebrand from the Friendly Circle group in accessing \$5,000 each for the Community Garden and Outdoor Exercise projects through the Seniors Secretariat.

f. Unsightly Properties

Mayor Terry White has received a number of complaints regarding the old gas station. This has been brought to the Provinces attention previously. Anne to write letter to Province requesting update and stressing the dangerous condition. On another note, could the fire department burn the building down as a training exercise? Anne to check with Stephan MacKay.

11. Adjournment


Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr White to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting is a special meeting to vote on the budget March 22, 2023 7:00 pm in the Boardroom.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on April 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom.



Mayor, Terry White



Anne Harnesk, CAO