

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 12, 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

Gallery: Sandra Gordon, Lawrence Harnesk, Caroline Farrell

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts declared.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr Oickle,
that the agenda for the April 12, 2023 Council Meeting be accepted as amended. (add Sandra Gordon to Delegations and add item e. Urban Blu to new business)

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 March 8, 2023 regular Council meeting as amended. (Correction to names of councillors to adjourn meeting.)

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

a. Trees around Community Centre – Anne

Terry spoke with Ronnie MacNeill who owns the property and told him it was his responsibility to remove the trees. Ronnie will investigate having them removed.

b. King Charles Coronation – Cllr Robertson

Federal Government and Lieutenant Governor have no confirmed plans. We will put notice on our electronic sign and fly Union Jack.

c. Community Fridge – Mayor Terry White/Anne

Terry spoke with Linda, updated information coming out this Spring with new funding.

6. Delegations – Sandra Gordon

Concern regarding CCBF project 15.5.15 Sidewalk extension on Main Street. It has gone quite over budget and I think you should look at less expensive alternatives such as asphalt or cancel the project.

It was explained that asphalt would be almost as expensive and would not last. Also, this project was tendered last year and did not proceed due to the cost. This tender was less expensive than the 2022 quote and it would make no sense to cancel the project at this time.

Caroline Farrell – Home Plate

Has been awarded the contract from the Government to provide meals for seniors in the Murray Harbour and Murray River area. Looking for ideas for volunteers for delivery. Gary MacKay suggested she reach out to Larry and Wendy Siebrands with Friendly Circle (902-741-2120.) Pam Oickle suggested Caroline put an ad in the Community Newsletter and reach out to Jackie MacNeill-Doiron.

7. Correspondence – John Richards – 34th Annual Crime Prevention Guide

Looking to the village to put an ad in their 2023 Guide. It was decided to pass at this time.

8. CAO Report/Business Arising from Previous Meetings

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

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Oickle,
that the CAO's report be received as information.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

9. Committees

Planning

Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

Ajay Punnappavam from Confederation Construction stopped in our area to view where we would build a Seniors six-plex. We spoke on the phone, and he told me it was a great spot for six-plex and to let him know when we had our proposal together. He would not be interested unless he owned the land, and the Village is not interested in selling. The search continues. May need to wait for Heartwood Industries.

Capital Projects/Finance

Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

The sidewalk extension has been awarded to Somerset Gardens Inc.

Tenders for Heritage Park, Memorial for those Lost at Sea, and Fitness Park are due April 21st. I will be away and need someone to witness tenders with Anne. Pam is available to do that.

Met with Alec Blue regarding ponding at dog park. He agreed the Province is responsible for this and will see the work gets done.

Maintenance & Infrastructure

Councillor Robertson – Chair

We are pursuing with the roads department repairs to the broken walkway which was damaged during bridge repair and not restored at the time, between the fire hall and the bridge; as well as restoring some version of the painted walkway north from the bridge to connect with the existing sidewalk.

Road clean-up will proceed weather permitting as crews move through the area. Broken or damaged curbs or landscaping need to be reported by residents directly to the roads department; clean-up crews are not responsible for assessing and initiating repairs.

In response to the suggested litter clean-up day, several councillors volunteered that this was already organised by the WI. No further action.

Newsletter

Councillor Welch Taglioni

Looking at May 1st to have everything to Christine. Issue is coming along.

Sewage Utility

Councillor Durocher – Chair

Pothole cover that snowplow caught has been fixed. We have a few large outstanding accounts that we are working on collecting.

EMO

Councillor O'ckle - Chair

Review draft plan by April 14th. Once reviewed we will bring to Council for approval then send onto Province.

Members of the Committee have volunteered to hand deliver the Provincial Emergency Plan Booklet to residents. This booklet gives information and puts onus on the individual to have 72 hours of "supplies".

Provincial EMO will come to us with training if we can get 12-15 people. Anne to reach out to Murray River, Belfast, and Three Rivers to see if they would be interested in joining us for training.

Fundraising

Councillor White – Chair

Councillor Durocher – Co-chair

We had 55 kids at the Easter Hunt! We had planned for 36. This was funded by a donation from the Farmers' Market.

We made approximately \$200 from bake sale, and St. Patrick's Day we ended up with a profit of \$148.

Will be doing a Chili take out on April 15 and plan to take coffee and muffins down to the Wharf on Setting Day to thank the fishermen and fisherwomen for all their support to the Village.

Small Halls will be Sunday June 11th and we are planning a Show and Shine with a 50's themed dance afterwards on August 12. See poster attached.

10. New Business

a. Streetlight between Harbourview and Miss Ellie's - Cllr Robertson

Looking at safe pedestrian walkway. Pole is already there.

b. Speed Bumps – Mayor White

I have received several complaints regarding speeding. I have spoken with the Department of Highways and am waiting to hear back. I also spoke with Bob White (snowplow driver) speedbumps are not an issue for the snowplow. There is also a lot of speeding down Machon Point Road as well.

P`c. Eingo – Cllr’s White and Durocher

Thinking of setting up Bingo and would need \$1,200 from Council to purchase paper supplies. This could provide another stream of income from other than residents (such as visitors, and family visiting area). Discussion followed with mention of Bingo being played at the Community Centre years ago and quite a few people play radio Bingo on Tuesday nights. It was decided to apply for the Bingo License to see if we would even get one. Committee to give Anne the information on prize schedule, dates of Bingos and house rules before she can apply for license.

d. Insurance Review – Cllr Robertson

Our Insurance Agent has left the firm. They are short staffed and hope to have a new agent in place shortly.

We do have a Fiona Claim at Railhead Park for signs, eavestroughs and roof on the long house.

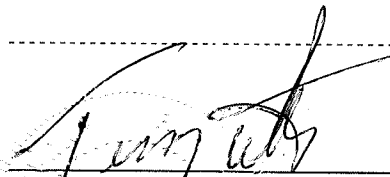
e. Urban Blu – Anne Harnesk

This company manufactures self-cleaning smart toilets which alleviates the need for someone to go and open them up and clean. It may be an idea for Railhead Park. I watched their demo, and it is impressive, but expensive. – Too expensive for us.


11. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr Robertson and seconded by Cllr Oickle to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on May 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom.



Mayor, Terry White



Anne Harnesk, CAO