

# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR

## MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 14, 2023

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

Regrets: Cllr. Pam Oickle

Gallery: Glen White, Cassidy Matheson

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

**1. Call to Order:**

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

**2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts declared.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay,  
**that the agenda for June 14, 2023 Council Meeting be accepted as amended.** (item h. New Business  
Motion of Council for Rural Growth Initiative Application added)

*Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Cllr Welch Taglioni, and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay,  
**that Council hereby approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023 regular Council meeting as  
submitted.**

*Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

a. Purchase of tables from Sandi Kompst – Cllr Durocher

Sandi was not happy about it, but she will accept \$750.00. Anne to write cheque.

b. Arbour from Friendly Circle – Anne to send Thank you card

Card sent.

c. Community Fridge – Mayor Terry White

Nothing yet, but they do expect to get funding.

**6. Delegations – Tara Wheeler – Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis**

Tara reviewed the audited financial statements. Due to the new accounting requirement where we need to provide information regarding the possible liabilities such as asbestos or having to repatriate the sewage lagoon back to its natural state, we have received a conditional audit. Once we have provided the information to the auditor's they will incorporate the information into next year's audit. Municipal Affairs will accept a conditional audit this year but will not accept one next year.

Another item Tara brought to our attention was the Sewage Utility fees are not covering their expenses. Will need to look at a fee increase.

Moved by Cllr White, and seconded by Cllr Durocher,  
**that Council hereby accept and approve the 2022/2023 Financial and Auditor's report as presented by the representative from Arsenaault Best Cameron Ellis**  
*Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**7. Correspondence – Shawn Landon Re: Grass Cutting**

Shawn wanted the grass cut on a Wednesday, so it looked good for weekend events. I told Shawn that if George had to cut on a specific day, he would have to give up the contract.

**Anonymous**

Canada's Day of Action flyer was placed at the back entrance by the Library. No one asked permission to place it there. I noticed it and had no sooner pulled it to look at when I received two complaints regarding its message. The flyers were removed and discarded.

**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 Durocher,  
**that the CAO's report be received as information.**  
*Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**9. Committees**

**Planning**

Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

No movement on housing. 2 billion trees grant has deadline of June 23, 2023. Gary will apply for trees that Tara and Cassidy suggest.

**Capital Projects/Finance**

Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

The sidewalk extension will start later this month.

Community Garden, all plots are spoken for. Do we institute a \$20 fee per bed for next year?

**Maintenance & Infrastructure**

Councillor Robertson – Chair

**Maintenance**

The walkway repair has grown and now is with the bridge department. The Province accepts the liability if the area was not put back to the way it was before the bridge construction.

**Insurance**

Quotes are being worked on to provide to the Insurance Company.

**Newsletter**

Councillor Welch Taglioni

Next newsletter will be the first week of August.

**Sewage Utility**

Councillor Durocher – Chair

We have received \$400 from out one of the outstanding accounts. Working on the other ones.

**EMO**

Councillor Oickle - Chair

Will be meeting at the end of June to go over the Emergency Plan and hope to have it to the Province beginning of September for their review.

**Fundraising**

Councillor White – Chair

Councillor Durocher – Co-chair

Games night 31 people attended, and we had nothing but positive feedback. We overbought on food and liquor. We will keep it for the next Games Night in July. With so many events we want to pursue the yearly liquor license. Small Halls is sold out. Canada Day will be the next event. We will have games for the kids and Laverne MacInnes will make the Canada Day Cake. Working in conjunction with the Farmers' Market as Canada Day falls on a Saturday.

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Welch Taglioni,  
**that council approve applying for a yearly liquor license.**

*Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**10. New Business**

a. Donation to Northumberland Fishery Festival – Mayor Terry White

We have been asked for a donation to the Northumberland Fishery Festival. We have donated \$200 in the past.

Moved by Cllr Welch Taglioni and seconded by Cllr White,

**that council approve the donation of \$200 to the Northumberland Fishery Festival.**

*Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.*

b. Monday Grab n Go – Deputy Mayor MacKay

There are a couple of local businesses that have complained about the Monday Grab n Go. Explained it is being done as a fundraiser for the Village. A few people have noticed that Gordon is in the kitchen in flip flops. He must have proper attire when in the kitchen. Anne to speak with Gordon.

c. Secondary Credit Card – Deputy Mayor MacKay

With all the purchasing being done for the Community Building projects. It would be easier if I had a Village credit card rather than paying and getting reimbursed.

Moved by Cllr Welch Taglioni and seconded by Cllr Durocher,

**that council approve a secondary credit card for Deputy Mayor MacKay to use for Village purchases.**

*Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.*

d. Noise coming from behind Community Centre – Cllr Welch Taglioni

Have received complaints that someone near the Community Centre is blasting music. It was determined that it was probably the Ball Hockey that happens on Tuesday and Thursday nights. They will be wrapping up soon.

e. Support from Council of nomination of Pam Oickle to Federation of PEI Municipalities Board – Anne

Pam requires a nomination from Council showing their support for her nomination. One councillor asked for further clarification and requested a meeting with Pam prior to the motion. It was decided to meet with Pam June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

f. New Accounting Standard – Anne

This item was discussed by Tara Wheeler under Delegation.

g. Village Players – Anne

Village Players would like to return to perhaps put on a Christmas Play and asked if they would be able to have the same terms of up to 2 practices a week (worked around other bookings) and 25% of ticket sales. It was discussed and decided that Anne would let them know that unless Council tells them differently, those will be the terms going forward for any productions.

h. Motion of Council for Rural Growth Initiative Application – Anne

One of the terms to apply for the above grant is to have a motion of support from Council. This grant is one we are hoping to use for renovations to the Community Centre and Library doors to make them more handicap accessible.

Moved by Cllr Welch Taglioni and seconded by Cllr White,

**that council support the application to the Rural Growth Initiative for the renovation of the entrance ways to the Community Centre and Library.**

*Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**11. Adjournment**


Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on September 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom.

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Mayor, Terry White

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Anne Harnesk, CAO