

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR

MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 13, 2023

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

Gallery: Jackie MacNeill-Doiron, Isabella Glover, Glen White

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 September 13, 2023 Council Meeting be accepted as amended.

Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay, and seconded by Cllr White,

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the June 28, 2023 regular Council meeting as submitted.

Vote was 4-0 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. Done

b. Community Fridge – Mayor Terry White

Funding is now available. Waiting on an estimate for the shed (he can't do it this fall) Discussion followed about using the Community Garden shed. It was decided against using it. We can start working on the proposal.

c. Donation to Northumberland Fisher Festival

Cheque was sent. Done

d. Monday Grab n Go

Anne spoke to Gordon about proper attire while in the kitchen. Done.

e. Secondary credit card for Deputy Mayor MacKay

Credit card has been received. Done.

f. Support from Council of nomination of Pam Oickle to Federation of PEI Municipalities Board

Special meeting was held June 29th and motion granted. Done

g. Village Players

Anne spoke with Linda Palmer. Done

6. Delegations – Isabella Glover – Local resident

Isabella Glover on behalf of the under 16 youth in the area .Isabella has done a count of under 16 youth in the area and believes there are close to 100 kids. Not all kids in the area are able to go to Ocean Acres or Montague to use their pool facilities and she believes a Splash Park like the one in Montague would be good for the area. Discussion followed with the suggestion we have 2 severely handicapped youth in our area and could possibly access government funding for inclusive play initiatives. Council asked Isabella to gather information from Three Rivers on the usage stats of the Montague Splash Park and return to Council with that information.

7. Correspondence – None

8. CAO Report

- a. Administrative Report: see attached.
- b. Financial Report: see attached.

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

Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.

9. Committees

Planning

Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

No change, waiting for Heartwood Developments. May have to rethink plans for the area. Small dog park rarely gets used as it is too wet.

Capital Projects/Finance

Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

The sidewalk extension is complete. The stone for the wharf area has arrived. Anne to call Chris Cuddy regarding fitness equipment.

Maintenance & Infrastructure

Councillor Robertson – Chair

Maintenance

Committee will meet tomorrow. The Province is working with us on walkway. Next year they will restore the asphalt walkway. Gary and volunteers will repair sidewalk at the Post Office.

Insurance

Eavestroughs have been replaced at Railhead Park.

Newsletter

Vacant – Chair required

Discussion regarding chair position. It was decided to wait until after the byelection to see if one of the new councillors would be willing to chair. Hoping to have a December 2023 issue.

Sewage Utility

Councillor White – Chair

Paul White volunteered to be the new Chair. We need new committee members.

EMO

Councillor Oickle - Chair

The formatting on the Emergency Plan is a bit wonky, but the committee members have approved the contents. Looking for Council approval and then will send to Province . Discussion followed. Council supports the Emergency Plan and supports it being sent to the Province.

Fundraising

Councillor White – Chair

End of Summer event cleared over \$2,100. Plans for the 70 Mile Yard Sale are underway. With Hurricane Lee heading our way the organizers have decided to delay the Yard sale until September 23rd. Farmers' Market will let us know if they are willing to give up the date or if we will share the space.

10. New Business

a. Formalizing agreement with Gordon Ramsli regarding Monday Grab n Go – CAO Anne Harnesk

The Monday Grab n Go has exceeded all expectations and currently Council wants to formalize the agreement with Gordon Ramsli to the following:

- i. Gordon will have the kitchen from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm every Sunday (with the provision of staying later if required) at a fee of \$100 per month.
- ii. Gordon will have the small room from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm every Monday at a fee of \$20 per month.
- iii. In addition to the above, Gordon will donate \$100 to the Village each month.

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr White,

that council approve the above rental agreement with Gordon Ramsli.

Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.

b. Hall Rental Prices – CAO Anne Harnesk

Prices have not been increased since 2018. I have received rental sheets from various communities for comparison. Discussion followed and will start with a 10% increase across the board for Council to review. In speaking with Jackie MacNeill-Doiron, the Farmer's Market will be increasing their payment from \$750 per year to \$850 per year beginning the 2024 Farmers' Market season. Also, Cape Bear Lighthouse has requested to book their annual fundraiser on Saturday, November 4th. We have given them this free of charge in the past and they are hoping this year will be the same.

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr White,

that council approve the November 4, 2023 rental of the Large Hall for the Cape Bear Lighthouse fundraiser free of charge.

Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.

d. Byelection November 6, 2023 – Anne

With the resignation of Cllr Durocher and Cllr Welch Taglioni we must have a byelection.

Moved by Cllr Robertson and seconded by Cllr Oickle,

that council approve the appointment of Anne Harnesk as Municipal Elections Officer for the November 6, 2023 byelection and for Anne Harnesk to appoint a Deputy Elections Officer if required.

Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.

e. Memorial Lobster Trap Tree – Deputy Mayor MacKay

The current Lobster Trap Tree is in rough shape. I have been approached by a group of residents who are requesting Councils' permission to take over ownership of the tree. They would install another tree in place of the Lobster Trap Tree in its current location.

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr White,

that council approve the group of residents to take over the current Lobster Trap Tree and replace it with another "tree". They would then be responsible for the upkeep of the new tree.

Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.

As the time reached 9:00 pm it was decided the following items would be tabled until the next meeting:

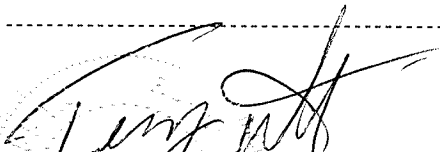
c. Speaking to Media – Deputy Mayor MacKay

f. Meeting with Trustee of Murray River – Mayor White


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 October 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom.



Mayor, Terry White



Anne Harnesk, CAO