

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 11, 2023

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

Regrets: Cllr. John Robertson

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

1. Call to Order:

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

2. Acknowledgement

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts declared.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Oickle,

that the agenda for October 11, 2023 Council Meeting be accepted as amended. Amendment was to move Delegations up before Business arising from previous meetings.

Vote was 3-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

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

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023 regular Council meeting as submitted.

Vote was 3-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Delegations – Chief Roderick Gould Jr. – Abegweit First Nations

Chief Gould spoke from the heart about his father who was a survivor of the Residential School System. He also spoke of how the sign posted by Cllr Robertson stating to restore Sir John A's integrity was reopening wounds of his people. He mentioned when people speak, there is a responsibility to that and a responsibility to the words.

Chief Gould also mentioned that his Facebook account is a great resource for people to see the experiences of native people.

Mayor White thanked Chief Gould for his words and let him know that we would follow the steps in our Code of Conduct by-law to deal with the issue.

7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

a. Community Fridge – Mayor Terry White

Received a quote for a building of \$4,500. There is a new application process which Anne will start filling out.

b. Formalizing agreement with Gordon Ramsli regarding Monday Grab n Go - Anne

A copy of the agreement has been given to Gordon. A copy will be kept in the correspondence file as well as the Community Centre rental file. Done

c. Hall Rental Prices- Anne

Anne continuing to work on this.

8. Correspondence – None

9. CAO Report

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

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr White,
that the CAO's report be received as information.
Vote was 3-0 in favour; motion carried.

10. Committees

Planning

Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

No change, waiting for Heartwood Developments. Cllr Oickle suggested we look at using the area for townhomes for young families.

Capital Projects/Finance

Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

See attached.

Maintenance & Infrastructure

Councillor Robertson – Chair

See attached.

Newsletter

Vacant – Chair required.

Waiting until after the by-election to see if one of the new councillors would be willing to chair.

Sewage Utility

Councillor White – Chair

There will be a committee meeting on October 18, 2023 at 10:00 am.

EMO

Councillor Oickle - Chair

Thank you to our Post Mistress Debbie who arranged to have all the Preparedness Guides delivered to our entire area at no charge. Just waiting for insurance letter for secondary site.

Fundraising

Councillor White – Chair

Will be having a Halloween Party on October 28th from 8:00 pm to 12:00. People are encouraged to dress up. Also, will be hosting a free Christmas Dinner for area seniors on December 16th, 2023.

10. New Business

- a. September 30, 2023 posting on Cllr Robertson's personal sign – Mayor White
This item was dealt with under Delegations.
- b. Hiring of Independent Third-Party Investigator – CAO Anne Harnesk
Following a written complaint and numerous complaints regarding the messages, Councillor Robertson placed on his outdoor sign on September 30, 2023, Council must hire an Independent third-party investigator. As this is not a budgeted expense, we must have a motion.

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay,
that council approve the hiring of an independent third-party investigator per Murray Harbour Code of Conduct Bylaw 112, Part IV, Section 24.6.
Vote was 3-0 in favour; motion carried.
- c. Request Donation to Ocean Acres Free Skate – Deputy Mayor MacKay
Deputy Mayor MacKay is requesting a donation in the amount of \$200 be sent to Ocean Acres for the free skating pond.


Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr White,
that council approves a donation in the amount of \$200 to Ocean Acres to fund their free skating pond.
Vote was 3-0 in favour; motion carried.
- d. Speaking to Media – Deputy Mayor MacKay
Item carried over from September 13th meeting. Who should be the first point of contact for the media. Discussion followed and it was decided that the CAO would be the first point on contact and would then forward on to the Mayor.
- e. Meeting with Trustee of Murray River – Mayor White
Item carried over from September 13th meeting. Mayor White had a meeting with Robert Hughes who is the Trustee for Murray River. He wanted to get an idea of the historical issues Murray River has been dealing with. Mayor and Council will have a meeting with Robert soon.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay to adjourn at 8:23 pm.

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


Mayor, Terry White


Anne Harnesk, CAO