

# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR

## MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 10, 2024

**In Attendance:** Mayor, Terry White; Deputy Mayor, Gary MacKay; Cllr. Paul White;  
Cllr. Pam Oickle, Cllr. Kelly Matheson; Cllr. Marlene MacNeill

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

**1. Call to Order:**

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

**2. Acknowledgement**

**In the spirit of Reconciliation, we acknowledge that the land upon which our organization stands is unceded Mi'kmaq territory. Epekwitk (PEI), Mi'kma'ki is covered by the historic Treaties of Peace and Friendship. We pay our respects to the Indigenous Mi'kmaq People who have occupied this island for over 12,000 year; past, present and future**

**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 January 10, 2023 Council Meeting be accepted as amended.** Amendment was adding New Business Item d. Sewage overdue account.

*Vote was 5-0 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 November 8, 2023 regular Council meeting; the November 18, 2023 special Council meeting; and the December 8, 2023 special Council meeting as submitted.**

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

**6. Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

a. Community Fridge – Mayor Terry White

Application has been approved. Shed should be here by the end of January. George's Deck and Recovery will deliver shed for free. Thank you, George's Deck and Recovery!

Anne to ask electrician to install an additional outlet on the outside of the shed and source a motion sensor light.

b. Hall Rental Prices- Anne

Anne to use a 10% increase on amount and have ready for next council meeting.

c. Study regarding amalgamation – Mayor White

Anne to call Jill to see how their Council meeting went and see how Murray River wants to proceed with the Amalgamation study.

**7. Delegations – None**

**8. Correspondence – None**

## 9. CAO Report

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

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

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

Also moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr Chapman

**that Council approve the purchase a new vacuum for the Community Centre. Not to exceed \$1,000.00.**

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

And also moved by Cllr White and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay

**that Council approve the purchase a new DVD player for Community School classes**

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

## 10. Committees

### Planning

Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

See attached. Also, application has been made to the 2 billion trees program for plantings for

### Capital Projects/Finance

Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached.

### Maintenance & Infrastructure

Deputy Mayor MacKay, interim Chair

As Cllr Robertson is currently suspended, I will oversee this area as it ties in with Planning and Capital Projects.

### Newsletter

Councillor Chapman

See attached. Next edition aiming for last week of May for tourist season.

### Sewage Utility

Councillor White – Chair

We had a meeting on January 9, 2024. Margaret is doing well. Large overdue account needs to be dealt with.

### EMO

Councillor Oickle - Chair

See attached. Trickle charger is on battery, however, for really cold days we may need to order a cover/blanket for the battery.

Working on how we become a Designated Emergency Centre which would open funding streams. Looking at items such as showers, washer & dryer, and replacement appliances (depending on their age). Deputy Mayor MacKay said we may also be able to use money from the CCBF.

### **Fundraising**

Councillor White – Chair

Not a great turn out for the New Year's Eve party. We think the price was too high. Senior's dinner had a great turn out. Thank you, Terry, for the donation of the Turkeys.

There will be a free spaghetti dinner in February with a basket for cash donations.

Also planning the following events:

Free Easter egg hunt for the kids

Canada Day

Show and Shine

End of Summer Event

Anne and Pam to check into e-transfer or pay portal for 50/50 lottery.

### **10. New Business**

a. Council meeting dates for 2024 – Mayor White

Council meetings will be on the following dates in 2024:

January 10

February 14

March 13

April 10

May 8

June 12

September 11

October 9

November 13

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr Matheson,

**that council approve the 2024 Council meeting dates as submitted.**

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

b. Code of Conduct Bylaw - Updater – CAO Anne Harnesk

The Code of Conduct was updated.

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr White,

**that council approve the first reading of Bylaw 125, A Bylaw to Provide for a Code of Conduct for members of Council.**

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

c. General Revision of Bylaws – New Bylaw – CAO Anne Harnesk

This bylaw is to allow the CAO to make minor corrections, such as typos, grammar mistakes etc. to existing bylaws.

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr Oickle,

**that council approve the first reading of Bylaw 126, for General Revision of Bylaws.**

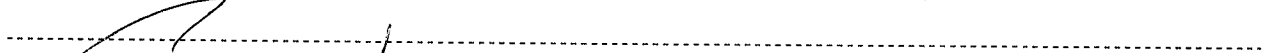
*Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.*

- d. Sewage Utility Large outstanding account – Mayor White  
We need to get more proactive on disconnecting when accounts are overdue. Margaret to reach out to Derrick Squirell to have him give an approximation on where he thinks the connection point is.

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr Matheson to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on February 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom.



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Mayor, Terry White

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Anne Harnesk, CAO