

# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR

## MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 14, 2024

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

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

**1. Call to Order:**

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 Oickle and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay,  
**that the agenda for February 14, 2023 Council Meeting be accepted as submitted.**

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

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Cllr Oickle, and seconded by Cllr White,  
**that Council hereby approve the minutes of the January 10, 2024 regular Council meeting as submitted.**

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

**6. Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

a. Community Fridge – Mayor Terry White

Work needs to be complete by March 10. A committee will be required to run it. Discussion followed, Gordon Ramsli and Terry White have volunteered as the Committee. It was decided that it would remain open for 24 hours/day to start, and if necessary, go to hours.

b. Hall Rental Prices- Anne

See attached. Anne to speak with Mike regarding the sound equipment.

Moved by Cllr Oickle, and seconded by Cllr Chapman,  
**that Council hereby approve the new Community Centre rental rates.**

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

c. Study regarding amalgamation – Mayor White and Anne

Murray River had a "Meeting of the Whole" after their last Council meeting. Anne spoke with Jill Walsh, their CAO. Currently Murray River does not feel it is in a position to move forward on the amalgamation. However, both Murray River and Murray Harbour have a motion on the books saying they are going forward with the study. At some point that motion will need to be amended or withdrawn. Anne to send a letter to Municipal Affairs advising we would still like to explore the possibility of merging our Fire District.

7. **Delegations** – **Staff Sergeant Mike Robinson was unable to attend as he had recently broken his elbow. He does plan to make the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.**  
– **John Murley – Wicks Co. did not return Gary's calls.**

8. **None**

9. **Correspondence – None**

**10. 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.*

**11. Committees**

**Planning**

Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

See attached.

**Capital Projects/Finance**

Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached. 100% of CCBF monies are committed, but not spent. A number of projects are close to being completed and the balances will be available to transfer to new projects.

**Maintenance & Infrastructure**

Deputy Mayor MacKay, interim Chair

The group has not yet had a proper meeting.

**Newsletter**

Councillor Chapman

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

**Sewage Utility**

Councillor White – Chair

Nothing to report. Paul to speak with Margaret regarding the rate increase.

**EMO**

Councillor Oickle - Chair

See attached.

**Fundraising**

Councillor White – Chair

Spaghetti dinner went extremely well. Next up will be St. Patrick's Day and the Easter Eggstravaganza.

## 10. New Business

a. Grab n Go - Anne

Gordon has asked that he continue the Grab n Go with volunteers. He will continue to do the shopping, cooking, and selling of the meals. He will also arrange the volunteers. All proceeds will now be coming to the Village.

b. Appoint Auditors for 2023/2024 Audit - Anne

Auditors need to be appointed for the 2023/2024 Audit.

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr White,

**that council approves the appointment of Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis as the auditor for the 2023/2024 audit.**

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

c. Draft Budget presented – Deputy Mayor MacKay

The draft budget was presented to Council. Anne will place of copy of it on the website for community members to review should they want to.

d. Code of Conduct Bylaw - Updated – CAO Anne Harnesk

The Code of Conduct was updated.

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Deputy Mayor White,

**that council approve the second 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.*

e. 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 Cllr Chapman and seconded by Cllr White,

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

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

f. Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange shelf – Cllr White

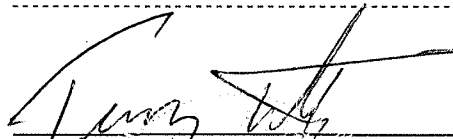
Fay White would like to have a shelf in the hallway by the library to have puzzles available for exchange. Discussion followed. Council did not see a reason why it could not happen. Fay to look for shelf.

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr Chapman to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on March 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom.

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Mayor, Terry White



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Anne Harnesk, CAO