

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 10, 2024

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

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 years; past, present, and future.

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts declared.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cllr White, and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay,
that the agenda for April 10, 2024, Council Meeting be accepted as submitted.
Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr Chapman and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay
that Council hereby approve the minutes of the March 13, 2024, regular Council meeting and the March 20, 2024, special Council meeting as submitted.
Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Delegations:

Dave Rossiter – PEI Fire Marshall

The MGA requires the Municipality to be involved in the running of the Fire Departments. There have been a few Fire Departments that have incorporated and separated from the Municipality. Dave recommends having an open house/public meeting to allow residents to ask questions and bring up their concerns. He does suggest that there is a clause in the contract that states the assets of the Fire Department revert to the Village should the Fire Department cease to operate.

Next step is for Anne to reach out to Karen MacLeod of Cox and Palmer as they have worked with a few of the Fire Departments. Discussion regarding who would be paying the legal fees for this and the Fire Department said they would pay the fees.

Christine MacKinnon, Marley Kingston & Shell Hurry – Municipal Affairs RE: Annexation

See attached information "MGA: Restructure Process" brought for the meeting. This would be a large annexation of approximately 400 properties. We could apply to Municipal Affairs to request funds for a consultant to help with the work. There are a lot of things we would need to know such as the taxable assessed value of the properties. We could also start with just the part of Machon Point Road that is not in the Village boundaries. It was discussed that with the busy time of summer approaching, this would not be looked at again until September or October 2024.

Jackie Bourgeois – Project Nectar

Project Nectar has partnered with the Murray Harbour Friendly Circle to carry out a Pollinator and Community Food Garden. See attached.

7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

- a. Community Fridge – Mayor Terry White
Paul, Satu's husband has volunteered to insulate the Community Fridge. No further updates.
- b. Study Regarding Amalgamation – Anne
See Delegation above.

8. Correspondence – Shawn Landon – Grass cutting at corner of Main St. and Riverside Dr.

Shawn is no longer able to cut the grass at this area around the pumping station. Terry to speak to Juda and Willow VanIlderstine to see if they can cut it when they cut Terry's yard. Discussion around getting a gift card to thank Shawn for doing this for the Village over the years.

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay,

that council approve the purchase of a gift card in the amount of \$100 as a thank you to Shawn Landon for cutting the grass at the pump station.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

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.

10. Committees

Planning - Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

See attached. Gary would also like to be part of the Annexation Committee if /when we get to that point.

Capital Projects/Finance – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached. We were not able to submit any new projects as the new CCBF has not been unveiled yet.

Maintenance & Infrastructure – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached. Glen White, Lawrence Harnesk and I are working on a Master plan of maintenance so we can plan and budget for regularly scheduled maintenance. Still waiting on a third quote for the chimney repair.

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman

Marlene and Kelly are reaching out to advertisers. Paige Matthews from the Old General Catering in Murray River asked if there was a way to distribute the newsletter further out between Murray Harbour and Murray River. Discussion followed; however, it did not seem feasible. Perhaps sending a digital version out to every advertiser

Put out a call to the community for verses for the Memorial for those lost at sea at the Murray Harbour Wharf. Would then get the writers permission to print them in the Newsletter. Committee would then bring the top 3 to Council.

Sewage Utility – Councillor White – Chair

No response to ad for Sewage Utility Administrator. Anne to find offer letter and work with Marlene with any questions.

Terry and Margaret hand delivered notice to the large outstanding account. An agreement was reached for payment of \$1,400, \$1,400, and \$1,500 with the understanding that if a payment is missed the account will be immediately disconnected.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

See attached.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

Easter Eggstravaganza was an enormous success. Committee decided not to hold any more dances. The amount of work required for minimal return does not make them viable events. The only exception would perhaps be New Years. Paul will check with Jaki if they will do the Fisherman's' appreciation coffee and muffins on setting day.

11. New Business

a. Thank you and gift card for Robert Oickle and Victor Legacy – Deputy Mayor MacKay

Rob and Victor saved the Community a lot of money volunteering to build the furnace room. We should get them gift cards to thank them.

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr White,

that Council hereby approve the purchase of two gift cards in the amount of \$100 each as a thank you to Rob Oickle and Victor Legacy for the work they did installing the furnace room to facilitate getting the occupancy certificate required for our Warming Centre designation.

Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried. Pam did not vote as Rob is her husband and it would be a conflict of interest.

b. Rental Rate for Pickleball – Deputy Mayor MacKay

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

c. Update on John Robertson lawsuit - Anne

John has hired Counsel and they have filed an Application for Judicial Review. We have hired Cox and Palmer to represent the Village. This will now have to make its way through the legal process.

d. Gazebo at Wharf – Cllr White

The Fundraising committee discussed that the Gazebo down at the wharf does not seem to be getting used very much. They would like to see it moved up to the Community Centre. Gary and Paul to discuss how to make that happen.

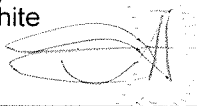
12. Adjournment

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

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on May 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Boardroom.



Mayor, Terry White



Anne Harnesk, CAO