

# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR

## MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 13, 2024

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

Absent: Cllr Pam Oickle

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 Chapman,  
**that the agenda for March 13, 2023 Council Meeting be accepted as submitted.**

*Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr Chapman  
**that Council hereby approve the minutes of the February 14, 2024 regular Council meeting as submitted.**

*Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**6. Delegations:**

Staff Sergeant Mike Robinson – RCMP

Reviewed the latest stats for Murray Harbour and area. They are trying to have a higher presence in the area. It is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RCMP. They went to every school in Kings County. It was mentioned that we have been having issues with quads and dirt bikes speeding up Main Street, quite often the dirt bikes are doing wheelies.

Cal Fraser – Nellie's Landing

Requires letter from Council showing support for full liquor license for Nellies Landing

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Matheson

**that Council hereby support Cal Fraser and Jen Smith of Nellie's Landing Marina in their application to the Province for a Food and Beverage License.**

*Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**Delegations continued.**

Paige Heart – Old General Catering

Paige has been approached by Growers Station to prepare a meal with locally grown produce and prepare a free meal for the community. Looking for approval to use the Community Centre kitchen.

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Chapman

**that Council hereby allow Paige Hart to use the kitchen on March 28, 2024 for a community meal.**

*Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

a. Community Fridge – Mayor Terry White

It is up and running. Grand opening on Friday, March 15.

b. Study Regarding Amalgamation – Anne

Spoke with Marley at Municipal Affairs. We can proceed with annexation of our fire district.

Marley and Kevin will attend April 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**8. Correspondence**

– Jackie MacNeill Doiron – Thank you for Afternoon for Robin

– Lisa MacLean – Re – Derelict building

– PEI Police Association – Ad in 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Crime Prevention Guide

**9. CAO Report**

a. Administrative Report: see attached.

b. Financial Report: see attached.

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Chapman,

**that the CAO's report be received as information.**

*Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**10. Committees**

**Planning**

Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

See attached.

**Capital Projects/Finance**

Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

Looking for direction from Historical Society regarding Heritage Park project.

**Maintenance & Infrastructure**

Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached.

**Newsletter**

Councillor Chapman

Cllr Matheson is assisting with next issue which should be distributed the end of May, beginning of June.

**Sewage Utility**

Councillor White – Chair

Called Kings Construction regarding disconnection of account with large Account Receivable. Anne to post the Sewage Utility Administrator position on the electronic sign and website.

**EMO**

Councillor Oickle - Chair

See attached.

**Fundraising**

Councillor White – Chair

Next up will be St. Patrick's Day and the Easter Eggstravaganza.

**11. New Business**

a. 2024 – 2025 Budget – Deputy Mayor MacKay

One phone call requesting clarification was the only feedback received by the office.

Moved by Cllr Chapman and seconded by Cllr White,

**that the draft budget presented at the March 13, 2024 regular Council meeting e approved and adopted as the 2024 – 2025 budget.**

**This includes a 2% non-commercial and a 4% commercial property tax increase as well as the following wage increases, CAO wage increases to \$24.00 per hour and Groundskeeper wage increases to \$19.00 per hour.**

*Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.*

b. Canadian Community Building Fund

After the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting Anne was informed by Curtis Lumsden of the Canadian Community Building Fund that there will not be a spring intake this year and the original program has concluded. There will be another CCBF and information on it will be available sometime this summer.

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.**

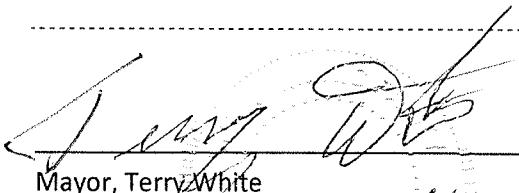
*Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by Cllr Chapman and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on April 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom.

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Mayor, Terry White  
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Anne Harnesk, CAO