

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 8, 2024

In Attendance: Mayor, Terry White; Deputy Mayor, Gary MacKay; Cllr. Paul White; Cllr. Pam Oickle; Cllr. Marlene Chapman; Cllr. Kelly Matheson (Kelly arrived once she finished work)

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

1. Call to Order:

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 Deputy Mayor MacKay, and seconded by Cllr Oickle,

that the agenda for May 8, 2024, Council Meeting be accepted as amended. (Amendments add d. Complaint regarding barking dog, e. Sign Bylaw, f. Update lock code.

Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024, regular Council meeting as submitted.

Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Delegations:

Cape Bear Lighthouse – Valerie MacPherson and Shay Darrach

Provided an update on the refurbishment work going on at the Lighthouse as well as their plans for the future. They plan to do the work in phases over the next five years. Reno's will include a new gift shop, building will be insulated and have a heat pump, so it can be used all year round Unfortunately, they did not win the "Next Great Save" contest that would have given them money towards the renovations. Council was able to offer free advertising on our electronic sign for any fundraising events they may have in the future.

7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

a. Thank you, card, and gift card, for Robert Oickle and Victor Legacy - Anne
Card with gift card have been delivered. – Complete

b. Thank you, card, and gift card, for Shawn Landon – Anne
Card and gift card was mailed to Shawn. – Complete

c. Gazebo at Wharf – Deputy Mayor MacKay and Paul White
Would like to have moved by Canada Day. Anne called George's towing, but the Gazebo is too large for them. Reached out to AE MacKay

8. Correspondence – None.

9. CAO Report

- a. Administrative Report: see attached.
- b. Financial Report: see attached.
Moved by Cllr Chapman and seconded by Cllr Oickle,
that the CAO's report be received as information.
Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

10. Committees

Planning - Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

The old dump property on Cemetery Road. I spoke with Jacke at Southeast Wastershed Group and there may be a chance to collaborate with them regarding tree planting or trails through the parcel of land.

Capital Projects/Finance – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

Bell for Heritage Park is here and will be going to the westside of the island for cleaning and polishing.

Bolts on Fitness equipment need tightening.

We have 19 entries for the verse for the Fisherman's Memorial. Carol White to get group to look at picking the top three. If Carol is not able to, I will get a group together to pick.

Michelle Nabuurs has informed me she is not able to refresh the two Murray Harbour signs, so back to finding someone else.

Maintenance & Infrastructure – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

Waiting for Sunly to come and remove solar panels. We had a set back with Gormley Masonry and paid him for his work cleaning out the chimney. Red Clay Construction will begin work once the solar panels are removed.

Parts have been ordered for the dishwasher.

Lawrence and I were putting up banners on bridge and let the road crew know about the manhole repair required on storm sewer manhole by Fire Department.

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman

We have collected \$400 in ad money so far. Kelly calling people to get their money in.

Sewage Utility – Councillor White – Chair

No update. The next meeting is to be determined.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

Waiting for quote from Chris Stewart regarding renos to Community Centre. Will give Gary a copy of this list for him to give to Marek in case Chris is not able to supply quote.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

Meeting tomorrow. We will move everything from the one storage area in the basement to the one with our fridge in it. We have a lock on the front that only Jaki and I have keys to.

11. New Business

- a. Rental Rate for Pickleball – Deputy Mayor MacKay

Would like a representative from this group to attend the June meeting. Anne will reach out to members of the group to ask.

b. Lawrence Harnesk – Cllr Oickle

Lawrence has been doing a lot of work around the Community Centre and has been doing the dump runs for the Village for a while now. I suggest we purchase a gift card for him.

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay

that Council hereby approve the purchase of a gas card in the amount of \$250.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

c. Old Wooden Chairs in Basement – Anne

Gordon will put an ad on Out and About in Murray Harbour to see if someone will take the chairs for a donation to the Community Fridge. If there is no interest, Lawrence will take them to the dump.

d. Complaint about barking dog – Mayor White

Received a few complaints about a dog barking early in the morning. It was determined it was Shredder, Shannon Penny's dog that was barking when Fred and Marlene Chapman were dropping their dogs off while they are fishing. Shannon has already taken steps to keep Shredder in the house to keep him quiet.

e. Sign Bylaw – Anne

In speaking with Maggie Hughes of Cox and Palmer, and Marley Kingston of Municipal Affairs, both are strongly recommending Council waits for the implementation of a sign bylaw.

f. Request Door Code be changed

Now that Community School is finished, now would be a good time to change the code to the Community Centre Door. Anne will make the change right away.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr Matheson to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on June 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Boardroom.



Mayor, Terry White



Anne Harnesk, CAO