

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 12, 2024

In Attendance: Mayor, Terry White; Deputy Mayor, Gary MacKay; Cllr. Paul White; Cllr. Pam Oickle; Cllr. Marlene Chapman; Cllr. John Robertson

Note: John declined to sit at the Council table, instead sitting in the gallery.

Absent: Cllr. Kelly Matheson (work commitment)

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

Gallery: Anne Hawkins, Carol White, Paula MacLean, Evelyn Seggie

1. Call to Order:

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Oickle, and seconded by Cllr White,

that the agenda for June 12, 2024, Council Meeting be accepted as submitted.

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 May 8, 2024, regular Council meeting as submitted.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

Moved by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Chapman

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the June 3, 2024, in camera Council meeting as submitted.

Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Delegations:

Tara Wheeler – Arsenault Best Cameron and Ellis

Reviewed the findings from the 2023-2024 audit. There is still the issue of the Asset retirement obligation which requires identification of things like asbestos removal from buildings, decommissioning of sewage treatment facilities. As Murray Harbour has neither the money nor expertise to follow up on such issues, the audited financial statements have been qualified for the second year. We are not the only Municipality to face this problem.

Other than the above, the audit went well, and we are doing better than last year.

Moved by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Oickle

that Council hereby approve the 2022-2023 Financial and Auditor's reports as presented by the representative of Arsenault Best Cameron and Ellis.

Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried. Cllr. Robertson abstained from the vote.

Business Arising from Previous Meeting

- a. Gazebo at Wharf – Cllr White and Deputy Mayor MacKay
Gazebo has been moved and looks great. – Complete.
- b. Thank you, card, and gift card, for Lawrence Harnesk – Anne
Gift card was given to Lawrence Harnesk. He was very appreciative. – Complete.
- c. Old Wooden Chairs in Basement– Anne Harnesk
The chairs were picked up and will be used for a couple of area programs. – Complete.
- d. Complaint about barking dog – Mayor White
Cllr. Chapman spoke to the person who made the complaint, and the issue has been addressed. – Complete.
- e. Sign Bylaw
Anne will hold off on sending to the lawyer for the time being. As bylaws are part of the Official Plan it will likely be developed with the other bylaws. – Complete.
- f. Request Door Code be changed– Anne Harnesk
Door code has been changed. – Complete.

7. Correspondence – None.

9. CAO Report

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr Chapman,
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.

Capital Projects/Finance – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached.

Maintenance & Infrastructure – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached.

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman

See attached.

Sewage Utility – Councillor White – Chair

No update. The next meeting is to be determined.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

See attached. May have a lead on a new General Contractor. Meeting scheduled for June 21, 2024.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

Next event is Small Halls on Saturday, June 15th. This is the first time we have had a Saturday in years. Gordon is making Chili and Seafood Chowder for the performers. Paul is making biscuits for the attendees. Upcoming events include Canada Day and Car Show.

11. New Business

a. Rental Rate for Pickleball – Deputy Mayor MacKay

Carol White and Anne Hawkins attended the Council meeting on behalf of the pickleball players. Council would like to increase the fee for pickleball as currently it works out to approximately \$9.00 per game. (April 2022 to March 2023 amount paid was $\$1,385 \div 52 \text{ weeks} = \$26.61 \div 3 \text{ games per week} = \8.87 per game). It was mentioned that extra support posts have been added to the basement under the large room. Carol mentioned the amounts that pickleball has contributed to the Community Centre and said they could go play at Southern Kings, Belfast, Cardigan etc. Cllr. Oickle asked Carol what type of facilities they played in at those locations and Carol said they were auditoriums and/or gymnasiums. Anne Hawkins reminded Council it was pickleball players that painted the large room.

It is not Council's intention to see pickleball leave the Community Centre as physical activity close to home is good for everyone. It was decided both sides would think about the issue and come back in September with suggestions.

b. Annexation – Cllr. Chapman

Just wanted to mention there are funds available for assistance if/when we go forward with this.

c. Motion to withdraw CCBF Project – Anne

Project 15.5.5 Village Walking/Biking trails Gordon will put an ad on Out and About in Murray

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr. White

that Council hereby approve the withdrawal of project 15.5.5 Village Walking/Biking trails from the Canadian Community /Building Fund projects list as this project is not feasible currently.

Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried. Cllr. Robertson abstained from the vote.

d. Kitchen and Hall Rentals – Anne Harnesk

I wanted to clarify a rental situation that I did not explain well in an email. Gordon was asked by Beach Point Processing to cater a meeting for them. Gordon asked me to book the kitchen and I did. He gave me \$50 for the rental. My question to Council was as Gordon does the Grab n' Go for us, should I take the rental or give the rental to him at no charge? Discussion followed and it was decided that yes Gordon should pay for the rental. It was also discussed if Council wanted me to run all bookings by them and was decided unless it was something out of the ordinary, not they did not need to discuss bookings.

Also, clarification was requested regarding Funerals. It specifies "residents" no charge. What is considered "resident?" Does it include Beach Point, Guernsey Cove etc.? Discussion followed. It was decided that "resident" meant Murray Harbour only. Anyone else using the Community Centre would be asked to make a donation.

Gordon has requested that his kids be allowed to hold a lemonade stand on Grab n' Go Mondays. The profits will go to the PEI Humane Society. He is trying to teach his kids about charity. Discussion followed and it was decided that the kids could run the lemonade stand during July and August. Good luck kiddos. Looking forward to hearing about your donation to the Humane Society.

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. Meals on Wheels – Hub Location – Anne Harnesk

Shania from Meals on Wheels reached out they are looking for "hub" locations for their food provider and volunteer drivers to connect and hand off the meals, could you think of any community spaces in Murray Harbour? Deliveries run one day a week, and we're looking at Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for potential deliveries to hub locations. Discussion followed and if do not need anything from us, it was decided that they could use the small room and would have to work around our schedule. Anne to let them know.

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Cllr. White

that Council hereby approve Meals on Wheels using the Community Centre as the pick-up point for the Rural Routes initiative one day a week either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

f. Rural Beautification Society – Anne Harnesk

They have a new category for Community Spirit – Peoples Choice Award. The entry fee is \$20. Once all entries have been received, instructions on how to vote will be received. Voting is from August 15 to September 15, 2024. Prize is \$1,000.

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Deputy Mayor White

that Council hereby approve entry into the Rural Beautification society Community Spirit – People's Choice Award with an entry fee of \$20.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

g. Mexican Independence Day – Monday, September 16th – Anne Harnesk

PEI Navigator in conjunction with the Village would like to have a Potluck for the foreign workers for their Mexican Independence Day. Anne to get further information regarding things such as will they need the kitchen to cook, or will they cook and bring the items. Anne also to find out about clean-up

Moved by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr Oickle

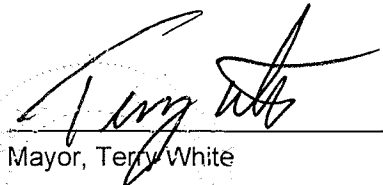
that Council hereby approve the addition of Mexican Independence Day, Monday, September 16th, 2024, to the events schedule. Anne to get further information from PEI Navigators.


Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mackay and seconded by Cllr Chapman to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on September 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom.



Mayor, Terry White

Anne Harnesk, CAO