

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 11, 2024

In Attendance: Mayor, Terry White; Deputy Mayor, Gary MacKay; Cllr. Paul White; Cllr. Marlene Chapman; Cllr. John Robertson, Cllr Kelly Matheson (arrived at 7:30 pm due to work commitment)

Absent: Cllr. Pam Oickle (sick)

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

Gallery: Jamie MacKay, Cal Fraser, Mike Paisley, Jackie MacNeill Doiron, Faye Wedlake

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 Deputy-Mayor MacKay, and seconded by Cllr White,

that the agenda for September 11, 2024, 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. Oickle

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the June 12, 2024, regular Council meeting as amended (Anne to confirm Pickle Ball rate works out to \$9.00 per week. It should have read approximately \$9.00 per game. Minutes were amended and revised copy sent to council.)

Vote was 4-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Delegations:

Rachel Buell – PEI Community Navigators

Rachel spoke about the upcoming Mexican Independence Day celebration and what they had planned. There will be a Soccer Tournament between Beach Point, Vanco, Vissers and Hackers. There will also be a Bouncy Castle, cotton candy and face-painting. After the tournament there will be samples of traditional Mexican food, a special guest performer and awards for long-term employees. The ladies doing the cooking are hoping to come in Saturday night to cook. Cllr White said that should not be a problem. Rachel also spoke about what PEI Community Navigators do. See attached information.

7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

- a. Rental Rate for Pickleball – Deputy Mayor MacKay
As per the June meeting, where the issue was tabled until the September 11, 2024, meeting. There was further discussion regarding drop-in rates, and it was decided to leave the \$2.00 per person rate for all clubs. This issue may need to be discussed again in the future.
- b. Meals on Wheels – Anne Harnesk
I reached out to them to let them know they could use the Small Room as a “hub location” if they could work around our currently booked events. I never heard back from them. – Complete.
- c. Rural Beautification Society – Anne Harnesk
We are registered and people are voting. There is a message on the electronic sign and reminders posted by residents on Out and About in Murray Harbour. – Complete.
- d. Mexican Independence Day – Anne Harnesk
September 15, 2024. The hall is booked. PEI Navigators are taking point on this event.

8. Correspondence – None.

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 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

10. Committees

Planning - Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

See attached.

Capital Projects/Finance – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached. Additional information regarding the CCBF. The program has been approved for another 10 years. We have not received the paperwork yet. We will have to allocate a total of \$500K by mid October which is the fall intake deadline. Ideas for projects were suggested such as Museum, Summer Dairy Bar, Pump-track or Skateboard Park. Councillors are asked to think of ideas and let Deputy-Mayor MacKay know. Cllr Chapman advised she is available to help with the application process if required.

The Fisherman’s Memorial which was started several years ago by Cllr Carol White is finally coming to completion. The sculpture is done, and the plaque is ready. It is an 11” x 17” faux brass piece with the winning poem submission. We will need to get a pedestal for it as it won’t fit on the sculpture. The Murray Harbour school bell is at Lambs Concrete waiting for a pedestal to be made for it. Talk of an unveiling of the memorial along with the “something that will replace the lobster trap tree” during the Christmas in the Villages December 6 & 7 was mentioned.

Maintenance & Infrastructure – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached.

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman

See attached.

Sewage Utility – Councillor White – Chair

See attached.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

See attached.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

The End of Summer event was not as successful as previous years due to several issues such as weather and Murray River moving the Northumberland Festival to the same weekend. The next event is the 70 Mile Yard Sale.

The Fundraising Committee is in dire need of new volunteers. At this point it is Cllr Paul White and Faye Wedlake. A lot of people show up to help at each event for which we are very grateful, however we need committee members to help with the planning, shopping etc. An ad will be placed in the next newsletter. We also need to have more people with Safe Food Handling as currently only Gordon Ramsli has it. There is also a volunteer version that is available at no cost. Once Anne has the dates, she will let council know and put an ad on the electronic sign.

11. New Business

a. Nellie's Landing – Deputy Mayor MacKay

There have been complaints made to a few councillors about noise, garbage and cars parking on people's private property. Included in council's meeting package was a copy of Nellie's Landing email to council regarding a request for council's support in applying for a liquor license. In that email council did not get the impression that Nellie's Landing would be an "everyday" local bar, but an on occasion having an event type of location. When Cal from Nellie's Landing addressed council regarding the concerns he said at his initial meeting he told council it was going to be a bar. Cal has spent a lot of money on the space. His liquor license allows him to run from 9:00 am to 2:00 am, however, he usually runs from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm and turns the music down at 9:00 pm. Cal intends to shut down for the season on October 15th and his license expires October 31, 2024. Council will need to look into getting better information for next year as far as hours and events.

b. Belfast Annexation Plans– Anne Harnesk

The CAO from Belfast reached out regarding their annexation plans, however, I recently saw in the Graphic their Amalgamation Committee has been disbanded and this issue has gone back to their council as there was a lot of push back from residents of surrounding areas.

c. Storm Sewer Drain in front of Fire Hall – Mayor Terry White

Mayor White spoke to the crew fixing the storm sewer drain in front of the Fire Station. The crew told Mayor White that this is just a band-aid as the pipe below the road is rotted out from the salt water. There is also another drain in front of James Irving's house on Main Street that workers will be coming back to look at. Councillors are asked to come to the October council meeting with a list of road repair items. A letter will then be submitted to the Province in November to make them aware of these issues and hopefully allow them time to add our items to their 2025 road repair list.

Mayor White also spoke to Alec Blue of Highways and Alec said the province is looking at replacing the curbs on Main Street with concrete curbs. It was mentioned there were also a few curbs on Library Street that have been damaged by plows.

d. Purchase of Blue Tanks from Mayor Terry White – Cllr Paul White

Mayor White is selling two of his large blue tanks. We have been using these tanks at all fundraising functions where we are offering food and beverages for sale. Mayor White is offering the Village "first dibs" on the tanks. The tanks are three years old, and he paid \$1,100 each for them.

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr. White

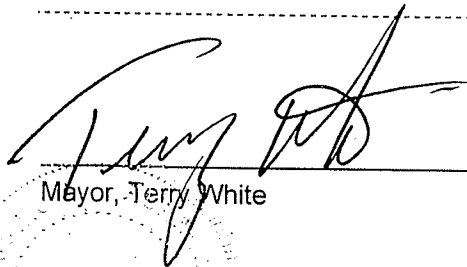
that Council hereby approve the purchase of the two large blue tanks for the amount of \$700.00.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.


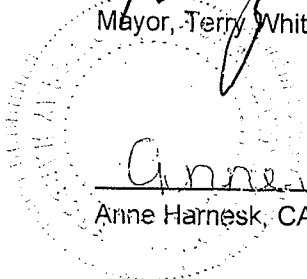
12. Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr Robertson to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on October 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom.



Mayor, Terry White



Anne Harnesk, CAO