

**Rural Municipality of Murray River**

**Monthly Meeting- January 15, 2019**

**Murray River Library at 6:00 pm**

**Present:** Marvin MacLeod, Walter Munn, Karri Ferguson, Amanda DeCoste, Wayne MacLeod, Sandra Edwards, Dianne MacDonald (CAO)

**Regrets:** Pat Bray

**Residents:** Greg Munn

**Guests:** John Hardy

**1.0 Call to Order:** Marvin commenced meeting at 6:05 pm.

**2.0 Approval of Agenda:** Approved by Karri Ferguson. Seconded by Walter Munn.

**3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** none

**4.0 Presentation by John Hardy:** Representing the "Murray Players".

John presented the Community with a cheque for \$211.81 for the Fall production by the Murray Players. John reported the players were featured on CBC Compass, and suggested the Community do this again featuring local sites and artists. Council thought during the Fisheries Festival would be an appropriate time to promote the events, and there would be boats at the wharf at this time.

John left the meeting at 6:20 pm.

**5.0 Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved by Walter Munn. Seconded by Karri Ferguson.

**CIBC building discussion ( Report from Greg Munn – Architect (SableArc Studios)**

Greg presented a drawing of structural changes that would have to be done if the building was purchased consisting of space for the Library, Council chambers, municipal office and wheelchair accessible washrooms, approximately \$40,000. The electricity bill for 2016 was \$9488 and in 2017 \$10117. CIBC has listed the building at \$190,000 and not willing to negotiate a lower price. Dianne has been in correspondence with Greg MacDougall (Provincial Realty – Provincial Commercial Real Estate). Funding would be available for updates on lighting, windows etc (energy efficient), but not for the actual purchase of the property.

Discussion was held by Council.

**MOTION** by Wayne MacLeod to not proceed with an offer at this time, possibly negotiate at a later time if the price is lowered, with the cost of the building and renovations the municipality cannot afford. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion was held regarding renovating the Public Hall. There is presently repairs that are needed, ie: ceiling repaired, insulation, kitchen and washroom upgrades, and lighting.

Karri spoke about no revenue received from the Hall and felt that Council should not spend money on renovations.

The Public Hall was built in 1902. Greg will inquire with Heritage PEI about receiving designation from PEI Heritage and any funding that may be available.

Council feels that renovations to the Hall may attract more entertainers and venues to rent the facility.

There is not enough land to add a wheelchair ramp to the front door, or add an addition for extra space. The parking lot land is owned by the Province of PEI. Marvin suggested we inquire to costs of moving the building to the land beside the Library ( formerly the old Murray River School) which the Village owns. Marvin will contact VanWeichan Construction.

#### **6.0 Reports:**

**6.1 Financial Report:** Dianne circulated the financial report. \$4150.01 was received from the MCEG Grant, \$1016.55 to the Fire Department. There is presently \$3180.86 in the operating fund. Financial statement moved by Wayne MacLeod. Seconded by Walter Munn.

**6.2 Park & Recreation:** Sponsored skates at Northumberland are being well attended. Thank you was extended to Marvin and Walter for the Christmas decorating in the Village.

**6.3 Lighting & Sidewalks:** no report on outages. Miller

Trucking is doing the snow removal on sidewalks.

**6.4 Community Hall:** The concert booked for December 8<sup>th</sup> for "Ladies of the Century" was cancelled due to lack of interest.

**6.5 Community Library:** Dianne read the Library report from Librarian Sue Gardner. ( Report attached with minutes).

#### **7.0 Other Business:**

**7.1 Appointments by Mayor:** defer to next meeting

**7.2 Correspondence:** circulated by Dianne

\* Dianne received a call from Jocelyn Jenkins regarding dogs gathering on her property. We do not know the owners of the dogs. Dianne will contact the PEI Humane Society if this continues.

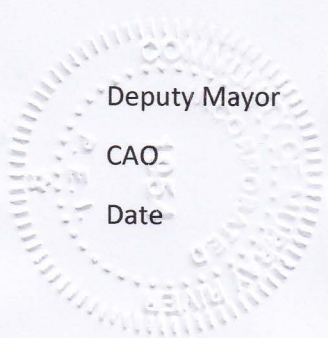
Trevor MacDonald will be renting the Hut Building on June 1, 2019 for a Bird Show.

**7.3 Warming Center (Hall):** Dianne will contact the Province to have the Hall listed as a "Warming Shelter". Marvin and Walter are assigned to open the Hall doors to the public for use and will take care of starting the generator. Sandra is making a list of food items that are needed for an emergency. All Council members will make an attempt to be at the Hall to provide assistance. Marvin will contact Sign Craft to have a sign made to install outside the Hall.

**7.4 CIBC Building:** Discussed under 5.0.

**7.5 Bylaw 2019-04:** defer to next meeting

**8.0 Motion to Adjourn:** Motion made by Wayne MacLeod to adjourn at 8:30 pm.  
Seconded by Walter Munn.



Deputy Mayor

CAO

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*Walter Munn*  
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