

**Rural Municipality of Murray River**

**Monthly Meeting- Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

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

**Present:** Mayor Pat Bray, Deputy Sandra Edwards, Councilors- Greg Munn, Marvin MacLeod, Walter Munn, Donna Penny, Karri Ferguson, CAO- Dianne MacDonald

**Residents:** Owners -Come from Away B&B- Shannon & Emilio Cupello

**1.0 Call to Order:** Mayor Pat commenced meeting at 6:00 pm.

**2.0 Declarations of Conflict of Interest:** No conflicts to declare.

**3.0 Approval of Agenda:** Approved by Cllr Greg. Seconded by Cllr. Walter.

**4.0 Approval of Minutes (Feb 9/21):** Approved by Cllr Greg. Seconded by Cllr Donna.

**5.0 Reports:**

**5.1 Financial Report:** Dianne presented the financial report for the past month.

Approved by Cllr. Walter. Seconded by Cllr. Greg.

Dianne asked the Council about the \$500 annual donation to Northumberland Minor Hockey Association. Karri spoke with the President of NMH. At the present time their financial state is stable. Council will put on hold for this year due to other expenses in the budget for 21/22.

(a) Proposed Budget was presented and discussed.

(b) Tax Rate Increase- Discussion held. Motion made by Cllr Karri to raise the non-commercial rate from 0.48 to 0.50 per \$100. Motion made by Cllr Greg to raise the commercial rate from 0.50 to 0.52 per \$100. All in favor Motion carried.

(c) Meeting on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 to approve the financial plan.

**5.2 Park/Rec/Lighting & Sidewalks:** The final sponsor skate will be held this week at the Arena. There will be a Lobster Take-Out at the Arena on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Pat suggested next year the snow removal on sidewalks be top priority and must be cleared immediately after a storm.

The Magic Dragon (Aleshia) has kindly donated the dragon from the store to the municipality. The dragon is approximately 80 years old and is made from rose vine wood. Cllr Greg put the dragon on display in the library.

**5.3 Community Hall:** Discussion was held with the pros and cons of the building to remain at the present site or move to the land adjacent to the library.

Vote to remain at present location -0

Vote to move to new location- 4

Abstained from vote- 2

Cllr Greg- Architect will proceed with drawings/plans for the new location.

- Moveall Estimate- \$27,550.00 + HST
- Milmac Enterprises Inc.- \$86,585.00 + HST (foundation)
- 50% will be funded with the Province of PEI (Rural Development)

**5.4 Community Library:** no report

**6.0 Other Business:**

**6.1 Correspondence:** Circulated for Council. Dianne will be applying for Jobs for Youth for 2 students.

**6.2 New Business:**

Dianne received a phone call from Darlene London asking if the Public Hall would be available for a possible Federal election. Northumberland Arena will be a poll station as well.

**6.3 EMO Plan & Bylaw:** EMO Bylaw was read for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Council will meet at the Hall on March 30<sup>th</sup> to check on supplies and other items that are required for the Emergency Shelter.

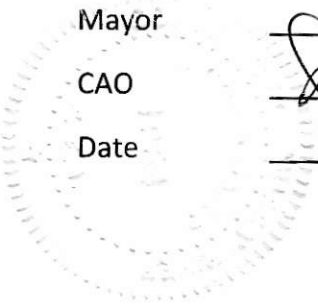
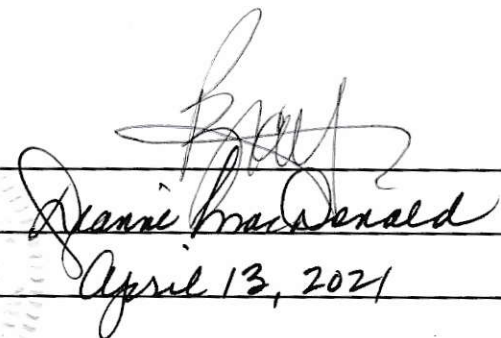
**6.4 Bylaw to Authorize General Borrowing- (1<sup>st</sup> reading):** deferred to next meeting.

**7.0 Motion to Adjourn:** Motion made by Cllr Karri to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Mayor

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