

Rural Municipality of Murray River

Monthly Meeting-Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Murray River Library

Present: Mayor Pat Bray, Councillors-Walter Munn, Marvin MacLeod, Greg Munn, Sandra Edwards, Amada DeCoste, Karri Ferguson, CAO- Dianne MacDonald

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

2.0 Approval of Agenda: Items added to Agenda-

*Letter to Minister Fox

*Community Christmas Dance

*Report on PEIFM- Meeting

Agenda approved by Councillor Marvin MacLeod. Seconded by Walter Munn.

3.0 Declarations of Conflict of Interest: No conflicts to declare.

4.0 Approval of Minutes (October 8/19): It was moved by Councillor Walter Munn and seconded by Councillor Greg Munn that the minutes from October 8, 2019 be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried.

5.0 Reports:

5.1 Financial Report: Dianne read the activities report for the past month and presented the financial update. Report approved as presented by Councillor Marvin MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Walter Munn. **Motion carried.**

5.2 Park/Recreation/ Lighting & Sidewalks: Karri reported the 5 family skates are booked at Northumberland Arena by the Village. Arena Manager Dianne Ferguson has not received confirmation on Murray Harbour sponsoring this year yet. Jud Crossman was asked to remove bases from ballfield, this has not been done to date, Karri will pick up this weekend and store away.

Marvin noted there is a street light out at the Four Corners, he will contact Maritime Electric with the pole number to be repaired.

Dianne will contact Jamie Miller to do the snow removal on the Village sidewalks for the winter season.

5.3 Community Hall: Marvin held a Ceilidh at the Hall on Saturday, November 9th, proceeds were to the Children's Wish Foundation.

Remembrance Day Service was held on Monday, November 11th, with a good attendance.

Mayor Pat was approached by Charmayne MacFadyen for a request to Council to hold a Christmas Dance at the Hall on Friday, December 20th. Proceeds collected would be donated to families in need in the Community. Council discussed the following: a liquor license would need to be

obtained, and security would need to be hired. Council discussed that a contract would need to be written for this event, and that Ms. MacFadyen would hold the responsibility of the liquor license, rental fee (\$100) and damage deposit (to be determined). The date has to be confirmed first by Marvin that this date is available to be rented, Council will have more discussion if the date is available before a decision is made.

Marvin has contacted AMAC Electric to have the emergency light repaired.

ICIP Funding- Dianne received notification from the Infrastructure Secretariat that the project does not require either an Environmental Assessment or an Aboriginal Consultation from the Federal perspective on November 5, 2019. Construction will begin in the Spring 2020.

5.4 Community Library: Emily (Librarian) has accepted a permanent library position in St. Peters so she will be leaving Murray River. The position will be posted by the PEI Public Library Service.

6.0 Other Business:

6.1 Correspondence: Correspondence was circulated for Council to view.

6.2 New Business: The Community Hall was booked for a wedding venue for August 21 and 22nd 2020. Due to the construction project it will not be available for rent. Northumberland Arena has been contacted (President- Jeff Reynolds and Manager-Dianne Ferguson) to request this wedding banquet be held at the Fisherman's Loft. Discussion is being held with the Arena Board and the Fisheries Festival Committee to agree on a rental fee, as the rink rental rates are higher than the Hall rates. Dianne has not received word from Jeff Reynolds with an answer.

* Exercise Classes- Due to the great response from "Fitness for Youthful Hearts" Council discussed sponsoring a program in the New Year. Karri contacted Jacob with Sport and Recreation, he said Steve Fancy (yoga instructor) would need compensation for travel to Murray River as he does not drive. Council suggested to pay Steve for instruction/travel to provide the 6 week program. Karri will report back at the next meeting.

* PEIFM Meeting- Pat, Greg, and Sandra attended the semi-annual meeting on Saturday, November 2, 2019. It was a very informative meeting. The new FPEIM trade program was discussed allowing municipalities to benefit on expenses such as, office supplies, tires, traffic supplies, and capital purchases.

Greg spoke about the session held on Energy savings, funding available for retro fit buildings, insulation and windows with Efficiency PEI.

*Meeting with Minister Jamie Fox was held at the Millstone Grill on Tuesday, October 29th. Concerns in the Village were discussed.

1. MacLure's Dam- This area is owned by the Province and needs to be cleaned up. There are lots of trees and dead limbs etc. The Minister was asked advice on the Gris Mill and if it could be dismantled as it is now falling over the bank and into the dam. Minister Fox suggested to contact the local watershed group to arrange a meeting to discuss further. Council spoke about a plan to expand on the MacLure's Pond with walking trails, bird watching and welcoming area. Funding would be available with the Province "Rural Growth Initiative".

2. Unsightly Properties- There are a number of properties within the Village that are not being addressed. Deputy Bob Creed will be forwarding contacts for the Environmental Department with the Province.

3. Traffic Light -Main Street- A walking/yellow flashing light is needed for pedestrians at this location. This is a high traffic area with three businesses operating during the summer months, and also the Pentecostal Church. Council has been requesting this for many years. Minister Fox said a traffic survey should be done first to determine the traffic flow.

These items will be addressed in a letter to be sent to Minister Fox.

*Karri spoke about the Southern Kings Development Corporation in the planning stages. They may contact Council to meet to discuss further.

*Mayor Pat has appointed Councillor Sandra Edwards as Deputy Mayor. Council congratulated Sandra on accepting this position.

*Marvin reported the "Murray Players Drama Club" have confirmed rental dates for the Hall (Friday, December 20, Saturday, December 21st and Sunday, December 22nd) per phone call to Dianne on Wednesday, November 14th.

*Dianne suggested that Miller Trucking be contacted to ask if his crew could be hired to put the Christmas trees, decorations etc, up in the Village. All in favour.

*Dianne spoke with Cst. Hickey at the RCMP detachment about the incident with the portable toilets being damaged during the 70 Mile Coastal Sale. Mayor Pat had rented these from AE MacKay and Sons for the weekend. Four individuals have been charge under the Youth Criminal Code Act and therefore are responsible to reimburse AE MacKay for the cost/replacement.

7.0 Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Councillor Karri at 7:35 pm. **Motion carried.**

Mayor

CAO

Date







