# Rural Municipality of Murray River

### Monthly Meeting- Tuesday, September 14, 2021

# Murray River Library at 6:30 pm

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

Guests:

Alexa Gallant- Grant Thornton

- 1.0 Welcome to Council: Pat commenced meeting at 6:30 pm.
- 2.0 Declarations of Conflict of Interest: No conflicts to declare.
- 3.0 Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by Cllr Walter. Seconded by Cllr Greg.
- 4.0 Approval of Minutes (June 8/21): Approved by Cllr Greg. Seconded by Cllr Walter.

Presentation of Audit for year ending March 31, 2021 by Alexa Gallant from Grant Thornton.

Alexa presented the financials for the Municipality and Fire Department to Council, discussion was held. Cllr Marvin approved the financials as presented. Seconded by Cllr Greg. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 5.0 Reports:

- **5.1 Financial Report:** Dianne presented the financial report for Council. Approved by Cllr Walter. Seconded by Cllr Karri.
- **5.2** Park/Rec/Lighting & Sidewalks: Karri spoke about the Wish Tree at the Memorial Park, this is sponsored by the Province and Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Pat passed on that many people have been using the Park over the summer.

Karri spoke about the ballfield being utilized this summer, she suggested plans should be made to have the weeds sprayed early next year. Karri will store away the bases into the hut building.

Karri suggested reaching out to the Cardigan Ball Group to request if the Murray River ballfield could be used as an extra location in their scheduling next season. Dianne will draft a letter.

**5.3** Community Hall: Marvin received a request from Linda Palmer with the Drama Club. In the past the group has not been charged for rent for rehearsals with a donation at the final performance for the Hall. Council agreed to continue with this arrangement.

Dianne was contacted by Michal Jardine who lives on the Gladstone Road with interest to organize AA Meetings at the Hall. Meetings had been delayed and cancelled with COVID restrictions. Council would like to see this continue and agree to the Tuesday night availability (as used in the past) with the rental fee of \$25.00 per meeting. Dianne will contact Michael with the details.

**5.4 Community Library:** Cllr Sandra received a request from Librarian Sue to have the office room cleaned out in the Library. The two large tables belong to the Province, one children's set

belongs to Karri Ferguson which she will remove, the old desk belonging to Leona Giddings will remain in the room to be used for the Municipal office.

#### 6.0 Other Business:

- **6.1 Correspondence:** Distributed for Council to view. A letter was received from the Salvage Garden owned by Michelle Hodgson requesting a letter of approval for her to operate the kitchen in the store. This is a requirement from the Province Cllr Greg moved for a letter to be drafted for the Salvage Garden to operate the kitchen. Seconded by Cllr Karri. All approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- **6.2 New Business:** Cllr Karri spoke to Council about the call to the MR Fire Department regarding a resident burning garbage. This has occurred a few times. Information received from the PEI Fire Marshalls office is "no garbage burning is allowed". There have been numerous complaints from neighbors about this resident burning garbage late at night. PEI Conservation officer was contacted and this resident has received a warning.

Cllr Marvin received a letter from Joan MacSwain with concerns at the intersection of Main and Gladstone Road, the plants at the edge of the corner property are obscuring the view of oncoming traffic from the North side of the Village when turning left. Dianne will contact Department of Highways about this issue.

Maple Street- Dianne will speak to Dept of Highways. This street is in need of repair, the snowplow cannot move snow with the current condition.

Mayor Pat attended a meeting with Transportation, discussions were the possibility of organizing transportation for people in rural areas.

Deputy Sandra suggested having a gathering at Memorial Park with a hot dog roast for residents to drop by. This would give Council a chance to speak about the plans for the Community Hall and Eagles View Trail to the village residents.

**6.3 Dog Bylaw:** Deferred to a special meeting, date TBA.

**6.4 EMO Plan:** Plan is in final stages. Will be presented at the November meeting for Council resolution.

7.0 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Cllr Karri at 8:30 pm.

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