

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 15, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

Members Present Mayor Paige Hart, Councillor Greg Munn, Councillor Walter Munn, Councillor Karri Ferguson, Councillor Mary Ritchie, Councillor Emilio Cupello and Councillor Michael Franklin

Staff Present CAO Paula Pater-Voogel

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. Conflicts of Interest Declaration – Individual Councillors

It was indicated that Councillor Karri Ferguson and Councillor Michael Franklin have conflicts with anything related to the Fire Department. It was indicated Councillor Karri Ferguson has conflict with item 6 (a) on the agenda as it relates to the Northumberland Arena.

3. Agenda Approval

Moved by Councillor Michael Franklin and seconded by Councillor Greg Munn

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Motioned Carried Unanimously

4. Minutes Approval

The January 10, 2023 minutes were reviewed by Council.

Moved by Councillor Mary Richie and seconded by Councillor Walter Munn

THAT the minutes be approved as presented.

Motioned Carried Unanimously

5. Chief Administrative Officer Report(s)

Review of the Income Statements January 2023

Moved by Councillor Walter Munn and seconded by Councillor Emilio Cupello

THAT the CAO Reports be approved as presented.

Motioned Carried Unanimously

6. Business

- a. **2023 - 2024 Budget Review** – Mayor Paige Hart and CAO took turns reading over budget details. Council reviewed and it was requested that more time and consideration be given to this. CAO needs to run AD for Public Meeting to share Financial Review and then 2 weeks later it must be filled with Municipal Affairs. Council has requested a final budget meeting and date has been set for the 7th of March at 6pm; moving Council Meeting of March 14th to accommodate 2 week requirement.

Moved by Councillor Walter Munn and seconded by Councillor Emilio Cupello

THAT the CAO schedule council meeting on March 7th at 6pm.

Motioned Carried Unanimously

- b. **Web Site Discussion** – CAO shared that review is being conducted and that she will continue to work towards an affordable solution. It was also shared that a second person was needed as an administrator to assist as back up. Facebook is also on the table for review and set-up. Councillor Richie stepped up.
- c. **Hall Water** – Water samples were collected from both the Hall and Library on the 9th of February and submitted same day for testing. Reports dated the 13th of February for both locations are on file showing that the water is considered suitable for domestic use as recommended in the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality. It was shared that on or about October 2021 that the water at the Hall ran brown in colour.
- d. **Heat Pumps** -This was added on by Councillor Karri Ferguson as she wanted to share that there maybe some funding available for the Hall and or Library. CAO will review.
- e. **ICIP Hall Restoration** – This was **added by Council** to information shared from Curtis Lumsden, Program Development Officer; Letter was read. It was shared Murray River can not receive the fundings in advance to move forward with the Hall Restoration Project; know as ICIP Project, as there needs to be an operating capital in place for funding to work in conjunction with the Grant which previous council had applied for. There is an amount owing to close off the fund and council needs to make a motion and form a resolution. It was decided that they would move forward and Councillor Greg Munn and Councillor Walter Munn left the room at 8:09pm.

Motion Moved by Councillor Kerri Ferguson and **seconded** by Councillor Mary Richie

THAT the Council review ICIP Payout and Termination.

Motioned Carried Unanimously

4 Votes For 0 Votes Against

Yes Carried ___ Did not Carry

All were in favour and the motion was carried.

Councillor Greg Munn and Councillor Walter Munn re-entered the room at 8:19pm.

7. Adjournment

At 8:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. Motion by Councillor _____ and seconded by Councillor _____. All were in favour and the motion was carried.

Signed in accordance
Municipal Government Act S. 116(4)

Paige Hart, Mayor

Date

Paula Pater Voogel, Chief Administrative Officer

Date

Appendix "A"

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report

Bank Statement Report(s)

CIBC – Montague

1.) CIBC – General Chequing Account Balances:

Closing Bank Balance on April 30, 2022:	\$36,647.85
Closing Bank Balance on May 31, 2022:	\$45,184.85
Closing Bank Balance on June 30, 2022:	\$52,092.64
Closing Bank Balance on July 31, 2022:	\$60,269.85
Closing Bank Balance on August 31, 2022	\$70,629.13
Closing Bank Balance on September 30, 2022	\$61,027.82
Closing Bank Balance on October 31, 2022	\$68,173.02
Closing Bank Balance on November 31, 2022	\$70,048.48
Closing Bank Balance on December 31, 2022	\$76,687.65
Closing Bank Balance on January 31, 2023	\$67,968.17
Closing Bank Balance on February 28, 2023	\$76,084.71

2.) CIBC – Savings Account:

Savings Account Balance at **February 12, 2023** **\$44,763.24**

3.) CIBC – Flexible GIC:

FLGIC - 00027 – 1 year | \$6,065.31 | Interest 84.91 | Maturity July 6/2023

FLGIC – 00043 – 1 year & 2 days | \$4,849.04 | Interest 117.02 | Maturity September 18/23

Moved to

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FLGIC – XXXXX – 11 months & 30 days | \$11,004.45 | Interest 276.62 | Maturity January/24

4.) CIBC - Gas Tax Account*

(*This account does not make any interest, it is affected by fees on a monthly basis.)

Closing Balance on July 31, 2022:	\$111,306.50
Closing Balance on August 31, 2022:	\$111,297.00
Closing Balance on September 30, 2022:	\$111,287.50
Transfer of *CCBF Funds (\$4558.00) from Savings October 21, 2022	\$115,845.50
Closing Balance on December 31, 2022:	\$115,817.00
Transfer of *CCBF Funds (\$4558.00) from Savings January 31, 2023	\$120,365.50
Closing Balance on February 28, 2023:	\$120,356.00

*Canada Community Building Funds (Gas Tax)