

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY RIVER

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Murray River Library, 1066 MacInnis Street

Members Present Mayor Paige Hart, Councillor Mary Ritchie, Councillor Michael Franklin

and Councillor Emilio Cupello

Members Regrets Councillor Walter Munn

Staff Present CAO Paula Pater-Voogel

Public Attendance Yes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. Mayor Hart read aloud the "Opening Statement & General Guidelines for Municipal Meetings".

2. Conflicts of Interest Declaration – Individual Councillors

It was indicated that Councillor Michael Franklin have conflicts with anything related to the Fire Department. It was indicated Councillor Michael Franklin has conflict with item 6 (i) on the agenda as it relates to the Murray River Fire Department.

3. Agenda Approval

Moved by Councillor Emilio Cupello and seconded by Councillor Mary Ritchie

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Motioned Carried Unanimously

4. Minutes Approval

The April 11, 2023 minutes were reviewed by Council.

Moved by Councillor Mary Ritchie and seconded by Councillor Michael Franklin

THAT the minutes be approved as presented.

Motioned Carried Unanimously

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5. Chief Administrative Officer Report(s)

Review of the Expenses April 2023

Moved by **Councillor Mary Ritchie** and seconded by **Councillor Emilio Cupello**

THAT the CAO Reports be approved as presented.

Motioned Carried Unanimously

6. Business

- a) **Development Office, Sonia Dixon, May 18th** - Mayor Hart & Councillor Mary Ritchie provided brief details of their conversation with Sonia Dixon. Also in attendance was the former Mayor of Murray River to share some of the past project reviews of the previous Council.
- b) **Eastern Kings ATV Club** – Justin Batchilder provided details regarding regulation/bylaw proposal for driving on roads located within the Municipality. (speed/times/decibels) Without regulation, there is nothing to enforce. Tom Fitzpatrick shared that there has been a letter sent to the province to amend the Road Act. Mayor Hart addressed the review of who would be enforcing the rules; the Eastern Kings ATC Club will update the Council at another meeting the near future. This is tabled for now.
- c) **Northumberland Fisheries Festival** – Mayor Hart spoke about this and confirmed that the Parks & Recreation Committee will assist with this.
- d) **Handy Man “Home & Yard Services”** – George Mackay – Will be providing grass Cutting service for 2023. – as per **CAO**
- e) **Cleaning Services** for Hall and Library for 2023 – Dianne Ferguson – Will be providing the cleaning services for 2023. – as per **CAO**. Council will advise CAO if there are additional rentals and what extra clean up is required so that CAO may reach out to Dianne.
- f) **Parks and Recreation Committee** – Formed with volunteers – Mayor Hart shared that the Committee will be made up of herself, Shannon Cupello and Sandra Edwards. More Volunteers are welcome. **EMO** – Review of Committee is still underway. **Economic Committee** – Looking to be formed

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by Mary Ritchie and Tony Reed and Emilio Cupello expressed interest as well. **Committee Rules and Regulations** - More review is being conducted on Governance.

- g) **Community and Council Annual BBQ** – Organized by the Parks and Rec. Committee starting in 2024. Annual Event established by Community Members independently of Council originally. Moving forward it will be looked at to be combined into the Council Community Commitment.
- h) **Points East Coastal Drive** - Councillor Mary Ritchie shared details about this organization and the offerings that it brings to local businesses and shared that the Municipality of Three Rivers is an active member. Suggested that the Council take some time to review the website and see if there might be interested in taking on a membership. Talks are currently tabled regarding this idea.
- i) **Murray River Fire Department** – Update being provided by – **CAO Resolution # 09052023** to Close Meeting to the Public. Councillor Michael Franklin removed himself at 7:25pm. Meeting Reopened at 7:47

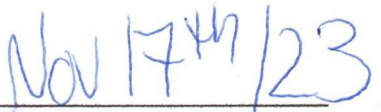
7. Adjournment

At 7:48 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. Moved by Councillor Emilio Cupello

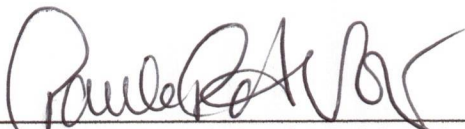
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Municipal Government Act S. 116(4)



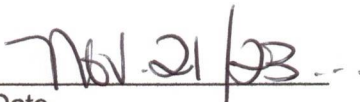
Paige Hart, Mayor



Date



Paula Pater Voogel, Chief Administrative Officer



Date