

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023 AT 6:30 p.m.

1066 MacInnis St. Murray River PE C0A 1W0

Members Present Robert Hughes, Official Trustee

Staff Present CAO Paula Pater-Voogel

Lots of Community Members present.

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Official Trustee – Robert Hughes

2. Welcome and Introduction – Official Trustee – Robert Hughes

3. **Background** – Robert shared his past role of CAO in Stratford, and a little about himself.

4. **Agenda Approval** – Completed by Robert at 6:35

5. **Questions and Comments** were present by members of the Community.

- Justin shared that he was involved with the group (the Watershed Group) that looks to care for the fresh water way; that is located in our community;
- Shannon presented herself to share that she is the person that coordinates the Christmas in the Village event and shared that she coordinates the date with the Harbour;
- Justin shared that he noticed that the oil tank gauge appears to be malfunctioning as he stopped in to check the full level and it appeared to be empty. CAO confirmed that it has been filled and is monitored by the fuel company;
- Christine asked that the Council and the CAO do better at posting the EMO notices on the website and Facebook;
- It was shared that the previous Council was starting to look at the idea and ideal location for a “Community Information Board” to share details about the Community for persons that do not have internet access to social media;

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- It was shared that the Fire Department has 40 generators to help their fire district should help be needed and someone asked about a list of such generators and if Council knew of the location of them;
- Street lights were brought up and it was confirmed that we mainly have all LED lights and that the park sensor has been replaced to reduce the electricity bill, the lights were all on all day and night.
- Tanya asked about the sidewalk project that was to have been put into place years ago, CAO shared that currently there were no projects in place.
- Road safety and speeding was brought up, it was shared that Justin has been in contact with Kings County and the Minister of Transportation; Justin has offered to share his findings with the new Council;
- It was discussed that the idea of pulling together old photos of the Municipality for sharing would be a welcomed Community Project and the idea of running a request on Social Media was presented.

6. Chief Administrative Officer Report(s) – Income Statements and Spend – July and August details reviewed.

- **Sale of a portion of PID#287326 – to Alva and Shirley Allen** – CAO found and shared the Council Meeting notes to confirm that the sale of the section noted on the survey that was presented had been voted on and passed by Council, for Below Market Value at a sale price of \$1,000.00;
- **Potable Water – Community Hall and Library** – CAO shared that there were now UV Lights and a filter installed in the two locations;
- **Fire Marshal Review of Library and Community Hall** – CAO shared that the number of persons in the room, off from the library, was 39 and that the occupancy for the Community Hall was 130. Also, it was shared that the double doors at the front of the Community Hall must remain open during use. CAO shared that a few of the fire extinguishers were out of date. Robert provided the go ahead to establish contact with service provider to attend both locations as needed;
- **Park Lights** – It was discovered that the sensor, for detecting on and based on night and day, was broken and that meant that the lights remained on 24 hours a day. Sensor and a few lights were fixed;
- **Maintenance** - CAO shared that a list of required preventative maintenance needs to be generated and that there also needs to be a forecast for future expenditures. This needs to be added into the next budget.

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7. Business

- a) **Fire Company Proposal & Memorandum of Understanding** – Robert answered a few questions presented by the Community and shared that there was no new date for the Public Meeting confirmed as yet. Robert spoken about the Bylaw Service Agreement, that the Fire Department has been running independent of the Municipality for many years and that this was not in line with the MGA. Robert went over what a Private Fire Company meant. Robert shared that he felt that the Municipality should have a seat on the Fire Departments Board. It was also shared that the Board, currently, does not exist. Robert shared that there was still Legal work needed to resolve and complete the Land transaction of the front lot (at the road/entrance). Robert shared that there would be a 5 year hold on the Fire Department rate.
- b) **By-Election** – Robert shared that the goal he was still aiming for was December 5th, or before if at all possible. Robert shared that there would be a call out for nominations, if more than 7 people then we would be going to a vote. The Municipality will provide details on the website.

8. 1st Reading of the Grants Bylaw

Moved by the Official Trustee:

Be it resolved that the Grants Bylaw, Bylaw 2023-08, be read a first time.

Motion Carried

Moved by the Official Trustee:

Be it resolved that the Grants Bylaw, Bylaw 2023-08, be approved.

Motion Carried

9. Adjournment – by the Official Trustee at 8:30 pm.

Signed in accordance

Municipal Government Act S. 116(4)



Robert Hughes, Official Trustee

Oct 20, 2023

Date



Jill Walsh, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Oct 13, 2023

Date

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