

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, AT 6:30 p.m.

1084 MacInnis St. Murray River PE C0A 1W0

Members Present Robert Hughes, Official Trustee

Staff Present Interim CAO Jill Walsh

22 Community Members present.

1. Call to order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Official Trustee Hughes approved the agenda.

3. Adoption of Minutes: September 12, 2023, Council Meeting, and October 5, 2023, Public Meeting

Official Trustee Hughes adopted the minutes of the September 12, 2023, Council Meeting, and the October 5, 2023, Public Meeting.

4. Public Presentations/Petitions/Delegations

None were made.

5. Introduction and Reading of Bylaws:

a. 2nd Reading of the Grants Bylaw

Adopted by Official Trustee Hughes:

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-08, A Bylaw to Establish Municipal Grants, be read a second time.

The Official Trustee explained that substantive changes have been made to sections 7 and (the former) 12 since first reading, and the rationale for them.

Adopted by Official Trustee Hughes:

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-08, A Bylaw to Establish Municipal Grants, be approved.

b. Adoption of the Grants Bylaw

Adopted by Official Trustee Hughes:

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-08, A Bylaw to Establish Municipal Grants, be adopted.

c. 1st Reading of the Procedural Bylaw

Adopted by Official Trustee Hughes:

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-09, A Bylaw to Regulate the Proceedings of Council, be read a first time.

The Official Trustee provided a synopsis of the bylaw and the need for updating the current Procedural Bylaw.

Adopted by Official Trustee Hughes:

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-09, A Bylaw to Regulate the Proceedings of Council, be approved.

6. Report of the Official Trustee:

a. Separation of Murray River Fire Department

Adopted by Official Trustee Hughes:

WHEREAS the Murray River Fire Department ("Fire Department") has requested independence from the Rural Municipality of Murray River (the "Municipality");

AND WHEREAS the Fire Department has also requested that the Fire Department assets owned by the Municipality be transferred to a newly incorporated fire company for the nominal consideration of \$1.00;

AND WHEREAS the Fire Department assets include the Fire Department building, the lands identified as provincial parcel number 787291, and the trucks, equipment and inventory located at the Fire Department building (the "Assets");

AND WHEREAS the Official Trustee for the Municipality (the "Trustee") prepared a written proposal of the proposed disposition of the Assets in accordance with section 143 of the Municipal Government Act (the "Proposal");

AND WHEREAS the Trustee provided notice of the proposed disposition of the Assets as required under section 2 of the Municipal Government Act General Regulations;

AND WHEREAS the Trustee hosted a public meeting to solicit feedback on the Proposal, which meeting was held on October 5, 2023;

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AND WHEREAS no objection was heard at the public meeting in connection with the Proposal;

AND WHEREAS section 7.1 of the Municipality's Grants Bylaw authorizes the disposition of municipal land at less than fair market value by simple resolution, subject to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act and its regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. *That the Trustee sign the application to incorporate the Murray River Rural Community Fire Company (the "Fire Company") in the form hereto annexed, pursuant to the provisions of the Rural Community Fire Companies Act;*
 2. *That, following incorporation of the Fire Company, the Trustee and CAO sign the memorandum of understanding in the form hereto annexed, subject to the following conditions:*
 - a. *That the Fire Company appoints and retains a representative to act as a liaison between Municipality and the Fire Company and to report on the activities of the Fire Company; and*
 - b. *That the Fire Company submits annual financial statements to the Municipality.*
 3. *That, upon completion of all of the conditions set out in the memorandum of understanding and in this Resolution, the Trustee transfer the Assets, including provincial parcel number 787291, to the Fire Company for the sum of \$1.00,*
 4. *That the Trustee and CAO be authorized to execute the deed of transfer and any other agreements as required to execute this proposal.*
- b. Appointment of Interim CAO, Jill Walsh**
Adopted by Official Trustee Hughes:
Be it resolved that Jill Walsh is appointed Interim CAO of the Rural Municipality of Murray River for the period September 28, 2023, to March 31, 2024, with signing authority as granted in the Municipal Government Act, s156(1).

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7. Consideration of Applications for Grants-in-Kind

a. Christmas in the Villages request for use of Community Hall

Adopted by Official Trustee Hughes:

Be it resolved that a grant-in-kind for the use of the community hall at no charge for December 1st and 2nd for Christmas in the Villages is approved.

b. Southeast Environmental Association request for use of Community Hall

Adopted by Official Trustee Hughes:

Be it resolved that a grant-in-kind for the use of the community hall at no charge for December 1st and 2nd for Christmas in the Villages is approved.

8. Adjournment – by the Official Trustee at 6:58 pm.

Signed in accordance

Municipal Government Act S. 116(4)



Robert Hughes, Official Trustee

Nov 30, 2023

Date



Jill Walsh, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Nov 17, 2023

Date