

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA**

**Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
Leona Giddings Memorial Library, 1066 MacInnis Street**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Public Presentation/Petitions/Delegations**
- 4. Report of the Official Trustee:**
 - a. Resolution to study municipal restructuring in the Southern Kings area**

Whereas the Rural Municipalities of Murray Harbour and Murray River are concerned about their ongoing viability as municipalities, interested in exploring the funding, economic development and tourism opportunities that a larger municipality could bring to the area, and interested in studying the costs and benefits of incorporating the two communities and their two fire districts into one new sustainable municipality of approximately 3000 residents in the Southern Kings area, therefore

Be it resolved that the Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour and the Rural Municipality of Murray River engage a consultant to study the costs and benefits of establishing a new sustainable municipality in the Southern Kings Area, which study will include:

- An assessment of the impact of the proposed restructuring on the existing incorporated and unincorporated areas, including proposed services and tax rates (both Provincial and Municipal) by area served, in accordance with the Principles, Standards and Criteria Regulations of the Municipal Government Act, and*
- A community engagement plan to ensure that all area residents and stakeholders have an opportunity to have input into the study, and*
- An assessment of the lost tourism and economic opportunities caused by the current lack of a coordinating body for the area.*

And Be it Further resolved that an application be made to the Province to fund the study.

- 5. Adjournment**