

Rural Municipality of Murray River
Monthly Meeting-Tuesday, March 8, 2022
Murray River Library at 6:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Pat Bray, Deputy Sandra Edwards, Cllr Walter Munn, Cllr Donna Penny, Cllr Greg Munn, Anne Harnesk, Interim CAO

Regrets: Cllr Karri Ferguson

Gallery: Emilio Cupello

1.0 Call to Order: Mayor Pat called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

2.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflicts to declare.

3.0 Approval of Agenda: Approved by Cllr Greg. Seconded by Cllr Donna.

4.0 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes:

February 8, 2022, minutes as amended (Sable Arc Studios and Nine Yards Studio were reversed, Sable Arc Studios to Nine Yards Studio is correct) approved by Cllr Walter. Seconded by Cllr Donna.

5.0 Reports:

5.1 Financial Report:

See attached report.

Report approved by Cllr Greg, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sandy.

5.2 Park/Rec/Lighting & Sidewalks:

Once snow melts will remove Christmas lights. Sidewalks not cleared at all. This needs to be addressed.

5.3 Community Hall/Hall Moving:

Everything has been transferred from Sable Arc to Nine Yards. Civil Engineer will be approximately \$3,000 more as price was based on reno where Community Centre is now not where it is being moved to. Tenders for project will go out sometime in April. Due to costs the design plan has been changed, instead of full basement it will be a pony wall. Need to hire a Project Manager (Greg should not be client, Architect and Project Manager). The Project Manager keeps eyes on the project and reports back to Council.

6.0 Other Business:

6.1 Trail Development:

No further information

6.2 Official Plan:

Anne to contact Samantha Murphy regarding the Official Plan for Murray River to confirm she can be assigned to the project.

6.3 New Business:

- a. Andy Clary requested to be added to agenda but was not in attendance.
- b. Trevor MacDonald has booked the Chicken Hut for June 4, 2022. Fee is \$10.00.
- c. Emilio suggested holding a "Welcome Back BBQ" one Sunday in June. Are there Grants available? Emilio will do some research and get back to Council.
- d. Pat received a phone call from Minister Compton. The province is able to help with generator and set-up to make Northumberland Arena the Murray River Warming Centre.
- e. Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm going forward. Motion approved by Cllr. Greg, and seconded by Cllr. Donna.

6.4 Review Draft 2022-2023 Budget

Minor adjustments made.

Revised budget approved to be presented to Council at special Council meeting Monday, March 28, 2022 by Cllr Walter, seconded by Cllr Donna.

6.5 Municipal Affairs Presentation

Presentation to Council on Roles and Responsibilities. Handouts provided.

6.6 Appoint Auditor

Will use Grant Thornton for 2021/2022 audit. Will look at the possibility of switching auditors for next audit, as Murray Harbour uses Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis for their audit and their invoice was substantially lower despite having a more complicated audit.

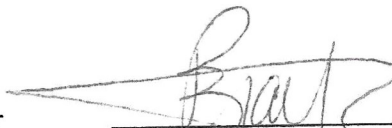
Motion to use Grant Thornton for 2021/2022 audit approved by Cllr Greg, seconded by Cllr Walter.


7.0 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Cllr Greg, seconded by Cllr Walter at 8:15 pm.


Mayor

CAO

Date







CAO Report

March 8, 2022

Time Spent to Date

- General accounting, paying bills, writing cheques, depositing money
- Spent time with Tammy MacLeod learning Simply Accounting
- 2022/23 Budget preparation
- ICIP (Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan - Spoke with Curtis Lumsden
- CBF (Community Building Fund) AER - Annual Expenditure Report - Spoke with Curtis Lumsden

Upcoming Items:

ICIP - Construction of Basement and Hall Addition

Any expenses incurred from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022, a claim form must be filled out and submitted to Curtis Lumsden by March 15, 2022.

AER 2022

Report needs to be updated with expenses incurred from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. If there are no expenses, an updated report indicating no expenses must be submitted to Curtis Lumsden by May 15, 2022.

sidewalk is moving to trail
Hall update.