

Rural Municipality of Murray River

Monthly Meeting- Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Murray River Library at 6:00 pm

Present: Mayor Pat Bray, Deputy Sandra Edwards, Councilors- Marvin MacLeod, Karri Ferguson, Donna Penny, Greg Munn, CAO Dianne MacDonald

Regrets: Walter Munn

1.0 Call to Order: Mayor Pat commenced meeting at 6:00 pm.

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

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

4.0 Approval of Minutes (Jan 12/21): Approved by Cllr Karri. Seconded by Cllr Greg.

5.0 Reports:

5.1 Financial Report: Dianne presented the financial report for the past month. Expenses paid for "Hall Project" were \$12374.00 (claims will be made for these expenses -ICIP funding). Balance in operating account \$14695.00. Report approved by Cllr Karri. Seconded by Cllr Greg.

5.2 Park/Rec/Lighting & Sidewalks: Karri reported the sponsored skates are well attended. Pat will be removing and storing away Christmas decorations.

Karri reported there will be a Lobster Take-Out Supper at the Arena on Thursday, March 18th. Lobster -Adult \$20, Child \$10. Prepping will begin on Wednesday, March 17th at 8:00 am, any help would be greatly appreciated.

5.3 Community Hall: There will be a Building committee meeting on Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:00 pm at the Hall to discuss the project.

5.4 Community Library: No report.

6.0 Other Business:

6.1 Correspondence: Dianne read the email from Sgt. Darryl MacMullen with the stats for December and January for the Village. All other correspondence circulated for Council.

6.2 New Business: Cllr Greg expressed interest in ARCHPEI (Association of Rural Community Halls). Motion made by Cllr Sandra to appoint Cllr Greg to the association. All in favor. Dianne will contact ARCH for registration.

*** Official Plan:** Per email from Derek French Professional Services:

"I have not received any historical data from the Province for your neighbouring Communities.

Since my request for the information, I received an email from Colleen Bawn, Municipal Affairs, see attached."

To paraphrase Colleen's email:

"I would also draw your attention to the 1 year extension (Until Dec 2023) to start municipal planning across the province that was recently granted by Minister Fox.

Also, the Land Matters initiative, recently launched by the Province, includes a review of the Planning Act and of the Lands Protection Act.

'Land Matters' may result in changes to requirements for the process and/ or content of municipal plans and bylaws, and I wanted to make sure that you and your municipal client are aware of these recent changes, before commencing significant work with the Murray River project."

I am afraid if we prepare documents and hold any public meetings they will be subject to the Province's changes.

We will have to revise the documents and go back to the public.

Colleen Bawn will be the person reviewing our documents on behalf of the Province.

She will not approve the documents if she knows that changes to the *Planning Act* and the *Lands Protection Act* will affect them.

I suggest we put any work on hold until we receive an update from the Province.

I am not sure how this is going to affect your funding schedule.

I would like to hear how Council feels about this?

Please let me know how you want to proceed."

Motion by Cllr Greg to delay the official plan until more direction is received from the Province of PEI. Seconded by Cllr Marvin. All in favor. Motion carried.

6.3 EMO Plan & Bylaw:

The Municipal Emergency Management Program Bylaw #2021-10, was read a first time. Moved by Cllr Karri. Seconded by Cllr Greg.

Council reviewed in detail the Emergency Management Plan. Final details to be discussed at March meeting before plan is sent for approval to PEI EMO.

7.0 **Motion to Adjourn:** Motion made by Cllr Greg to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

- Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 9th, 2021.

Mayor

Sandra Edpauls

CAO

Maxime Donaldson

Date

March 9, 2021

