



Town of Mulgrave
Council Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2021

Present: Mayor Chisholm, Deputy Mayor Snow-Keeling , C’lr Russell, C’lr Luddington, C’lr Durling and CAO Berthier Sampson,

Regrets: Nil

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Mayor Chisholm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by C’lr Russell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Snow Keeling that the agenda be approved as circulated with the following additions:

- a. Scotia Trail
- b. Super Nova

Motion Carried

3. Minutes

Moved by C’lr Russell, seconded by C’lr Durling that the minutes of Feb 01, 2021 be approved as presented
Motion Carried

4. New Business/Carry forward

a. **Incident report** –reviewed and closed out.

b. Meetings

-**DSM Meet/Greet**-postponed until March; New CAO to participate

-**EMO**-next monthly meeting date is March 17th in council chambers. Regional EMO confirmed training date of Feb 24th.

c. Community Development

- i. Site Certification-Quotes for appraisal and environmental assessment received. Consensus for CAO to proceed with assessment of tree cutting on two lots adjacent developed lots.
- ii. Signage-Road signs for Main and Murray completed. Consensus to proceed with installation
- iii. Community Banner- Consensus to re-circulate letters to 17 non respondents.
- iv. Guardrail replacement- CAO to discuss potential extension of guardrail further up Mill with PW.
- v. Building HVAC project-Council provided with a copy of draft lease agreement for their review. Addendum to be created for construction phase. Lease to be vetted with tenant/legal. Continue to search for Grants applicable to project.
- vi. Housing rep- No nominations for individual willing to take position. CAO to circulate position within community; if no uptake it will be advertised.
- vii. Fire Department- Life insurance policy for department renewed and provided to members. Fire inspection service completed for fire hall (4 sensors recalled/require replacement).
- viii. Floating Wind Power- Consensus of council to have meeting set up with project owner.

d. 2021 Tax Sale- Legal completing title search/lien holder to proceed with 60 day notice.

e. Community Correspondent -Council consensus to contact Sherry Taylor for position; deemed perfect fit.

- f. **Mulgrave Media Coverage-** CAO explained situation where a newspaper article quoted Town staff whom they did not interview. Comments were taken from another media outlet without acknowledging source. Outlet provided apology however Council alerted to follow up on accuracy regarding reporting practices.
- g. **Legion Photo-** There was a consensus of Council to allow the Mulgrave Legion to move the commemorative photo/plaque for veterans to the legion where it will be displayed.
- h. **Lyme Disease-** Request for Mulgrave to proclaim May as Lime Disease month tabled to next meeting where a motion can be made.
- i. **Stellarton : SPCA donation request-** Added to budget preparation for consideration

5. Reports:

a. Finance

Financial reports YTD reviewed-YTD surplus appears ample to cover forecasted expenses for Feb/March.

VFD savings opportunity : Conflict of interest declared by C'Ir Luddington who left the room

- Phone: Town cell phones cost \$30/mth however paying over \$90/mth for Chiefs phone. Consensus to request VFD chief accept Town phone in replacement.
- Halloween patrol – CAO suggested patrol be terminated given few number of children; cost was \$510 this year. Council to discuss this service with VFD.

C'Ir Luddington called back into the room

- b. **Policing Review** -update provided on regional meeting with other CAO's and justice department. Good information received. Meetings to continue in place of review.
- c. **Public Works update-**report highlighted hire of Town Electrician/ODRC trainee. New lab equipment installed at wastewater plants. Water plant generator tested; no issues. Repairs to domestic water tank and roof at school.
- d. **ODRC-** new ODRC working out very well; individual is very knowledgeable, skilled and open to transferring knowledge to staff. Water lab equipment being updated and brought into service.
- e. **Recreation report-** report highlights include program planning due to covid restrictions lifting, a 72 hour emergency preparedness workshop for seniors, volunteer award nomination packages for April ceremony and preparation of a reopening plan for the pool. It was noted the Province provided funding for free swims. Grant application approved for clean leadership summer internship which pays 60%. Fitness centre grants also applied for. Business plan for fitness centre in progress. Questions posed by CAO regarding financial sustainability of the fitness centre and need for cash flow projections for budgeting purposes.
- f. **Committee reports:**
 - a. **Police advisory report:** Mayor Chisholm provided update of meeting. Highest risk for Mulgrave communicated to committee as Aulds Cove Intersection, speeding and 4 wheelers on road. Also noted impact of public housing issues on policing.
 - b. **Library report-** Library CEO proposing permanent full closure of Mulgrave library branch with Mulgraves contribution to be put towards financially sustaining Port Hawksbury branch. Opportunity to build a stronger library service by improving the collection in one location, combine resources and improve stewardship of public funds. Issue tabled until next meeting.
 - c. **ERSW-** contracts received from Guysborough for solid waste collection . To be reviewed. Deputy Mayor Snow-Keeling has upcoming meeting.

6. Approved Addition to Agenda

- a. **Scotia Trail-**Mayor received request for plowing for winter walking. CAO to assess in consultation with PW.
- b. **SuperNova-** Division of Dalhousie which brings science to kids with distribution of free kits to children who register on line.

7. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

8. Gallery

- Zoom audience taken off mute and asked if questions. None received.

9. In Camera.

Move by Clr Luddington , 2nd by C’lr Russell to go in camera at 8:38pm

Collective bargaining.

- C’lr Durling declared a conflict of interest and left the room
- Proposed Negotiation submission reviewed and discussed
- C’lr Durling brought back into the room

Contract/Agreements

- Discussion of contract 05-18-0061

Tax sale

- Letter from tax sale account reviewed and discussed.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Snow-Keeling, 2nd by C’lr Russell to come out of in camera at 9: 30 pm

10. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourn at 9:35 PM.

Mayor

CAO

Date

Date