



**Town of Mulgrave
Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2021**

Present: Mayor Chisholm, Councillor Durling, Councillor Luddington, Councillor Russell and CAO Gray.

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Snow-Keeling

Meeting held via Zoom due to provincial COVID-19 restrictions

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Mayor Chisholm

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Luddington that the agenda be approved as circulated, with the following additions:

**Council chambers
Accessibility update
Housing Authority
Council meetings**

Motion Carried

3. Minutes

Moved by Councillor Luddington, seconded by Councillor Durling that the minutes of April 19, 2021 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

4. New Business/Carry Forward Business

a. Volunteer of the Year Award

Due to COVID-19, the presentation of gifts to our volunteers will be deferred to a later date. The provincial awards ceremony has been postponed until September.

b. Stakeholder Engagement for the National Active Transportation Strategy

The National Active Transportation Strategy and funding programs are currently being designed. Infrastructure Canada is encouraging stakeholders to submit key priorities/considerations by May 7th. The Town currently has a draft Active Transportation Policy, and councillors were asked to submit their key guiding principles, goals, and potential policy statements from the draft policy to the CAO for inclusion in the response to Infrastructure Canada.

c. Draft Operating Budget 2021-2022

The Draft Operating Budget 2021-2022 reflects residential, commercial and resource tax rates at the same level as 2020-2021 rates. The annual waste levy has increased from \$104 to \$125 to reflect current costs and number of pickup locations.

Increases in Transportation, Environmental Health Services and Recreation and Culture expense were highlighted, and councilors were asked to forward any additional questions to the CAO. At our next meeting, Operating, Capital, Water Operating, and Water Capital Budgets for 2021-2022 will be presented for approval.

5. Reports

Council Committee Reports

Police Advisory: next meeting scheduled for May 11, 2021 via Zoom

Library: brief discussion regarding changes due to COVID-19

6. Approved Additions to Agenda

Council chambers

Due to the addition of a potential tenant within our cafeteria space, it was agreed that Council meetings would be held in room 1156, with the seniors group moving into the room currently used as council chambers. Our new audiovisual equipment will now be installed in room 1156.

Accessibility update

The Community Access-Ability Program Application was submitted on April 30, 2021 incorporating estimates provided for accessible entrance/egress at the Mulgrave Memorial Centre. Council expressed thanks to Councillor Luddington, Heather Brennan, Recreation and Physical Activity Coordinator, and CAO Gray for their efforts in meeting the submission deadline.

Also, the Town's Accessibility Committee is looking for 3 additional members. One-half of the Committee should be comprised of residents with a disability or caregivers of residents with a disability. The definition of disability is broad, and includes mobility, hearing, mental health and other types of disability.

Housing Authority

Mayor Chisholm advised that Jane Greencorn has agreed to represent the Town on the Housing Authority.

Council meetings

Municipal Affairs has advised that municipalities are free to arrange Council meetings as they see fit, as long as by-laws and policies are aligned with the scheduling of meetings. It was agreed that Regular Council Meetings will be held on the first and third Monday of each month, and that Special Meetings and/or Committee of the Whole Meetings will be scheduled as required.

7. Date of next meeting: Monday, May 17, 2021

8. Gallery

There were no questions or concerns from the gallery.

9. In Camera.

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Durling to go in camera at 6:56 pm

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Luddington to move out of in camera at 7:30 pm

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Luddington, seconded by Councillor Durling that:

The CAO complete the transaction related to the acquisition of municipal property as discussed in camera in conjunction with the 2021-2022 Water Capital Budget.

Motion Carried

10. There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor Luddington to adjourn at 7:38 PM.

Motion Carried

Mayor

CAO