

**Town of Mulgrave
Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2022**

Present: Mayor Chisholm, Deputy Mayor Russell, Councillor Durling, Councillor Luddington, Councillor Snow-Keeling and CAO Gray.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda / Addition of Agenda Items

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

**Rescheduling of EMO Meeting
Post Office
Signage
Youth Council
Presentation re: Solar Gardens
In Camera Items (2)**

Motion Carried

3. Minutes – December 20, 2021

Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Snow-Keeling, that the minutes of December 20, 2021 be approved.

Motion Carried

4. New Business / Carry Forward Business

a. Financial Results for the 8 months ending November 30, 2021

The CAO presented the General Operating Fund Statement of Financial Activities (prepared by management) for the 8 months ending November 30, 2021.

The CAO indicated that, from a broad perspective, the results (Surplus of **\$724,512**) are similar to the previous results after 8 months in 2020-2021 (Surplus of \$944,618) and 2019-2020 (Surplus of \$525,529). Since the previous two years' Annual Surplus results were \$198,999 in 2020-2021 and \$139,435 in 2019-2020, we should expect a surplus in a similar range in 2021-2022.

The primary reason for the large surplus after 8 months in each year is the fact that revenue has largely been recognized for the full year, while expenses (in most cases) have been incurred for 2/3 of the year only.

The broad estimate of an Annual Surplus in 2021-2022 within the range of the previous two years' annual surplus results is based on the assumption that large equipment repair and/or snow removal expenditures will generally be the same as the previous two years.

b. Transfers from Operating Reserve 2021-2022

The CAO brought forward motions to transfer funds from the Operating Reserve to General Capital as a result of two unanticipated items:

- The Town's share (50%) of a Streetscape Beautification Project co-funded by the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing. (There is a possibility that this project may be completed in 2022-2023.)
- An extraordinary item related to the replacement of a breaker and associated electrical repairs at Mulgrave Memorial Centre.

**Moved by Councillor Snow-Keeling, seconded by Deputy Mayor Russell that:
The Town of Mulgrave transfer \$15,717 from the Operating Reserve to General Capital to fund 50% of the total cost of the Streetscape Beautification Project, if necessary.**

Motion Carried

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Durling that:
The Town of Mulgrave transfer \$18,974.25 from the Operating Reserve to General Capital to fund an extraordinary item relating to the replacement of a breaker and associated electrical repairs at Mulgrave Memorial Centre.**

Motion Carried

c. Accessibility Directorate

The CAO recently received an email from the Department of Justice regarding the federal government's **Call for Ideas** for two housing-related programs. The Department requested that, if responding to the Call for Ideas, the importance of including accessibility as a principle and criteria in affordable housing policies and programs be considered.

- The **Housing Accelerator Fund** program proposes to remove barriers and help municipalities build housing more quickly in an ambitious and innovative manner.
- The **Rent-to-Own** program proposes to help make it easier for renters to work towards home ownership.

Ideas can be submitted until January 31, 2022. The CAO indicated that Councillors may submit Ideas individually, through the CAO, or as the result of a larger discussion with Council.

5. Reports

- a. Council Committee Reports (no updates to be presented)

6. Approved Additions to the Agenda

Rescheduling of EMO Meeting

Council agreed on February 28/22 as preferred date for EMO Meeting.

Post Office

CAO to request update on cost estimate for first stage of remediation process.

Signage

CAO to ask Public Works to install suitable signage at Jamieson's Corner.

Youth Council

Suggested a rainbow crosswalk; Council approved 2 locations (entrance to Town and Post Office).

Youth Council representative to attend Regular Council Meeting in February to discuss potential projects.

Presentation re: Solar Gardens

CAO to request presentation(s) to Council by Mayor of Town of Antigonish and/or Warden of County of Antigonish.

7. **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday, January 17, 2022

8. **Gallery**

Question to Council regarding their reaction to the Financial Report for the 8 months ended November 30, 2021. The Mayor indicated he was pleased with the report and that it showed similar results to the previous two fiscal years. Question regarding when the Mulgrave Memorial Centre will re-open to the public. Council indicated that out of an abundance of caution and concern for seniors, in particular, the Centre will remain closed to the public until COVID-19 case counts improve across the Province.

9. **In Camera**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Snow-Keeling to move in camera at 7:04 pm.

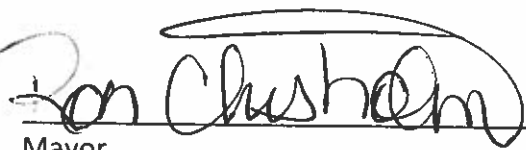
Motion Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Durling to move out of in camera at 7:36 pm.

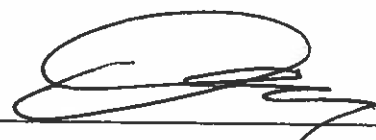
Motion Carried

10. There being no further business, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Russell to adjourn at 7:37 pm.

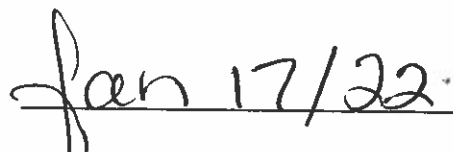
Motion Carried



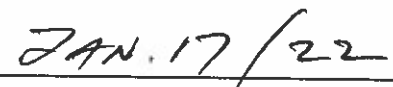
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