

**Town of Mulgrave
Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2022**

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

1. **Call to Order**
Meeting called to order at 6:31 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 addition:
EMO Training
3. **Minutes – February 15, 2022**
Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Luddington, that the minutes of February 15, 2022 be approved.

Motion Carried

4. **New Business / Carry Forward Business**
 - a. Eastern Counties Regional Library: Annual Report 2020-2021
The CAO reviewed the Report and highlighted some of the key messages from the Library Board's Chair and CEO. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, library services were delivered and enhanced. Digital services, "Borrow by Mail" service and curbside pickup allowed residents to use library services without having to get to a library space. In 2020-2021, Circulation Statistics indicated that Physical Checkouts were roughly the equivalent to Digital Checkouts.
As evidence of the dramatic impact of COVID-19 on Library visits (based on manual gate count), visits dropped from approximately 52,000 in 2018-2019 and 44,000 in 2019-2020 to 1,446 in 2020-2021.

- b. Indexing of Tipping Fee at Guysborough Waste Management Facility for 2nd Generation Waste

The CAO reviewed correspondence from the Municipality of the District of Guysborough which indicated an increase of 3.55% in the Town's 2022-2023 tipping fees for solid waste. The CAO also indicated that price increases in the recycling contract with the Municipality of Colchester through Guysborough have increased by \$43.00 per ton in 2022-2023, resulting in an increase of 20.4% in recycling costs. Total waste management costs for 2022-2023 including organics, solid waste and recycling are projected to increase by 8.8% over 2021-2022.

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Mayor

Tom Cluskey

CAO

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[Signature]

10. There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor Luddington to adjourn at 6:51 pm.

Motion Carried

9. In Camera No items

Question regarding impact of waste management cost increase on 2022-2023 budget; CAO indicated likely minimal, however, more will be known when the first draft of the budget will be presented later in the spring
Question regarding lifting of COVID-19 restrictions on March 21st; office staff will be canvassed for opinions however it is likely that masking will be required
Question regarding location of Public Hearing on March 21st; plan on Council Chambers however contingency plan will be established to relocate to gymnasium if number of attendees exceeds Council Chambers capacity
Question regarding salt usage on roads this winter; CAO discussed with Public Works Supervisor recently and supplies are low; extra truck load to be ordered.

8. Gallery

7. Date of Next Meeting: Monday, March 21, 2022 (following Public Hearing)

The Deputy Mayor will contact the EMO Coordinator to determine if training is available virtually with Councillors present as a group in Council Chambers.

6. Approved Additions to the Agenda
EMO Training

- i. Police Advisory
- ii. Town to host next meeting in April
- iii. MARA
- iv. Next meeting March 22nd
- v. Recreation / Culture
- vi. Next meeting March 29th

5. Reports

a. Council Committee Reports

Moved by Councillor Luddington, seconded by Deputy Mayor Russell that: Heather Brennan be appointed signing officer for the Town of Mulgrave effective March 7, 2022.

Motion Carried

c. Signing Authority