

**Town of Mulgrave
Meeting Minutes
March 6 / 2023**

Present: Mayor Chisholm, Deputy Mayor Luddington, Councillor Russell, Councillor King, Councillor Carrigan, 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 Councillor Russell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Luddington that the Agenda be approved with the following additions:

By-Law Enforcement Officer Update

In-Camera Public Safety

RCMP Update

Motion Carried

3. Minutes - Public Hearing - February 21, 2023

Moved by Deputy Mayor Luddington, seconded by Councillor Russell that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of February 21, 2023 be approved.

Motion Carried

Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 21, 2023

Moved by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Carrigan that the Minutes of February 21, 2023 be approved.

Motion Carried

4. New Business / Carry Forward Business

a. Guysborough County Housing Network Presentation

Mayor and Council welcomed Nancy O’ Regan for a Summary and Presentation of Research Project Results 2021 – 2022 from the Guysborough County Housing Network.

Ms. O’Regan noted that more than half of the Town of Mulgrave’s renters are in core housing need, and also noted the lack of housing stock, condition of public housing and access to land threatens the future of Mulgrave. Next steps, in partnership with the Town of Mulgrave, include identifying suitable land options for a multi-family housing project, and developing priorities for a rental housing strategy, repair program for homeowners, and rent-to-own organization.

b. Temporary Borrowing Resolution

The CAO described the need for a Temporary Borrowing Resolution in the event large cash flow requirements during construction of the new Waste Water Treatment Plant, coupled with potential delays in the claims process, placed pressure on the Town's cash balances.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council of the Town of Mulgrave approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$1,500,000 as presented.

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Carrigan.

c. Seniors and Long-term Care February Bulletin

Continuation of initial Bulletin presented at the Regular Meeting of February 21st.

The Bulletin from the Minister, Department of Seniors and Long-term Care, is a very informative, 2 – 3 page document which highlights a number of initiatives, including:

- New reporting measures to increase transparency, accountability across the healthcare system;
- More funding for healthcare recruitment across the province;
- Better access to community-based transportation programs.

Future Bulletins will be placed on the Agenda under "Reports".

5. Reports

a. Council Committee Reports (updates where applicable)

ii. Library

Meeting March 23rd

iii. MARA

Meeting week of March 13th.

6. Approved Additions to the Agenda

By-Law Enforcement Officer Update

Mulgrave, Inverness, Port Hawkesbury and Richmond to explore opportunities and benefits associated with a Shared By-Law Enforcement Officer position.

Due to the number of by-laws in each municipality, three key by-laws as identified by each municipality will be reviewed by two CAOs for commonalities. Draft by-laws for the area will then be reviewed by all four CAOs. It is anticipated that a Shared By-Law Enforcement Officer will be onsite in each community at least monthly to investigate and follow-up on issues of importance to that community.

RCMP Update

RCMP have accepted the offer of a satellite office in the Mulgrave Memorial Centre, an important step in increasing the RCMP presence in Town.

7. Next Meeting March 20 / 2023

8. Gallery

Question regarding potential increase or decrease in Tax Rate; advised that the 2023-2024 Budget will be presented within 1-2 months..

Question regarding the Temporary Borrowing Resolution and which bank the Town intended to use; CAO responded that the funds may be borrowed from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia.

9. In-Camera

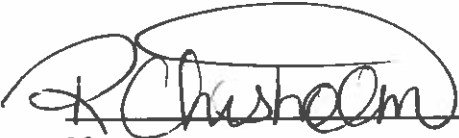
Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor King to move in camera at 7:43 pm.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Russell to move out of in camera at 8:43 pm.

Motion Carried


10. There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor Russell to adjourn at 8:43 pm.




Mayor



CAO



Date



Date