

Town of Mulgrave Meeting Minutes February 3, 2025

Present: Mayor Chisholm, Deputy Mayor Maas Latimer, Councillor Russell, Councillor Michel, Councillor Tate 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 Councillor Russell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maas Latimer that the Agenda be approved (no additions):

Motion Carried

3. Minutes – January 20, 2025

Deputy Mayor Maas Latimer requested use of the term “Absent with Permission” to replace “Regrets” when a councillor advises they will not be able to attend a meeting. Requested change to December 16, 2024 Minutes.

Minutes accepted as presented.

4. Business Arising From Minutes

None

5. Presentations

McNairs Marina Development Committee

McNairs Marina Committee President Darren Keeping presented a PowerPoint presentation on their objectives and goals on Infrastructure and Restoration of the Marina Development. The committee requested an update from the Town on the status of the Project.

CAO Gray provided an update on the Municipal Capital Growth Program (MCGP) which provides funding support for municipalities and villages with municipal infrastructure projects, including climate change adaptation projects such as capital projects from climate hazard/risk assessments, coastal and inland flooding adaptations, and emergency preparedness around water and storage.

The Town received approximately \$258, 000 (50%) of the total project estimate of \$516,000

Project end date is March 31, 2026.

The MCGP requires the Town to engage a qualified external project manager.

The Committee has been fundraising for the last year and it will take several more years of fundraising to complete the project. The Committee is interested in setting up a meeting with Council to develop a plan moving forward. A meeting was agreed to and a date will be set once the project manager is hired.

6. **New Business/Carry Forward Business**

a) Town Hall Meeting

New date set for February 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm

b) Mulgrave & Area Medical Centre

Shauna Scott, Co-Chair of the Mulgrave & Area Medical Centre requested a meeting with Council to discuss forming a Recruitment Committee. Ms. Scott provided background information regarding the scope of work that has been completed to date and current work-in-progress. After a discussion, Council agreed to collaborate with the Committee and will set up a meeting when a date has been finalized.

c) Council Meetings & Proceedings Policy

CAO Gray incorporated the changes discussed during the past several meetings. Deputy Mayor Maas Latimer indicated she will forward additional changes to the CAO. Concerns were raised regarding the timing of release of the Agenda; additional time pressures recently due to preparations for the Town Hall Meeting.

d) Turbine Projects

Councillor Michel indicated there have been some concerns in the community regarding wind farms and asked whether Council would agree to a presentation from *Protect Guysborough* and/or *Green Nova Scotia*. Council was in agreement.

7. **Reports**

a) Council Committee Reports

i. Police Advisory

No additional information since last report.

ii. Library

No additional information since last report.

iii. MARA

Concert in March

iv. Recreation / Culture

Meeting February 4, 2025

v. Community First – Guysborough County Housing Association

Councillor Michel has assumed this role; update at next meeting.

vi. Eastern Region Solid Waste Management (ERSWM)

February 27, 2025 – 10:00 am

8. Approved Additions to the Agenda

9. Date of Next Meeting: February 18, 2025

10. Gallery

Concerns raised regarding impact of clear cutting for wind farms on wild life; birds dying from blade injuries; flooding from soil disruption.

Mayor advised of an upcoming presentation from EverWind, followed by a Q & A session; date will be posted when finalized.

Question regarding timing of release of Agendas; Wednesday.

Question regarding Open House at the Fire Hall on Thursday, Mayor responded it is an information session from EverWind regarding the transmission lines.

11. In-Camera

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Tate to move in camera at 7:29 pm.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maas Latimer to move out of in camera at 8:42 pm.

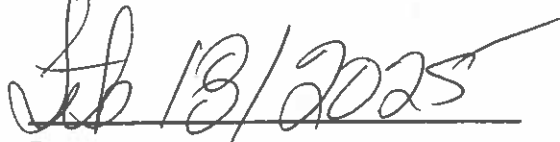
Motion Carried

12. Adjournment

There being no further business it was moved by Councillor Russell to adjourn at 8:42 pm.



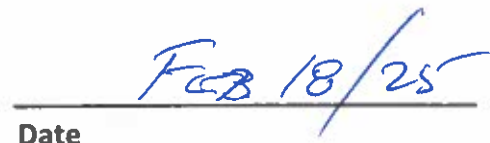
Mayor



Date



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