

# **Town of Mulgrave**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **April 2, 2024**

**Present:** Mayor Chisholm, Deputy Mayor King, Councillor Russell, Councillor Luddington, 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 King that the Agenda be approved with the following addition:**

Public Safety

McNairs Cove

***Motion Carried***

**3. Minutes – March 18, 2024**

**Moved by Councillor Carrigan, seconded by Councillor Luddington that the Minutes of March 18, 2024 be approved.**

***Motion Carried***

**4. New Business / Carried Forward Business**

**a. Seniors and Long-term Care March 2024 Bulletin**

The Department of Seniors and Long-Term Care's budget is \$1.36 billion in 2024-25, a 28% increase over the past three years.

The Department is investing to:

- Build more new and replacement long-term care spaces and convert additional spaces to long-term care
- Expand the long-term care workforce and deliver 4.1 hours of direct care
- Retain the care supports delivered by long-term assistants and infection control nurses
- Ensure healthy, high-quality food continues to be available for people living in long-term care
- Improve access to home support services, providing more help for people returning home from hospital and reducing wait times for home care
- Continue to build on community, workforce and facility care initiatives already underway.

Discussion by councillors that this is a very interesting and informative newsletter. Suggestion made by Deputy Mayor King to upload it to the Town's website on a monthly basis.

b. Municipal Insurance Program

CAO opened the discussion stating there have been some questions from council and residents regarding the flexibility in bringing in instructors to work during our March Break and Summer Programs. Some are thinking that our insurance coverage is restrictive in terms of requiring coverage by instructors. The broker for the NSFM Municipal Insurance Program indicated instructors, paid or unpaid, should submit certificates of insurance to the Town, with the Town named as Additional Insured. The broker also recommended developing a policy for volunteers so that risk is minimized.

Councillors agreed with the risk management concerns, however, there were concerns that the process was extremely limiting in getting programs up and running. The example of a nearby municipality having instructors sign contracts limiting the municipality's liability was raised. The CAO indicated he believes our broker would also require the certificate of insurance.

Council requested a meeting with our broker.

**5. Reports**

a. Council Committee Reports

i. Police Advisory

Meeting will take place on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

ii. Library

Three new library locations to be established.

iii. MARA

Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> March; registration for Workplace Education classes is now open; anyone who is interested can go to the MARA Facebook page and information will also be posted on the Town's website; classes are free for anyone who is looking for professional development.

Next meeting is May 21<sup>st</sup>.

iv. Recreation / Culture

Two paint classes, one for youth, one for adult, both were sold out.

Weekly chair yoga at the center.

Easter Egg Hunt – Mayor thanked Councillor Luddington.

Seniors Program is doing well.

v. Guysborough County Home Support Agency (GCHSA)

Meeting on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>; Councillor Carrigan was unable to attend.

vi. Eastern Region Solid Waste Management (ERSWM)

Meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>; Councillor Luddington was unable to attend.

Committee forwarded meeting highlights including Jaqueline Dort Memorial Bursary for students graduating from high school; Mulgrave students attending SAERC are eligible; applications will be posted on the ERSWM

website and social media page; to be posted on Town website and sent out to graduating students from Mulgrave as well.

**6. Approved Additions to the Agenda**

**Public Safety** – Last summer n McNairs Cove there was an incident in which a youth was injured on metal stakes; request to have Public Works check the area to ensure the stakes are not a danger to the public.

**Benches in McNairs Cove** – Request to have Public Works secure down benches purchased last year by Market-by-the-Sea.

**7. Date of Next Meeting: April 15, 2024**

**8. Gallery**

Resident stressed the need for stringent risk management practices in discussing the issue of instructors' insurance.

Resident expressed concern regarding trucks speeding and use of engine brakes within Town limits.

**9. In-Camera**


Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Deputy Mayor King to move in camera at 7:07 pm.


*Motion Carried*

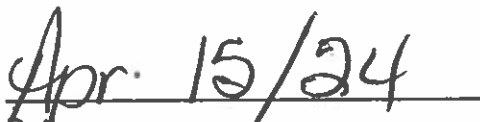
Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Deputy Mayor King to move out of in camera at 8:18 pm.

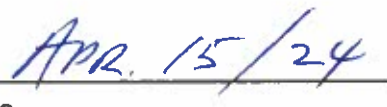
*Motion Carried*

**10. There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor Russell to adjourn at 8:18 pm.**

  
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