



**Town of Mulgrave  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Sept 4 2018**

**Present:** Mayor Hadley, Deputy Mayor Brophy, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Russell, Councillor Snow, CAO Jim Davis

**Regrets:**

**1. Call to Order**

**Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Mayor Hadley.**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by C'lr Russell and seconded by C'lr Chisholm that the agenda be approved as circulated with the following additions**

- Hiring policy**
- Traffic Lights**
- by-laws & animal enforcement**

**Motion Carried**

**3. Minutes**

**Moved by C'lr Russell and seconded by D/M Brophy that the minutes of June 18<sup>th</sup> ,2018 be approved as presented .**

**Motion Carried**

**4. Reports/Presentations**

**Financial Statements**

The CAO presented the unaudited non-consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2018 with a summary of variances. The General Operating Fund had a surplus of \$98,253 while the Water Operating Fund had a surplus of \$87,623 which was \$64,000 better than budgeted. Jonathan Veinot CPA CA of Grant Thornton, presented the results of the audit process by reviewing with the Audit Committee (Council) the "Report to the Audit Committee Audit strategy and results". Mr Veinot then reviewed the consolidated statements. The Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for March 31, 2018 showed a surplus was \$679,238 after taking into account sales of property, government transfers and amortization. They indicated that the Consolidated Financial Statements were fairly presented, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. The report on internal controls was also presented as part of this report. **Moved by C'lr Chisholm and seconded by D/M Brophy that both the Consolidated and Non-consolidated Financial Statements of the Town for March 31, 2018 be approved.**

Motion Carried

**School Repairs –Revision to Capital Budget**

Move by C’lr Russell and Sec’d by C’lr Chisholm that the amount of \$30,000 in the 2018 2019 capital budget be re-allocated from the purchase of trailer and roller to major school renovations and repairs. On the question C’lr Snow inquired as to the categorization of costs between materials and labour. The CAO noted costs were being monitored very closely and that a reporting of costs would be made to Council on completion of spending the now budgeted amount of \$50,000.(includes \$20,000 received from school board)

Motion Carried

**FCI Action Plan 2017-2020**

Move by C’lr D/M Brophy and Sec’d by C’lr Chisholm that the FCI Action Plan 2018-2020 be approved as presented .

Motion Carried.

**Expression of Interest Approval (EOI)**

Move by C’lr Chisholm and Sec’d by C’lr Snow that the final draft of the Expression of Interest Approval (EOI) be approved as developed and discussed by Council and the Mulgrave Area Revitalization Committee and be posted on the Town website.

Motion Carried

**New Business /Correspondence**

**Letter from Strait of Canso Superport Corporation**

Moved by C’lr Snow and seconded by C’lr Russell that the Council request a meeting with the Executive Director of the Strait of Canso Superport to further review the Sewer Charge By-Law as it applies to the Corporation and as discussed in his e-mail of August 27<sup>th</sup>,2018.

Motion Carried

**Building Inspector**

The building inspector’s e-mail with reference to a dangerous and unsightly complaint regarding a property on Main St was discussed. He noted that the conditions were not in contravention of any by-laws. It is noted the owners of the property have made improvements and are continuing to take further initiatives which could lower the noise and odour problems reflected in the letter of complaint. The end of September is the anticipated date to complete these changes.

**OEM (Onsite Energy Manager)**

Moved by D/M Brophy and seconded by C’lr Russell that the Town of Mulgrave partner with neighbouring municipalities and First Nations to apply for a dedicated Efficiency Nova Scotia Energy Manager to assess municipal infrastructure for the purpose of determining and accessing

opportunities for the reduction of energy consumption, and that an inter-municipal agreement be developed among partners to share costs equitably.

Motion Carried

This motion allows the Town to indicate a preliminary interest to Efficiency NS by early September which fits in with Efficiency NS timelines for this proposed project.

#### 5. Additions to Agenda

Concern was expressed by D/M Brophy over recent hirings .She noted that the hiring policy (interviews)should be reviewed when hiring for employment with the Town.

D/M Brophy noted the replacement of the Big Stop in Aulds Cove and brought up the possibility of temporary traffic lights being installed at the Mulgrave /Aulds Cove intersection . She suggested we write Minister Hines to encourage him to authorize the placement of a permanent set of traffic lights as this area has been a concern for a number of years. Council agreed that we send a letter of support for permanent traffic lights to Minister Hines.

C'lr Russell brought concerns of citizens regarding dogs defecating on the Town trails. He noted that the Recreation Coordinator has contacted him and that 'dog pick up the mess signs' and possibly dog drop stations were going to be placed at various points along the trail.

C'lr Russell also noted a 'rooster' noise problem in various spots throughout the town and suggested we may have to look at our bylaws to come to a resolution to the problem and the need for an enforcement officer. Mayor Hadley noted the difficulty neighbouring municipalities are having in filling this position and that existing conditions may not be covered by any bylaw changes.

#### Gallery

-The question was asked if we had a Noise Bylaw. The answer was, one was considered in 2011, however it has not been proclaimed.

-Concern was expressed ATV's on town trails.

-A citizen noted barking dogs all night and roosters are crowing but noted there is noise everywhere and that it is just a part of life.

-Concern was expressed over the number of roosters throughout the Town.

#### Adjournment

Moved by C'lr Russell and sec'd by C'lr Chisholm that the meeting adjourn. Motion c'rd.  
Adjournment at:8:02pm

Minutes approved by:

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Mayor Ralph Hadley

Minutes recorded by:

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CAO Jim Davis