



Town of Mulgrave- Council Meeting Minutes Oct 7, 2019

Present: Mayor Hadley, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Russell, Deputy Mayor Snow, CAO Darlene Berthier Sampson, Councillor Brophy (late arrival)

Regrets: nil

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by C'I Chisolm, seconded by C'lr Russell that the agenda be approved as circulated with the following additions:

- Employee retirement
- Skating rink next to FVD
- Clinic update/Nurse Practitioner

Motion Carried

3. Minutes

Moved by C'lr Chisolm, seconded by Deputy Mayor Snow that the minutes of September 19, 2019 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

4. Reports/Presentations

No reports were presented

5. New Business, Correspondence and Information Items

a. Deputy Mayor

Moved by Clr Chisolm, seconded by Clr Snow that Clr Robert Russell be appointed Deputy Mayor for the 2019/2020 term.

Motion Carried

Clr Russell accepted the appointment.

Swearing in to take place next meeting.

b. Exit 40/Route 344

Letter of concern regarding exit 40 was written to Minister of Transportation and copied to several other parties. Noted that letter contained an error in description of the traffic flows. Correction to be issued **(action)**

c. Fire Dept Generator

- Discussion ensued on VFD generator being out of service
- The Legion offered use of its facilities as a comfort center in the Interim. Town very thankful and accepting of offer until VFD generator issue resolved as this will help bridge the gap.
- Public works has a generator that came from EMO office: can be moved to FVD temporarily to open doors. A bit of work to rewire this in.
- Generator repair or replacement needed before winter to prevent freezing at fire hall if power outage.
- EMO looking at funding for a generator (up to \$7800). Completing application process on VFD behalf.
- Moved by Clr Chisolm, 2nd by Cl'r Snow that, if the EMO is successful at getting a grant of \$7500 or more, the Town top up the \$2500 to cover repair of the generator. Motion Carried

d. Energy Manager Project.

Inter municipal energy efficiency project in discussion. CAO attended meeting in Town of Port Hawkesbury first week of October. Nine Municipal units collaborating to hire Onsite Energy Manager for 90K /annum to be paid for by 50% from the Prov of NS and 50% by cost sharing partners. Proposal includes 100 hours for Mulgrave at a cost of \$2424.00. Benefit is that energy manager can use time to assess, apply for grants etc. Council has until October 25th to finalize opting in or out. Council raised questions as to past participation, studies. motions etc. CAO to inquire and report back on merit. **(action item)**

e. Duck Pond update

Clr Snow provided expense receipts and a list of required work orders required at the Duck Pond to the CAO who summarized and included in Cl's package. New fencing is needed on the public viewing side, trees need be staked, and shrubs moved. It was noted that other work should be deferred until after the lift station is addressed in the wastewater treatment capital project so as to not have to re-do. Clr Snow noted that Pine the cut pine trees being used to make 4 benches.

Moved by Clr Chisolm, Seconded by Clr Russell to have Public works complete requested work orders.

Motion Carried

6. Approved additions to Agenda

a. Employee Retirement

Employee R. DeCoste recently notified Town of retired. Retirement allowance due to employee was paid out against accrual on books.

b. Skating Rink

Town received inquiry from constituent interested in saving skating rink next to fire hall. Prior interest was expressed from individual when Town indicated it may tear it down. Discussion ensued. It was noted that Town has benefit of Brains Pond being kept up thus it doesn't want to invest in a second. There was consensus from councillors to give the group time to come together and make some progress before removing the rink. CAO to communicate this back **(action item)**

c. Clinic update

- A nurse practitioner was not approved for the Mulgrave Clinic despite interest from one to practice here.
- Counsellor Brophy to be asked to turn over foot clinic list to New clinic employee.
- Clinics now running more often than monthly. Not in Towns Budget. To be discussed with Medical board.

7. Next Meeting-Next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2019

8. Gallery-

a. Tennis court- Question asked about hockey nets on courts

-Mayor Hadley noted they were damaged and he was disposing of.

b. Fire Dept- Fire chief Breen noted the dept is running Chase to Ace to fundraise for a new Chassis. Priced some time back (\$130,000). Tank like new because of rust anodes.

9. In Camera (CAO Performance review)

Councillor Snow moved to go in camera at 7:26, Seconded by Councillor Chisolm

MC

CAO asked to leave the meeting at 7: 27pm. CAO called back into meeting at 7:49.

No motions from in camera. Performance review completed by each councillor and shared with CAO.

Councillor Snow moved to come out of in camera at 7:57 pm, Seconded by Councillor Brophy.

MC

10. Adjournment

Moved by Clr Brophy, Seconded by Clr Snow to adjourn at 7:58 Pm.

Motion Carried

Minutes approved by:

Minutes recorded by:

Mayor Ralph Hadley

CAO Darlene Berthier Sampson