

**Town of Mulgrave
Meeting Minutes
June 6 / 2022**

Present: Mayor Chisholm, Deputy Mayor Russell, Councillor Luddington, Councillor Snow-Keeling, CAO Gray

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Mayor Chisholm

2. Approval of Agenda / Addition of Agenda items

Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Tanya Snow-Keeling that agenda be approved with the following additions

: Marina Pilot Project

: Service Exchange

: In Camera (2): Personnel

Motion Carried

3. Minutes - May 17 / 2022

Moved by Councillor Luddington, seconded by Deputy Mayor Russell, that the minutes of May 17 / 2022 be approved.

Motion Carried

4. New Business

a. Greg Morrow, MLA Guysborough- Tracadie

Mr. Morrow indicated that this was a great opportunity to speak with Council in person. Question from Council on whether any updates were available regarding the intersection in Aulds Cove. Mr. Morrow advised it was added to the Five Year Highway Plan for this construction season. It is his understanding, as indicated by the Department of Public Works, that the issue lies with the rail company at this point. Mr. Morrow has asked the Minister if it is possible to start the work by the fall.

Question from Council regarding an update on the status of a Nurse Practitioner for the Town. Mr. Morrow advised he raised the issue with the Minister and Health and CEO of the Nova Scotia Health Authority. Indications were that they are not looking to take away but to add services, which is encouraging. No timeline was provided.

Question from Council regarding the paving of roads entering Mulgrave. Mr. Morrow advised it is not in the Five-Year Plan, but he will bring that issue back to the Department of Public Works.

b. 2022-2023 Consolidated Financial Statements

Representatives from Grant Thornton LLP reviewed the financial statements and Report to the Board (RTAC) with Council.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Consolidated Financial Statements for the Town of Mulgrave for the Year Ended March 31, 2022 as presented by Grant Thornton LLP be approved.

Moved by Councillor Luddington, seconded by Councillor Snow-Keeling.

Motion Carried

WHEREAS the Town of Mulgrave requires **\$1,642,818** to cover the cost of providing municipal services, after allowing for all other sources of revenue; **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the **2022/2023** tax rate be applied as follows: **\$1.2375** per \$100 of taxable residential assessment on the assessment roll; **\$4.5257** per \$100 of taxable commercial assessment on the assessment roll; **AND** that the amount to be paid to the Mulgrave Water Utility of **\$107,793** be recovered through a levy of **\$.2015** per \$100 of assessed value in the area serviced by fire hydrants; **AND** that a rate of **\$.4510** per \$100 of assessed value in the area serviced for sanitary sewer; **AND** that each household pay a special levy of **\$128.25** per annum for solid waste collection.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Mulgrave approve the **2022-2023 General Operating Budget** of **\$2,093,699**.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Tanya Snow-Keeling.

Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Mulgrave approve the **2022-2023 Water Utility Operating Budget** of **\$624,093**.

Moved by Councillor Luddington, seconded by Deputy Mayor Russell

Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Mulgrave approve the **2022-2023 General Capital Budget** as presented.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Tanya Snow-Keeling.

Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Mulgrave approve the **2022-2023 Water Capital Budget** of **\$15,500**, including \$12,500 for water plant heaters, and \$3,000 for a chemical storage room.

Moved by Councillor Luddington, seconded by Deputy Mayor Russell.

Motion Carried

d. Dog By-Law

Council and the CAO reviewed the By-Laws of neighboring communities and the Town's existing By-Law, and determined that it is the responsibility of owners of fierce or dangerous dogs that the dog should be muzzled while the dog is off the owner's property or outside the home on the owner's property. While the dog is off premises or on premises outside the home it should be kept under control by leashing and harnessing. A dog would be deemed to be running at large if the owner fails to use the appropriate apparatus. Council is in agreement to formalize a revised Dog By-Law through first and second reading with a formal vote to follow.

e. Special Election / Returning Officer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Special Election date of July 30, 2022 as moved and seconded at the Town of Mulgrave Regular Council Meeting of May 17, 2022, due to a vacancy on Council resulting from a resignation, be confirmed.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Luddington.

Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the posting for a Returning Officer role for the Special Election to be held on July 30, 2022, as moved and seconded at the Town of Mulgrave Regular Council Meeting of May 17, 2022, be confirmed.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Luddington.

Motion Carried

5. Reports

a. Council Committee Reports

iii. Eastern Region Solid Waste

Last meeting on May 26/22, Request for Zoom link or phone-in option; Zoom not available; no response re: phone-in option; Councillor Luddington is unable to attend in person and will step down as alternate member of Committee; replacement alternate member to be selected at next Regular Council Meeting.

iv. MARA

Marina Development Pilot Project: suggestion to place small, brightly-coloured shops and/or canopies at McNair's Cove for vendors and members of the public; include in funding application.

MARA will also be providing \$250 bursaries this year.

v. Recreation / Culture

Registration for Day Camps has begun as of today, also preparing for swimming lesson registration to begin.

6. Approved Additions to the Agenda

Marina Pilot Project (discussed under MARA Committee)

Service Exchange

CAO to provide list of questions from Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) to Council and will compile responses for review prior to submitting to NSFM.

7. Next Meeting June 20 / 2022 (Monday)

8. Gallery

Question whether new Dog By-Law will require that dogs be muzzled outside of home; CAO advised that the proposed By-Law will require that fierce or dangerous dogs be muzzled outside of home.

Question whether Tax & Water rates would be going up in 2022-2023, CAO advised that rates would be staying the same.

Question regarding Policing services; Councillor Luddington advised that she was in touch with RCMP Liaison and had requested a date for a meeting; will reach out again.

Question regarding importance of MLA attending meeting, Mayor indicated his presence was very beneficial; an opportunity to discuss issues face-to-face.

9. Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Snow-Keeling to move in camera at 7:40 pm.


Motion Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Snow-Keeling to move out of in camera at 8:30 pm.

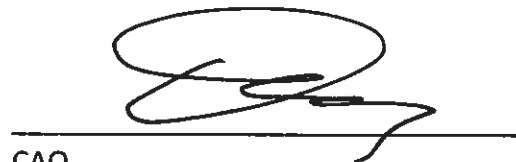
Motion Carried

10. There being no further business, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Russell to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

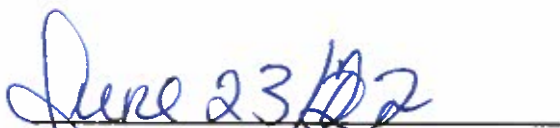
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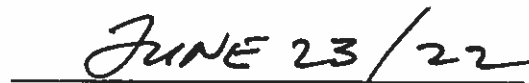
Mayor



CAO



Date



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