

**Town of Mulgrave
Meeting Minutes
April 17 / 2023**

Present: Mayor Chisholm, Deputy Mayor Luddington, Councillor Russell, Councillor King, Councillor Carrigan, CAO Gray

1. Call Meeting 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 Councillor Carrigan that the agenda be approved with the following additions:

Youth Council Update

Eastern Region Solid Waste Management

Motion Carried

3. Minutes April 3, 2023

Moved by Deputy Mayor Luddington, seconded by Councillor King that the Minutes of April 3 / 2023 be approved.

Motion Carried

4. New Business / Carried Forward Business

a. SAERC Graduation Committee – Request for Donation

Moved by Councillor King, seconded by Deputy Mayor Luddington that Council provide \$100.00 and donate Town merchandise for raffle sales to help alleviate the costs of graduation events.

b. Strait Area Mutual Aid Association – Request for Funds

Request of \$5,000 to assist in purchasing equipment; tabled until budget discussions.

c. Budget 2023-2024

i) General Operating Budget 2023-2024

The CAO described the tight financial environment with high inflation rates and slight increases in revenue. While 2023-2024 budget revenues grew by less than 2% over 2022-2023 actuals, expenditures increased by over 7%, with power, fuel and insurance costs rising significantly.

The annual surplus at the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year was approximately \$235,000, and declined to roughly \$43,000 at the end of 2022-2023. The 2023-

2024 budget includes a transfer in from operating reserve of approximately \$74,000 in order to balance the budget.

ii) Water Operating Budget 2023-2024

The Water Operating Budget reflects a slight increase in revenue (1.1%) over 2022-2023 actuals and 4.3% increase in expenditures. The net surplus was approximately \$26,000 at the end of 2022-2023, and is budgeted at roughly \$8,200 at the end of 2023-2024

iii) General Capital Budget 2023-2024

The General Capital Budget was presented with a number of street paving options. The CAO will consult with the Supervisor of Public Works and Council and bring forward a recommendation for street paving in the General Capital Budget at the May 1, 2023 Council Meeting.

iv) Water Capital Budget 2023-2024

The CAO presented the Water Capital Budget of \$30,000 for 2023-2024 including \$20,000 for the System Assessment Report and \$10,000 for water plant filter sand.

5. Reports

a. Council Committee Reports

i. Police Advisory

Calls from the Town for RCMP assistance projected to be approximately 100 this year; satellite office within the MMC has had a positive impact on service delivery; letter issued by Joint Police Advisory Board to Health Departments regarding the negative impact on public safety resulting from the use of RCMP resources to supervise mental health episodes.

ii. Library

Meeting rescheduled to April 20/23.

iii. Recreation / Culture

Next meeting April 27/23.

6. Approved Additions to the Agenda

Youth Council Update

Youth Council has received a donation from Superstore; soil was purchased for the beds. Mike MacDonald and students are able to build the garden beds in late May, early June for the community garden.

Posters will be put up asking for volunteers.

Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor King that

Deputy Mayor Luddington be appointed as the Town's regular member of the ERSWM Committee and Councillor Carrigan as the Town's alternate member of the ERSWM Committee.

Motion Carried

7. Next Meeting May 1 / 2023

8. Gallery

Question regarding responsibility for paving of trailer court; owner of trailer court is responsible for paving.

Complaint of odour from farm animals on walking trail; Mayor replied that six other similar complaints were received from residents. CAO replied that a call to Agriculture will be made requesting an additional site visit.

Comment that until the new By-Law Enforcement Officer is in place, residents should be directed to the Fire Prevention By-Law for information regarding burning brush and other materials. Mulgrave Volunteer Fire Department should be contacted only in the event of an emergency.

9. In-Camera

No items.

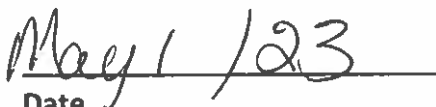
10. There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor Russell to adjourn at 7:18 pm.



Mayor



CAO



Date



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