

**Town of Mulgrave
Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2022**

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

Regrets: Councillor Durling.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Mayor Chisholm.

2. Approval of Agenda / Addition of Agenda Items

Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Luddington that the agenda be approved as circulated, with the following additions:

**Speed limits entering / leaving Town
In Camera Items (3)**

Motion Carried

3. Minutes – January 4, 2022

Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Luddington, that the minutes of January 4, 2022 be approved.

Motion Carried

4. New Business / Carry Forward Business

a. Discussion with Mike Kelloway, MP Cape Breton-Canso

MP Kelloway thanked Council for the opportunity to discuss the federal government priorities of healthcare, infrastructure and affordable and accessible housing. He encouraged all three levels of government to work together to accomplish goals and objectives. Mr. Kelloway then asked Council for input regarding the Town of Mulgrave priorities and Council responded with a number of high-priority items, including:

- Delivering services at the Medical Centre utilizing a full-time Nurse Practitioner and/or physician;
- Utilizing the Medical Centre for services such as blood collection, foot care, etc.
- Improving our infrastructure through waterfront development, development of facilities such as the museum, etc.
- Developing an overall action plan for addressing our aging infrastructure.
- Affordable housing initiatives.

Mr. Kelloway indicated that new funding opportunities may be available in the coming months including community development funding for infrastructure improvements (e.g. Canada Community Revitalization Program), and funding for community assets through the federal budget this spring.

b. Strait of Canso Offshore Wind Task Force

Kevin MacEachern and Iaian Langley introduced a new offshore wind opportunity for the Strait of Canso and Town of Mulgrave.

Mr. Langley described the fixed bottom and floating offshore wind foundation types, and indicated that offshore wind costs have decreased by 70% over the past 10 years. He stressed the fact that safety regulations have increased significantly in comparison to the early years of Nova Scotia offshore energy projects. In addition:

- Nova Scotia is moving away from coal-based electricity to green energy and offshore wind energy.
- Amendments to the Marine Renewable Act are required to create a regulatory Offshore Wind regime.
- Nova Scotia is one of the best-suited places globally for this opportunity, for both floating and fixed operations.
- By the mid-2030s, the consumption of energy will decrease due to new efficiencies in machinery.
- By 2035, Canada and 26 other countries have pledged to replace gasoline vehicles.
- The question: How do we supply the energy (for Canada and the United States) for 2045?
- Nova Scotia has the marine experience, expertise, talent and training facilities to develop a world-class offshore wind industry.

Council indicated that they support this interesting opportunity and will nominate a representative for the Task Force.

c. Financial Statements for the 9 months ending December 31, 2021 with Projections

The CAO presented the summary statement indication a projected surplus of \$105,987 by year-end. He indicated that a number of extraordinary items, including the one-time “doubling” of the equalization grant by the Province (\$127,508) accounted for a net impact of \$100,753 of the total \$105,987 surplus projection.

5. Reports

a. Council Committee Reports

- i. Police Advisory
Town to host next meeting in April (subject to COVID-19 restrictions)
- iii. Eastern Region Solid Waste
Next meeting, Monday, January 24th
- v. Recreation / Culture
Meeting next week

b. Staff Reports

CAO provided highlights of CAO, Recreation and Physical Activity, Public Works and Water / Waste Water Reports.

6. Approved Additions to the Agenda

Speed limits entering / leaving Town

Mayor has received a complaint from a resident regarding differing speed limits on either side of Highway 344 while entering or leaving Town; to be investigated.

7. Date of Next Meeting: Monday, February 7, 2022

8. Gallery

Comment regarding the speed limits entering / leaving Town; member of the gallery believes the Town has authority under the Traffic Authority to make changes to the speed limits.

“Road Closed” sign is missing on Mill Street; to be investigated.

Comments regarding the intersection at Auld’s Cove and the significant risk of a serious traffic accident at that location; Mayor indicated a provincial announcement regarding the intersection is expected within several weeks.

9. In Camera

Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Luddington to move in camera at 8:21 pm.

Motion Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Snow-Keeling to move out of in camera at 8:59 pm.


Motion Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Russell, seconded by Councillor Snow-Keeling, that: The Personnel Item discussed in camera be approved.


Motion Carried

10. There being no further business, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Russell to adjourn at 9:01 pm.

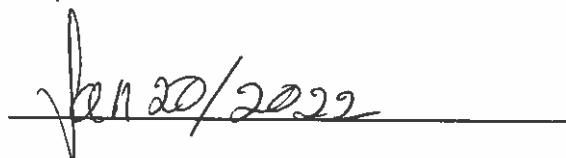
Motion Carried



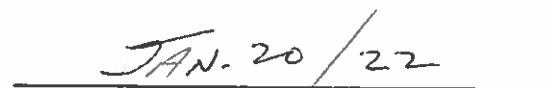
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