

THE COMMUNITY OF THREE RIVERS
MINUTES
August 16, 2023, 7:00 PM

Present

Mayor	-	Peter Saunders
Councillors	-	Angela Silverthorn
	-	Dennis Murphy
	-	Karen Hall-Middleton
Staff	-	Sandra Kelly, Janice Conley
Absent	-	Luke Lymburner

Call to Order Mayor Saunders called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked for any additions to the agenda.

Agenda It was moved by Councillor Hall-Middleton that the agenda be approved with one addition under the “In Camera” session (negotiations). Seconded by Councillor Murphy . MOTION CARRIED
121-2023

Conflict of Interest No Conflict of Interest was declared.

Approval of Minutes July 26, 2023

Councillor Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes of July 26, 2023, with one correction. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton. MOTION CARRIED
122-2023

Presentations No presentations

Business Arising from The Minutes

Petitcodiac Library

Discussions are ongoing with respect to locating a short-term and ideally a long-term solution in finding a building to host the Petitcodiac Library. Councillor Silverthorn will consult with the local and regional Library Boards to determine their needs. Notice to the public will be submitted to the local paper.

Motion – Regional Fire Dispatch Agreement

Councillor Murphy made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers enter into a contract with Codiac Regional Policing Authority to upgrade to the Regional Fire Dispatch Service Delivery Model for a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2024, allowing the Elgin and Petitecodiac Fire Departments access to the NBTMR (New Brunswick Trunk Mobile Radio) network for an annual fee of \$0.0064 of the current tax base for The Community of Three Rivers. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

MOTION CARRIED
123-2023

New Business

Resolution to Adopt the Provincial-Municipal Highway Partnership Program

Moved by Councillor Hall-Middleton, seconded by Dennis Murphy that the document entitled The Community of Three Rivers Four Year Plan for the PMHP Program 2025-2028 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
124-2023

Request for Wheelchair Access Kay Street

Council received a request for a loading zone and wheelchair access parking spots on Kay Street as well as repairs/modifications to the existing sidewalk. The works department will be instructed to have two accessible parking spots and a loading zone painted on Kay Street. They will also be asked to get a quote to have the concrete shaved down on a section of the sidewalk for additional accessibility and repair the sidewalk with an asphalt application.

Request Letter of Support Elgin Women's Institute

Council approved a letter of support for the Elgin Women's Institute to be submitted with their application for the New Horizons for Seniors Program grant. The funds will be used to carry out programs and activities for the Elgin Women's Institute and Elgin Seniors Club.

Request Letter of Support Maritime Motorsport Hall of Fame

Council approved a letter of support for the Maritime Motorsport Hall of Fame’s application for funding for construction of their proposed expansion of their building in 2024.

Annual Golf Tournament Minor Hockey

Councillor Murphy made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers Works Department submit a team in the upcoming Minor Hockey Golf Tournament at a cost of \$500 to be held September 10, 2023. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton.

MOTION CARRIED
125-2023

Recreation Agreement

Motion to Terminate Agreement

Councillor Murphy made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers give notice of termination of the Regional Recreation Service Agreement with the Town of Salisbury by giving them 60 days written notice as per guidelines in the reciprocal agreement. Upon termination of the Agreement any monies owed by either party to the other shall be immediately paid and all obligations of the parties pursuant to this Agreement shall cease. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton.

MOTION CARRIED
126-2023

Motion to Casual Recreation Director

Councillor Murphy made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers retain its existing part-time/casual Recreation Director until such time that a permanent Recreation Director is hired. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

MOTION CARRIED
127-2023

Motion Wastewater System Infiltration Issues and Inspections

Background: As a result of increasing heavy rain events and subsequent flooding in the Railway Avenue/ Connor Street areas, Mayor Saunders requested Council’s blessing to proceed with hiring a camera truck to ensure that there are no structural issues with the sewer line and also have a water flow test done to see if under normal conditions the sewer line is adequate for the homes it services. There are concerns that many residents have their sump pumps hooked into the sewer line and when heavy rain events occur, the extra load on the sewer line is causing flooding issues.

Motion:

Councillor Murphy made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers instruct the works department to have a visual inspection and water flow test done on the sewer lines for Railway Avenue and Connor Street. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton.

MOTION CARRIED
128-2023

Business Improvement Area Funds – Downtown Park Benches

Councillor Hall-Middleton made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers order two benches and an accessible picnic table for the downtown park at a cost of \$5309 plus HST. Funding will be made available from the Business Improvement Association funds. Seconded by Councillor Murphy.

MOTION CARRIED
129-2023

Motion to Purchase Wheeled Loader

Councillor Murphy made a motion that The Community of Three Rivers purchase (1) used JCB wheeled loader and attachments and (1) new Metal Pless Plow as per tender COTR2023-01 from A.L.P.A. Equipment at a cost of \$205,325 plus HST. Seconded by Councillor Silverthorn.

MOTION CARRIED
130-2023

Correspondence

Horizon’s The Moncton Hospital’s new Coronary Care Unit Council received an invitation to attend a groundbreaking event to mark the start of construction of a new Coronary Care Unit which will revolutionize the way care is delivered to cardiac patients. The event takes place Monday August 21, 2023, at 10 a.m.

In Camera Session

Councillor Murphy made a motion that the meeting go into an In-Camera session. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton. MOTION CARRIED
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Legal

Regular Session

Councillor Murphy made a motion that the meeting go back to regular session. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton. MOTION CARRIED
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Committee

Public Works & Transportation Nothing to report at this time.

Public Safety Nothing to report at this time.

Recreation Councillor Murphy reported:

- Soccer program going well.
- Basketball Court - project in progress
- Summer Send off – August 31. Elgin Eco Association to donate bouncy castles.
- ATV club looking for a Special Events Permit for use of Smith Street on September 23 for a poker run.

Finance Nothing to report currently.

Environmental Health Nothing to report currently.

Community Development Councillor Hall Middleton reported:

- Sign for Maple Street Park will be installed.
- Disc golf Course – gave an update on progress up to this time. Grand opening scheduled for September 23, 2023
- Grand opening for Observation Deck September 23, 2023. Details to be announced.

Residential & Industrial Development Nothing to report at this time.

EMO Nothing to report at this time.

Regional Service Commission Nothing to report at this time.

General Government

CAO Reported:

- She attended the wrap up meeting for the Westmorland County Fair and gave a short update to Council.
- Jordon Lifecare will be borrowing chairs from the arena for their Family Day
- Basketball nets are ordered and will arrive in September.

Passing of Accounts

Community of Three Rivers General Operating Fund

Councillor Murphy made a motion to pay the bills from The Community of Three Rivers General Operating Fund up to August 16, 2023, in the amount of \$128,490.21. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton.

MOTION CARRIED
133-2023

Community of Three Rivers Sewer Operating Fund

Councillor Murphy made a motion to pay the bills from The Community of Three Rivers Sewer Operating Fund up to August 16, 2023, in the amount of \$2283.33. Seconded by Councillor Hall-Middleton.

MOTION CARRIED
134-2023

Adjournment Councillor Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Saunders

Clerk Janice Conley