

A Special Meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held via Microsoft Teams on February 13, 2025, at 3:00pm with Warden Organ in the Chair.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

District #2- Perla MacLeod

District #3- Jess Kerr

District #4- Rosella Born

District #6 – Tim Donovan

District #7- Jackie Organ

District #8 – Wanda Hennick

STAFF PRESENT

Leanne MacEachen, CAO

Alix Redden, CFO

Steff MacLeod, Executive Assistant, Recorder

Jessica Klein, Communications

ABSENT

District #1- Donna Matheson-Lefort

District #5- Fraser Patterson

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Organ called the meeting to order and presented the one agenda item, the library funding amount.

On Motion of Councillor Donovan seconded by Deputy Warden MacLeod to approve the agenda for February 13, 2025.

Motion Carried.

LIBRARY FUNDING AMOUNT – LISA MULAK AND ERIN PHILLIPS

CAO MacEachen did a scan of other libraries and operating costs and it's mixed around the province, and she explained that the County is required to cover some costs but we can negotiate a cap or cover of costs so I think we can work with the library on what the costs are going to be.

Areas of discussion included:

- Determine what we are going to budget.
- Determine the figure we are prepared to fund the library.
- Fire Department is doing a \$20,000.00 renovation with a \$1,600.00/month rent and the library would need renters' insurance the fire department will cover the structural side of the insurance.
- They are requesting cleaning and phone costs as well.
- Other libraries average 1 or 2 hours a night for cleaning. So that would be about \$450.00/month and another \$200.00/month for internet. Lisa Mulak clarified the province pays the internet and that the county is already paying for the phone service, and she is not sure how often there would need to be cleaning.
- Ms. Mulak said they have content insurance on their end. The library board pays the insurance on the contents.
- Ms. Mulak has not spoken to anyone in the area about a cleaning contract but will reach out to see if they are able to find a cleaner.
- CAO MacEachen proposed Council agree to fund cleaning until the end of this year's budget and then we will see at the end of March to get a cleaning update from Ms. Mulak so we know what the cleaning cost will be and then we know what to budget for 2025-2026.

On Motion of Councillor Donovan seconded by Councillor Hennick to approve accept the CAO's proposal.

Motion Carried.

ADJOURN

Councillor MacLeod made a motion to adjourn at 3:15pm