

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 9, 2024

In Attendance: Mayor, Terry White; Deputy Mayor, Gary MacKay; Cllr. Paul White; Cllr. Pam Oickle; Cllr. Marlene Chapman; Cllr. John Robertson, Cllr Kelly Matheson

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

Gallery: Faye Wedlake

1. Call to Order:

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. Acknowledgement

In the spirit of Reconciliation, we acknowledge that the land upon which our organization stands is unceded Mi'kmaq territory. Epekwitk (PEI), Mi'kma'ki is covered by the historic Treaties of Peace and Friendship. We pay our respects to the Indigenous Mi'kmaq People who have occupied this island for over 12,000 years; past, present, and future.

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts declared.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cllr White, and seconded by Cllr Robertson,
that the agenda for the October 9, 2024, Council Meeting be accepted as amended. (Harsh Shaw moved up to before approval of minutes.)

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr. Chapman
that Council hereby approve the minutes of the June 12, 2024, regular Council meeting as amended (Item 11a, line 6 change complaints to concerns.)

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Delegations:

Harsh and Drumi Shaw – Butler's Store

It has been 1.5 years since we took over running Butler's. I want to thank Council and the community for supporting us. There have been some negative comments from a few people, and we are dealing with them.

We would like to offer a 5% discount for items purchased for the Community Fridge. When the committee members are shopping, they just need to mention it is for the Community Fridge. We need to think of a way for us to also give the 5% on items the public is purchasing for the Community Fridge and donate the back to the group.

We will be hosting a free BBQ 11:30 am to 1:00 pm on Friday, October 25th in the Butler's parking lot for Small Business Week.

7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

c. Rural Beautification Society – Anne Harnesk

We received a letter informing us we are a finalist. Anne to attend Award Ceremony Tuesday, October 29th in Charlottetown.

d. Mexican Independence Day – Anne Harnesk

PEI Navigators would like to do the event again next year. They asked the Village to keep an eye out for any grants that may be available to us. Anne to keep an eye out for possible grants.

a. Nellie's Landing

I emailed Erin at PEI Liquor Licensing. As we have already given support to Nellie's Landing, they do not have to reapply for next year by getting our approval again. They simply need to do the application. If we have concerns, we will need to bring them to the PEI Liquor Licensing. Perhaps getting better information from Cal and Jen regarding operating days and hours would be the first step. Council is not against Nellie's Landing; they are providing a service to locals and tourists, however, there must be a balance for those people living close to Nellie's Landing. Anne to contact Nellie's Landing in April 2025.

c. Storm Sewer Drain in front of Fire Hall – Mayor Terry White

Councillors are asked to come to the October council meeting with a list of road repair items. A letter will then be submitted to the Province in November to make them aware of these issues and hopefully allow them time to add our items to their 2025 road repair list.

8. Correspondence – None.

9. CAO Report

a. Administrative Report: see attached. It was decided not to place a curfew ad in the newspaper this year for Halloween.

b. Financial Report: see attached.

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr White,
that the CAO's report be received as information.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

10. Committees

Planning - Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

See attached. Lorin Brehaut called Gary MacKay. Darren Mackenzie is working on the house beside the Post Office. Gary would like Darren to come to the November 13th Council Meeting. Should we look at selling Rail Head Park and purchase the land adjacent to the Community Centre? Gary will check with Darren to see if he is interested in coming to the November Council meeting.

Capital Projects/Finance – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached

Maintenance & Infrastructure – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached. Looking for input on roadway issues for our annual letter to Department of Transportation. Cllr Robertson mentioned the “no mans land” left in front of his house when they re-did the bridge. Cllr Robertson to forward pictures to Deputy Mayor MacKay.

Has anyone heard an update on the item that is replacing the Lobster Trap Christmas Tree?

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman

Have been in touch with the authors of the submissions for the verse on the Memorial for Those Lost at Sea to get permission for all the submissions to be printed in the newsletter. This will depend somewhat on the cost. Hoping to have the Newsletter out the end of November.

Sewage Utility – Councillor White – Chair

Have not had a meeting yet. Lawrence Harnesk is working on recycling the old UV tubes and has ordered new ones. Margaret working on having an engineer type person come to the next Sewage Utility meeting regarding the lagoon.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

See attached. Province gave incorrect information regarding funding. Not every 20% of the project will be picked up by CCBF. The largest portion being the kitchen. We must have the 20%. As a result, we have scaled the project back a bit. Will be meeting with the contractor, Gary MacKay and Anne Harnesk on Thursday, October 10th to go over work scope and contract.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

The Yard Sale brought in \$2,700. We are collecting food items for the seniors Christmas Dinner. The date is to be determined. Mayor Terry White will provide five 20-pound turkeys.

11. New Business

- a. Approval of Capital Investment Plan Applications for Fall Intake – Deputy Mayor MacKay
We need to have a motion to submit projects for the CCBF fall intake.

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr. Oickle

that Council hereby approve the following Capital Investment Plans submitted to the Canadian Community Building Fund for approval as well as a Scope Change of previously approved project 15-5-7 Community Centre Improvements:

1. Recreational Grounds Parking and Drainage - \$143,500
2. Access to Community Centre and Cenotaph - \$166,100
3. Community Centre Improvements – Scope Change \$84,000

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

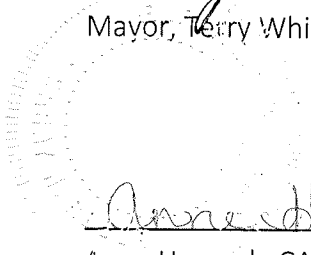
12. Adjournment

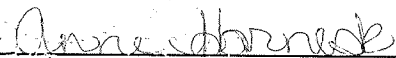
Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr White to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on November 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom.



Mayor, Terry White





Anne Harnesk, CAO