

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2025

In Attendance: Deputy Mayor, Gary MacKay; Cllr. Paul White; Cllr. Pam Oickle;
Cllr Kelly Matheson

Absent: Mayor, Terry White; Cllr. Marlene Chapman; Cllr. John Robertson

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

Gallery: Cal Fraser, Jen Smith, Stephen Bell, Donald Gormley

1. Call to Order:

Deputy Mayor MacKay called the meeting to order at 6:00 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. Oickle, and seconded by Cllr. Matheson,
that the agenda for the January 8, 2025, Council Meeting be accepted as amended. (New Business, item c, Use of social media by Council added)

Vote was 3-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Cllr. White
that Council hereby approve the minutes of the November 13, 2024, regular Council meeting, as submitted.

Vote was 3-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Delegations:

Community Members regarding Canadian Community Building Fund project ideas

Cal Fraser, Jen Smith and Stephen Bell attended with ideas of perhaps using part of Stephen Bell's property (up to 3,000 sq. ft.) as a Cultural Centre or Museum.

Another idea was to improve the Ball Hockey Rink to *increase usability*.

A question was raised regarding Mariner's Lane being a proper road or is it a private lane. Anne to find out.

7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

a. Pickleball and moving sound equipment at back of large room

Carol White called the Village Office on January 3, 2025, to advise Pickleball has decided not to proceed with moving the sound booth as they feel opening the wall may create issues, they are not able to deal with. Completed

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

Councillors are asked to present road repair items at the October council meeting. 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. Cllr. MacKay and Anne to work on a letter to Transportation giving them our wish list for road repairs. A letter was sent to Transportation in November. – Completed.

a. Thank you for Gordon Ramsli and Ida McKenzie for work on Grab n' Go – Cllr. Oickle
Gas cards were purchased and given to Gordon and Ida. Both were very touched with the gesture. Completed

b. Parks and Recreation Committee – Deputy Mayor MacKay

At one time there was a Parks and Recreation Committee. With the addition of the Heritage Park and the already in place soccer field, dog park, ball hockey rink, is it time to bring this committee back? Cllr. Matheson asked to think about taking this committee on. Add to February agenda.

c. Canadian Postcards Mural Projects – Anne Harnesk

Application was sent in and confirmed received. We won't hear anything now until sometime in the Spring.

d. Rental Rates – Cllr Chapman and Anne Harnesk

Cllr. Chapman and Anne will work together looking for clarification on groups requesting use of the Community Centre for no charge. Also, further discussion regarding the \$2.00 drop-in rate. Add to February agenda.

8. Correspondence – None.

9. CAO Report

- a. Administrative Report: see attached. The Friendly Circle has asked permission from Council to honour members of Friendly Circle that have passed away with a plaque that names can be added to. Council has no issue with this. Anne to let Friendly Circle know. Also, Donald Gormley would like to rent up to 100 chairs for his sister Rachel's wedding in the future. No specifics were mentioned, but Council said they would work something out.
- b. Financial Report: see attached. In addition, Deputy Mayor MacKay suggested that we do not show the funds from the Rural Growth Initiative fund for the Community Centre renovation on the monthly Financial Report, just like we do for CCBF projects.
Moved by Cllr. *White* and seconded by Cllr. *Oickle*,
that the CAO's report and Financial Report be received as information.
Vote was 3-0 in favour; motion carried.

10. Committees

Planning - Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

See attached.

Capital Projects/Finance – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached. Suggested changing committee name from Capital Projects/Finance to just Capital Projects. Will change on the February 2025 agenda.

Maintenance & Infrastructure – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached.

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman

Following up with a few companies that haven't paid for their ad.

Project Nectar – Councillor Chapman

No update report

Sewage Utility – Councillor White – Chair

Will be having a meeting on January 22, 2025.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

See attached.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

Seniors Dinner went well. We have a couple of new committee members. Upcoming event will be the Easter Eggstravaganza. Will continue with the regular events, Canada Day, End of Summer and Yard Sale.

11. New Business

a. Set dates and times for 2025 Monthly Council meetings

Council has requested the monthly Council meetings start time be amended to start at 6:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm. The dates for the 2025 monthly Council meetings are, January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, September 10, October 8, and November 12.

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Cllr. White,
that Council hereby approve the 2025 Council dates as submitted. Including changing the start time from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Vote was 3-0 in favour; motion carried.

b. Video from Municipal Affairs – Roles and Responsibilities of Council – Anne Harnesk

Councillors in attendance watched the video. Those unable to attend were given a link to watch the video.

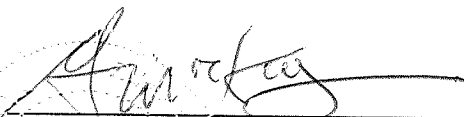
c. Use of Social Media by Council members – Deputy Mayor MacKay

The Village of Murray Harbour does not have its own Facebook page. We do not use Out and About in Murray Harbour for Council business. Posts starting with “Council is...” should not appear on Out and About in Murray Harbour, as this page is run by an individual, not the Village.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Cllr. Matheson to adjourn at 7:35pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on February 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Boardroom.



Deputy Mayor, Gary MacKay



Anne Harnesk, CAO