

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 12, 2025

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

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

1. Call to Order:

Deputy Mayor MacKay called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 Deputy Mayor MacKay,
that the agenda for the February 12, 2025, Council Meeting be accepted as amended. (date of minutes to be approved corrected to January 8, 2025)

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr. Chapman and seconded by Cllr. White

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the January 8, 2025, regular Council meeting, as amended (item 6 clarify ball hockey rink improvements was to increase usability. Item 9b Cllr. White approved the Financial Report).

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Delegations: None

7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

a. 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. This committee would be a point of contact person for the and to keep an eye on all the above-mentioned areas. Cllr. Matheson agreed to try it. Anne to find out if we need a motion to create this committee.

b. Canadian Postcards Mural Projects – Anne Harnesk

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

c. 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. Cllr Chapman has done a comparison using 3 years of financial reports. We tried reaching out to all the communities using the Federation of PEI Municipalities. We did not get much information back. Anne to reach out to a few CAO's of comparable size.

d. 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. Anne spoke with Colette at Roads Maintenance and the Province looks after approximately 40 metres of Mariner's Lane. After that distance Colette was not sure if there way any further developed road. Anne to let Stephen Bell know.

Anne and Gary to create a letter to Stephen Bell regarding his suggestion to rent part of his building at 10 Mariner's Lane to the Village to use.

8. Correspondence – CUPW STTP – Industrial Inquiry Commissions Reviewing Canada Post.

Council will review this correspondence, and the item will be discussed at the March 12, 2025 Council meeting.

9. CAO Report

- a. Administrative Report: see attached.
- b. Financial Report: see attached.

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

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

10. Committees

Planning - Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

See attached.

Capital Projects – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached. Suggestions regarding Capital Projects perhaps more solar panels on the building or even at Sewage Lagoon.

Maintenance & Infrastructure – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached. Had first meeting. Identifying maintenance priorities.

Budget

We had the first budget meeting. We will be meeting every Wednesday at 10:00 am. Any councillor is welcome to attend and give input. We must have the budget ready to present at the March 12th council meeting and then a special council meeting March 26th to pass the budget. It must be to Province by March 31, 2025.

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman

Plan to bring the committee together to discuss the best way to deliver the newsletter, i.e. Do we make it black and white, have ads or no ads, make it a subscription. etc.

Project Nectar – Councillor Chapman

Reached out to Jackie Bourgeois to discuss meeting regarding next years plans.

Sewage Utility – Councillor White – Chair

See attached. Ask Margaret to reach out to IRAC regarding rate increase. Council has asked that the Sewage Utility provide a YTD financial report along with their monthly report.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

See attached. Was asked about a pass through from the small room to the kitchen. After discussing with Ida Mackenzie from Rook, it was decided that a better idea would be to create a coffee station in the small room where they could make coffee and tea in the room.

Discussed the disposal of Village assets with Mayor Terry White, the stove, and the sanitizer where the only items being disposed. Anne put a notice on the website and only the stove was requested. Sanitizer to go to the dump.

Just a reminder Anne should have a copy of every key for locks in the Community Centre.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

Committee met on Wednesday, February 5th. We have two new members Pam Oickle and her daughter-in-law Katelyn. Pam bought the items for the Easter Eggstravaganza. Canada Day and End of Summer events were discussed.

11. New Business

a. Approve Arsenault Best Cameron and Ellis for 2024-2025 Audit

Anne to find out from other CAO's who they use for audit and how much they pay.

Moved by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Oickle,

That council hereby approve the appointment of Arsenault Best Cameron and Ellis to conduct the 2024-2025 Audit.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

b. Use of money donated in memory of Faye Fraser – Anne Harnesk

There was \$1,485.00 collected in memory of Faye. One suggestion was to use some of the funds to create a picture memorial of Faye and hang in the large room, and the remaining to go to the blinds and stage curtains. Terry to speak with Jock Fraser to see what the family would like to see done.

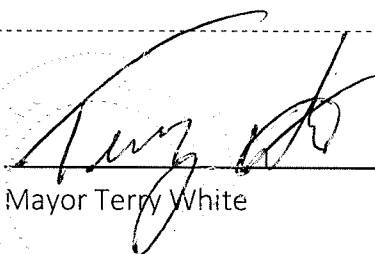
c. Confidentiality of Council meetings – Mayor Terry White

Just a gentle reminder to all Councillors that there is implied confidentiality with respect to things discussed around the meeting table and emails between Mayor and Councillors and just to be mindful when discussing in public.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr. Robertson and seconded by Cllr. White to adjourn at 7:40pm.

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



Mayor Terry White



Anne Harnesk, CAO