

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 13, 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: Paul Berry, Satu Rantala, Natalie Edgar, Carol White, Anne Hawkins, Andrew Taylor, Mike Vanasse

1. Call to Order:

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 Deputy Mayor MacKay,
that the agenda for the November 13, 2024, Council Meeting be accepted as amended.
(New Business, item c, should read Parks & Rec Committee.)

Vote was 6-0 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 October 9, 2024, regular Council meeting,
and the October 16, 2024, special Council meeting as submitted.)

Vote was 5-0 in favour; with one abstention, motion carried.

6. Delegations:

Carol White – Pickleball

Pickleball wants to remove the sound booth from the large room. Discussion followed regarding how this would happen including having the sound board slide into the wall like a pantry shelf and have a locked door or having the sound board flip up and be secured to the

wall. Pickleball was asked to come up a plan and present it at the next Council meeting. It was also made clear that Pickleball had volunteers to do this work and there would be no cost to the Village.

7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

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. Gary to update items as discussed and re-send draft to Anne by end of November 2024,.

8. Correspondence – None.

9. CAO Report

- a. Administrative Report: see attached. The need for IT support was discussed. Darcy Norman will be asked to look into the system until the next fiscal year. Based on Darcy's input we will have a better idea of what we require IT support wise.

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr. Oickle,
that Council approve the expenditure of calling an IT person to come in on an as needed basis to assist with IT issues. This expense will be added to the 2025/2026 budget. At that time council will advertise the position for a permanent solution.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

- b. Financial Report: see attached.

Moved by Cllr. Chapman and seconded by Cllr. Oickle,
that the CAO's report be received as information.

Vote was 6-0 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 January 2025 agenda.

Maintenance & Infrastructure – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached.

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman

See attached.

Sewage Utility – Councillor White – Chair

See attached.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

We have received the first payment for the Rural Growth Initiative Fund, \$87,474.00. Reggie Cantin of Renovations by the Sea, our General Contractor, has received \$5,000 to order doors and \$15,000 to order the appliances. I have completed the Safe Food Handling course. It turns out Cllr. Matheson and Mike Vanasse also have their certificate. I have asked them to drop a copy of the certificate off to the office so we can have it displayed in the kitchen.

The dumpster for the November 16 & 17 purge has been ordered. Hopefully, we will get lots of help.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

Seniors Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This is for seniors 65 and older on the COA 1V0 mail route.

We have been asked by Sheila McKenzie if Murray Harbour would be interested in working with them on an old time Christmas pageant. They would do the bulk of the promotion and would give 30% money to the Village. The village would have to supply the venue and a lunch. Discussion followed, and it was decided that it was too much for us to take on this year. Paul to call Sheila and let her know.

11. New Business

a. Rental Rates – Cllr. Oickle

Cllr. Chapman and Anne Harnesk will review all current rates and present the council with findings/recommendations in January. Further that this review was to help Council determine how to decide which potential facility users would receive complimentary or discounted rates and that the decision to increase the current \$2.00 fee would be considered again at that time.

b. Thank you to Gordon Ramsli and Ida McKenzie – Cllr. Oickle

Gordon and Ida are working the Grab n' Go every Monday and it would be nice to show them appreciation for the time they donate. It was also mentioned that Gordon does the shopping for the Grab n' Go using his own gas. Anne is to speak to Gordon about claiming mileage.

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Cllr. Chapman,
that Council hereby approve purchasing a gas card in the amount of \$200.00 for Gordon Ramsli and a gas card in the amount of \$100.00 for Ida McKenzie for their efforts towards the Murray Harbour Grab n' Go.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

c. Parks & Rec Committee – Deputy Mayor MacKay

With all the additional areas added to the Community Centre such as the Community Garden, Memorial Park and the existing Ball Hockey rink and Basketball we should have a Parks & Rec committee to help look after these items. Suggestion to be part of the Project Nectar umbrella. Discussion followed; however, no decision was made.

d. Canadian Postcards Mural Project – Anne Harnesk

I sent a copy of the email to Council regarding this project where we can apply to have a mural painted somewhere in the Village. Discussion followed and it was suggested that the garage on Terry White's property would be a good place for a mural as it is up on the hill and is visible on the way into Murray Harbour.

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

that Council hereby approve applying to the Canadian Postcards Mural Project. The application process will be overseen by Mayor Terry White and Anne Harnesk.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

e. Change of time for Council Meetings from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm – Anne Harnesk

An informal discussion about the start time of Council meetings was had by a few Council Members. It was requested to be added to the November agenda. Discussion followed regarding the Council meeting start time.

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay,

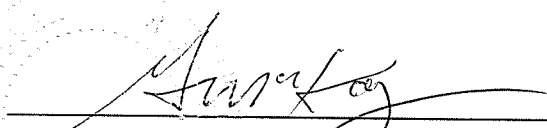
that Council hereby approve the change to Bylaw 111, Procedural Bylaw, to amend the meeting start time from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month, excluding July, August, and December when meetings are not held.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay to adjourn at 9:02pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on January 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Boardroom.



Deputy Mayor, Gary MacKay



Anne Harnesk, CAO