

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 9, 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 White 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. White, and seconded by Cllr. Chapman,
that the agenda for the April 9, 2025, Council Meeting be accepted as submitted.
Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr. Chapman
that Council hereby approve the minutes of the March 12, 2025, regular Council meeting, as submitted and approve the minutes from the March 26, 2025, special Council meeting as amended. (Amendment was add in provisions for legal fees)
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.

Cllr. Matheson to find a couple of more people to be on the committee. Once that is done Council may then make a motion to create the committee.

Cllr. Matheson has recruited Oscan Kemp to join the Parks and Recreation Committee. This Committee will consist of Cllr. Matheson, Deputy Mayor MacKay and Oscar Kemp.

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Cllr. White

that Council hereby approve the creation of a Parks and Recreation Committee.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

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.

Cllr. Chapman spoke to Pickleball members regarding the increase of their rates to \$3.00 per person. A rental agreement should be drafted for them.

With respect to groups to receive the Community Centre at no charge; this will be restricted to Funerals and Benefits for Murray Harbour residents. As the Women's Institute used to own this building, they will also receive rentals at no charge. Any other charity would receive a full day rental at the half day rental fee.

As above, Pickleball did not feel an agreement was necessary. Feedback regarding the increase for their group to \$3 was generally okay. Discussion was had regarding the appearance of treating Pickleball unfairly. Most Councillors disagreed with this statement. This item is now complete.

d. Community Members regarding Canadian Community Building Fund project ideas

Cal Fraser, Jen Smith, and Stephen Bell attended with ideas of 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. Letter was written and sent to Stephen Bell. See copy attached. This item is now complete.

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. Terry spoke with Jock, and he said using the money for curtains for the stage would have been something Faye would have liked. Go ahead and use the funds for the curtains. This item is now complete.

8. Correspondence – None

9. CAO Report

a. Administrative Report: see attached.

b. Financial Report: see attached.

Moved by Cllr Chapman 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

No update other than to mention if we get into planning, we could qualify for \$25,000 to help.

Capital Projects – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

We have until the end of the month to submit project ideas (see attached project idea sheet) to the Infrastructure Secretariat. We must allocate the full \$500,000. Discussion regarding the different ideas followed.

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Cllr. Chapman
that Council approve the pursuit of the following projects:

- Dog Park Recreational Area Upgrade
- Upgrade Flooring in Large Hall
- Solar Panels at Sewage Lagoon
- Capacity Building

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

Maintenance & Infrastructure – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

Received a quote of \$17,651 + HST to paint the Community Centre and a quote of \$4,000 for eavestroughs. Municipalities are to receive a \$15,000 grant from the government. Do we look at painting the Community Centre in phases or look at increasing the Maintenance & Infrastructure budget? Discussion followed.

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Cllr. White

that Council hereby approve increasing the Maintenance & Infrastructure budget from \$24,000 to \$39,000 for the 2025/2026 budget.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

Parks and Recreation – Cllr. Matheson, Chair

Cllr. Matheson, Deputy Mayor MacKay and Oscan Kemp will be the committee.

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman, Chair

See attached. Date to be set. Possibly May for printing. Please send anything you want to include in the newsletter to Cllr. Chapman.

Project Nectar – Councillor Chapman

United Way may fund a portion of cost to get water from the Community Centre to the Community Garden. Would like Project Nectar to attend the next Council meeting to provide a better understanding of what they require from us.

Sewage Utility – Councillor White – Chair

Margaret and Anne to create a budget. Council members would like to have Stephen MacKay to come to a Council meeting to give Council an idea of what is involved in taking care of the sewage lagoon. Follow up on how to request rate increase through IRAC.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

See attached. Will need an updated emergency exit plan. Would like to have the Fire Marshall back once the stage curtains are up to do another walk through to make sure we have covered everything.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

Next event coming up will be the Easter Egg-stravaganza. We have one meeting before the event. Setting day, we will take coffee down to the fishers at the Murray Harbour Wharf as well as Machon Point.

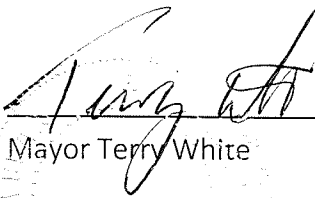
11. New Business

- a. There was no new business to discuss.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr. Matheson and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on May 14, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Boardroom.



Mayor Terry White



Anne Harnesk, CAO