

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 12, 2025

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

Regrets: Cllr. Pam Oickle;

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

1. Call to Order:

Deputy Mayor White called the meeting to order at 5:55 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 March 12, 2025, Council Meeting be accepted as submitted.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr. Chapman and seconded by Cllr. Matheson
that Council hereby approve the minutes of the February 12, 2025, regular Council meeting,
as submitted.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Delegations: Trish Altass – Leading Impact Consulting Inc.

Leading Impact Consulting Inc. did a housing project with the community of Breadalbane. They worked with the municipality to apply for and secure funding through the Catherine Donnelly Foundation. Once funding was secured, plans to research alternative housing models, and work with a community-led steering committee to conduct a series of community-wide consultations thorough a survey, interviews, and small group discussions were started. The final phase of this project will include facilitating workshops on this process in other municipalities. See attachment.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. After a brief discussion, Council decided this was not something they wished to support.

Shawn Landon- Correspondence with respect to Graphic article regarding Sylvain De Lafontaine- I left a message for Shawn thanking him for his offer of assistance to clear up any concerns with respect to Sylvain, however it was not necessary.

9. **CAO Report**

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

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

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

10. **Committees**

Planning - Deputy Mayor Mackay, Chair

No update at this time.

Capital Projects – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

Waiting for information from CCBF.

Maintenance & Infrastructure – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

Looking for quotes on painting and eavestroughs.

Budget

See new business.

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman

See attached.

Project Nectar – Councillor Chapman

Met with Jackie and Larry. Jackie expects to receive another \$25K in funding. Would like to get water out to the Community Garden. There is an existing well in the area, perhaps look at getting it revitalized.

Sewage Utility – Councillor White – Chair

See attached.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

See attached.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

Next event coming up will be the Easter Egg-stravignanza. There will be a donation box during the event. Setting day, we will take coffee down to the fishers at the Murray Harbour Wharf.

11. New Business

a. Presentation of the 2025-2026 Budget – Deputy Mayor MacKay

Review of proposed 2025-2026 budget. Cllr. Robertson raised concerns regarding another tax increase for residents. Discussion followed. It was decided to leave as is and see if there is any input from residents during the two-week period the budget is posted online. There will be a special Council meeting Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 6:00 pm to pass the budget.

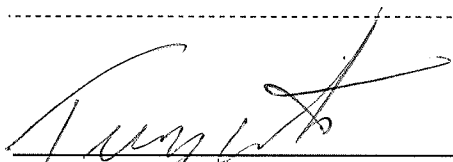
b. Community Fridge - Mayor Terry White


Looking into getting additional funding from province.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr. Chapman and seconded by Cllr. White to adjourn at 8:10pm.

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



Mayor Terry White

Anne Harnesk, CAO