

Spring/Summer 2025



COMMUNITY

MURRAY HARBOUR & AREA NEWSLETTER

Remembering Faye

Only a few short months ago our community lost one of its greatest leaders, a loss that will be felt for many years to come. Faye Fraser was a visionary and driving force behind countless initiatives in the community such as the street lights and sewer system, Railhead Park, a playground and ball diamond (which later became tennis courts), the sound system, and the recently erected, Fishers Memorial. While there are many tangible artifacts of the work Faye did in our community, she also spent many hours sharing her talents through the Drama Club, ceilidhs, local rinks, Stanley Cup parades, and her church choir.

Faye's community leadership was the 'roll up your sleeves' kind. It has been written that she, along with neighbour and fellow councillor Linda Penny, removed rocks from a field so it could become a ball diamond and they physically stepped off



Faye and Harley Fraser in 2012.

Photo credit: Heather Moore

and marked the locations for the street lights. She even worked the sound system at her own surprise Jubilee Medal event!

Faye served on the village council for 33 years. While these many years of leadership saw their share of challenges, she is remembered for her perseverance and always having the best interest of the village in mind. In 2010 she received the award for 'outstanding contribution to a municipality' from the PEI Federation of

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Message from the Mayor

Terry White

There is much happening in our little part of the world this time of year and so much to look forward to!



As you will see throughout the newsletter, there are numerous events and activities taking place over the next few months in Murray Harbour. This is all thanks to the efforts and entrepreneurship of our fellow community members. I encourage everyone to put these events on your calendar, and as always, let's do our best to **support local**.

On behalf of the entire Council, I wish everyone a fantastic and safe summer.



Remembering Faye, con'd

Municipalities. In 2012 she received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal which is awarded to individuals who make 'significant contributions in their region.' In 2015, the road leading to the community centre was renamed Faye Fraser Drive in her honour.

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."

-- Nelson Mandela

In addition to all of these many achievements, when you speak with those who knew and loved Faye, they always talk about what a great friend and confidant she was to many, many people; her fortuitous faith that saw her through any struggle; her pure musical talent and love of music; and her heartfelt enjoyment of life. Faye was married to Harley Fraser for 63 years and was mother to four, grandmother to ten, and great-grandmother to seven.

We've been so blessed to have Faye's unwavering commitment to our community and every day, whether we know it or not, we interact with her legacy in some way. God bless you, Faye. ☐

There's a New Wrestler in Town

Murray Harbour's Willow VanInderstine attended the National Wrestling Championship held in Tsuut'ina Nation, Alberta the last week of April where she took home the bronze medal in her category. Way to go, Willow!



Willow has been training in the sport for over two years and has won a number of local competitions before heading to the nationals. Next, she will be representing PEI this August at the 2025 Canada Summer Games in St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador. Good luck, Willow! Murray Harbour will be cheering you on. □

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Fishers Memorial Dedication

Remembering Those Lost to the Sea

**Fishers Memorial
Dedication Ceremony**

May 31st at 7 pm
Murray Harbour Wharf

Honouring Those Who Work on the Water

The dedication of the Fishers Memorial will be on **May 31, 2025 at 7pm**, at the south wharf memorial site. Plan on attending as this is a very important and significant event for the village. This memorable gathering will recognize those that lost their lives to the sea while giving respect and admiration to those—past, present and future—who make their living from the waters off our coasts. □

70 Mile Yard Sale

The Village of Murray Harbour is participating in the 70 Mile Yard Sale again this September to raise funds for our community. If you have any items you would like to donate, drop them off at the Village Office or call Paul White at 902-969-7434 for pick-up. □

Community Centre Renovations Complete

Thanks to funding through the PEI Government's Rural Growth Initiative and Reception Centre Resiliency Fund, we were able to do some upgrades to the Centre to improve its ability to be a *Designated Reception Centre* during emergencies. Improvements include accessible door entrances, kitchen worktops and appliances, heaters in the bathrooms and a new passageway from the main hall to the rear entrance. While these changes help the emergency services we provide, they will also benefit centre users throughout the year.

The final addition to the centre for this project will be a new set of fire-resistant stage curtains. These curtains were partially funded by the generous donations made through Faye Fraser's funeral and will be embroidered with the initials F.F.

A huge thank you to Sonia and Clint with the provincial government, special thanks to Reggie Cantin and his crew at Renovations By the Sea, and kudos to Councillor Pam Oickle who initiated and managed this project on behalf of the village. Please stop by anytime to check out the renovations! □



Renovations at the Community Centre include new kitchen worktops and appliances.

The Heritage Park Dedication Ceremony

There will be a brief ceremony to officially unveil and dedicate the new monument in front of the Community Centre which is now home to the bell that once functioned as the school bell on this site. The ceremony will take place on **Canada Day at 2:30 pm.**



Festival of Small Halls Comes Back to Murray Harbour

Come out on **Saturday, June 21** to enjoy a mix of traditional music from across Canada from Trad Trade Off. The concert will take place at the Murray Harbour Community Centre. Tickets are available online or at the door for \$30. □



Nellie's Summer Events

Join us **every Thursday at 7 pm** starting June 26th for an unforgettable evening of laughs, drinks, and friendly competition during Trivia Night at Nellie's Landing! Teams of 5 people or less. Think you've got what it takes to become a Murray Harbour trivia legend? Come early to get your spot!

Every Saturday evening from 6 - 9 pm enjoy live musical performances. Take in the entertainment from the Dirty Snail Oyster Bar or pull up your lawn chair on the grassy area overlooking the marina. A different artist is featured each week. □



Murray Harbour and Area Historical Society

Over the 12+ months since our first meeting, the Historical Society has become so much more than our initial objectives inferred.

The preservation of our area's history is essential, but equally important is the preservation and sharing of your family's history—your artifacts, and your story—as each are intertwined yet independent. Outreach has become an essential part of the Society. Once a month, we are honoured to meet with our "Chapter" at Gillis Lodge in Belfast.

We laugh, we learn, we share, but most importantly we acknowledge the contributions and accomplishments our members at the Lodge have given to this area.

Currently, we have approximately 20 members as well as several associate members and are always welcoming new members or visitors. An annual membership is \$25 (April 1 to March 31) and makes a great gift for that hard to buy for family member or friend. Hope to see you at the next historical meeting ...you won't be disappointed! □



Gillis Lodge members of the Society include (from left): Ralph Annear; Florence MacPherson and her brother-in-law Stephen MacPherson; and Herb Glover (Robert) and Eugene Smith.

Community Doings at the Community Centre

Drop-in fees may apply

Ball Hockey Pick-up Games on Tuesdays 5:30–7 pm May and June in the outdoor rink behind the Community Centre. No charge. Bring your own stick, helmet, and gloves.

Card Play Rook every Tuesday and Friday at 1:30 pm in the small meeting room across from the library. For more information call Ida MacKenzie at 902 - 962 -2798.

Floor Curling on Tuesday mornings at 10 am to noon until the end of June and resuming in the fall.

Friendly Circle Senior's Club invites all seniors [50+] to lunch and a brief program on the first Thursday of every month, with the exception of July and August. For more information, call Larry at 902-741-2120.

Hootenanny on Thursday nights 7 to 9 pm; all musicians welcome to come jam.

Library Programs Storytime on Friday mornings at 10:30 am and the Summer Reading Club for kids on Saturday mornings, 9 am to noon beginning July 5th.

Murray Harbour and Area Historical Society meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. We welcome new members or visitors!

Murray Harbour Farmers Market on Saturdays 9 am to noon from July 5th through to mid-October. Locally made food, produce, skin care, jewelry, art, and more!

Pickleball every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9-11 am in the main hall of the Community Centre. New players welcome. Paddles available.

South Shore Step & Tradition Group (AA) on Tuesdays at 8 pm. □



Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour Committee Updates 2025-2026 Budget

The Village operating budget of \$326,056 was approved by Council on March 26th this year. Major expenses including insurance, loan burdens, payroll, infrastructure maintenance, audit, and utilities represent half of all expenditures. Total income is estimated at \$327,467, leaving a balance of +\$1,411. Major income sources are equalization payments from the government, property taxes, hall rentals, and fundraising; representing two-thirds of all income.

Capital Expenditures

The Canadian Community Building Fund (CCBF, previously known as the Gas Tax) is fully committed for the next 5 years pending approval of recent applications. Planned projects include investments into recreational infrastructure, cultural infrastructure, and community energy systems. For more information on these projects, you can contact Deputy Mayor Gary MacKay or the village office.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to send in suggestions for projects. While many did not meet the criteria for CCBF funding, eligible recreational infrastructure ideas received were

incorporated into the applications. Please continue to share your ideas any time.

Infrastructure Maintenance

Major projects for this year include painting the exterior of the community centre and installing eavestrough. The total budget for maintenance is \$39,000, of which two-thirds will be used by these projects. The remaining funds will be used for regularly scheduled maintenance on the HVAC systems and repair and upkeep on the buildings and properties owned by the village.

Fundraising and Events Committee

We hosted two free events in recent months: a Christmas Dinner for Seniors and an Easter Extravaganza for families. Thank you so much to the volunteers and donors who helped make these possible!



Murray Harbour Community Centre

CANADA DAY

OPENING AND RAISING OF THE FLAG

NATIONAL ANTHEM

CUTTING OF THE CAKE

WATER BOUNCY CASTLE*

COLOUR GAME

CAKE AUCTION

COTTON CANDY

Tuesday, July 1st, 2025

1pm: Ceremonies begin
3pm: Cake Auction

1pm-4pm

*Music by
Killick
Junction*



BARBEQUE

**Sausages
Hotdogs
Lobster buns
Pop
Water**

*Water bouncy castle: Kids should wear a swim suit and bring a towel

This Summer at Ocean Acres and The Deck



There are many reasons to gather at The Deck and they have something for all ages!

- Tuesday nights at 7 pm we host **Rotary Radio Bingo** all summer long.
- Thursday nights at 7 pm is **Euchre** (card game). It's \$2 to play and beginners are welcome.
- Saturday nights at 6 pm **live music with Steve Zaat**, starting June 14th
- Our **heated saltwater pool** is open to the public 10 am – 8 pm from June 13th to Sept 1st. \$8 per person to swim all day. ☐



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Murray Harbour Farmers Market: Murray Harbour and Area Proud!

Greetings on behalf of the Murray Harbour Farmers Market! To say we look forward to beginning our 2025 journey with all of you would be an understatement! You have remained so loyal to us over the past 12 years.

We are proud to say we are an entity onto our own with no government funding or subsidies. We operate on a coffee fund, donations from our customers, and sales from raffles and draws. Through our revenues, we pay rent to the Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour, host our events, co-sponsor some of the children's programming in the community, and donate to such worthy causes as the SKC Breakfast Program, the Community Fridge, etc.

So what's in store for the 2025 season for the Murray Harbour Farmers Market? Old friends, returning vendors, new collaborations, new partnerships, new events, new vendors and new adventures! We will once again be holding the annual Photo Contest in August, our Pumpkin Carving Contest in



October and the “infamous” FRYDAY in September, just to name a few events. So until **July 5th at 9 am**, stay safe, be kind, take the time to say hello to your neighbour, BUY LOCAL, and keep those oars in the water.

By working and collaborating with individuals and organizations with a positive and upbeat attitude, great things happen! ☐

Murray Harbour Community Centre

END OF SUMMER BASH

MONDAY, SEPT. 8TH

1 - 4 p m



Magic Show
Cotton candy
Hotdogs • Sausages
Water • Pop



LIVE MUSIC BY KILLICK JUNCTION



Kid's cake auction at 3pm



Learning Together at Community School

The village hosted another successful community school program with 11 courses offered over ten weeks starting in January and ending with a wrap-up gala in late March. There were a total of 71 registrants. Community School is a great way to pass the winter months, keep up-to-date with friends, meet new friends,

and generally have a lot of fun while learning and playing! We are always looking for instructors and new courses, so if you have a passion you would like to share, please contact anyone on the Community School Committee: Gary MacKay, Emily Walker, Glen Gosbee, and Elaine Herring. □

Harbourview Restaurant Celebrates its 10th Anniversary!



Stay tuned on Facebook @harbourviewpei for announcements about Harbourview's anniversary celebrations. Take in free, live music outdoors **Friday nights from 5-7 pm** throughout the summer by Chris Burke with Eli on drums and Adam on bass guitar. This will start as soon as it's warm enough to enjoy the evening outdoors and reservations are recommended as Fridays are very popular at the Harbourview! □



At the Library

The Murray Harbour Library continues to thrive as a vibrant community space providing free and equitable access to information (free Wifi, Saltwire ePaper), supporting lifelong learning and providing an inclusive hub of learning, culture, and connection.

Your library card gives you access to all libraries across the province and a dizzying array of books, DVDs, and games, as well as our ever-expanding library of THINGS. Your library card is also a gateway to our online digital media, to a day pass for TCAP, and a Heritage Pass, which provides free entrance for your family to one of the participating Heritage sites across PEI during the summer months.

The library continues to support community programs such as the Women's Institute Roadside Cleanup, battery recycling, and the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), which ran for the first time at the library this year. CVITP volunteers prepare returns for eligible taxpayers with a low to modest income, so if you missed taking advantage of this great program, be sure to be ready to take advantage of it next

year during tax season.

Monthly programs, such as an egg-felting workshop with Margaret Brady last month, continue to attract an enthusiastic bunch, so if you know someone, possibly yourself, who has a special skill and is willing to lead a craft, or teach a new skill, we would love to hear from you.

And finally, calling all community artists: young, old, professional, or amateur! If you are interested in displaying your creative work on top of our stacks, we'd love to see it! Don't be shy!

Contact Sue Gardner at the library (902) 962-3875 or smgardner@gov.pe.ca or in person if you have any questions. Happy Spring, everyone! □



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Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church

Pastor Aaron Tardif, 902-962-2200

Sunday Worship: 10 am

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 pm until the end of June

"A Mercy Moment" Tent Meeting: July 18 - 20 featuring guest speakers Carter and Theresa Conlon (Times Square Church) and gospel music by 2nd Chance Ministries and the Glad Tidings worship team.

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Murray River Baptist Church

Pastor Marie Kenny

Sunday Worship: 11 am

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

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WellSpring Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

- Andrew Bennett, Pulpit Supply
- Rev Roger MacPhee, Interim Moderator
- Jo-Anne Ford, Musician

Camp Keir Summer Camps: For ages 5 and up register at www.campkeir.ca

Memorial United Church

Sunday School: 10:30 am

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

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Murray Harbour Church of Christ

Minister Jason McVicar, 902-962-2714

Sunday School: 10 am

Church Service: 11 am

Pastor's Office Hours: Tuesdays, 4 – 6 pm

Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7 pm

Youth Group (Gr 7-12): Thursdays 6:30 – 8 pm

Vacation Bible School: July 14 – 18

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Murray Harbour Baptist Church

Colby Stewart, 902-962-3347

Sunday Worship: 11 am

Sunday School: 9:45 am, all ages welcome

Adult Bible Study: Tuesdays, 7 pm (breaks for summer)

Vacation Bible School: June 30 - July 4, 9-11:30 am. Free for children age 4 to grade 6. This year's theme is 'True North' and kids will participate in games, music, stories, snacks, experiments, and more. Pre-registration is not required, but helpful. Contact Rebecca at 902-846-0475. ☐

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