

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR**  
**MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

June 11, 2025

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

**Regrets:** Cllr. Kelly Matheson

**Gallery:** Faye White, Jen Smith, Derek Squirell, Andrea Hill, Jeanette Walker, Shawn Landon

**Staff:** Anne Harnesk (CAO)

**1. Call to Order:**

Deputy Mayor White 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 Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr. Oickle

that the agenda for the June 11, 2025, Council Meeting be accepted as amended. New Business item b. Promotional Items and item c. Replacement item for Lobster Trap Tree were added.

*Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.*

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Chapman

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the May 14, 2025, regular Council meeting, as amended. New Business item d. Christmas Gifts to Village Employees was clarified with . It was decided Councillors would give a cash donation to the person in charge of purchasing gifts.

*Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.*

6. Delegations:

Tara Wheeler – Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis – Review 2024/2025 Audit

Tara reviewed the results of the audit with Council. There were no concerns from the auditors. We do have a qualified opinion because of the recent auditing standard that requires the Municipality to hire an Engineering firm to determine if there are any items such as asbestos that would need to be removed and accounted for. There is currently no government funding to assist with this expense and currently the Municipality is in no position to absorb this expense. This is the case with many of the smaller Municipalities.

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

that Council hereby approve the 2024/2025 Financial and Auditors reports as presented by the representative of Arsenault Best Cameron and Ellis.

*Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.*

Pickleball

Pickleball would like to have the price increase in writing. Council would like Pickleball to designate a representative to represent their group to Council. They will get back to Council with a name. Anne was not provided with the name of a representative, so the letter has not been sent. Mayor White advised to address the letter to Carol White. Anne requested assistance drafting this letter. Cllr. Chapman volunteered to assist.

Cal Fraser & Jen Smith – Nellies Landing

Requested a letter from Council in support of their July 25, 2025, event that will be serving liquor. A letter was provided at the meeting. Jen also suggested they would be open to Council doing a 50/50 at the event, allowing concert attendees to park at the Community Centre for a fee. Council to get back to Jen regarding these ideas.

7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

a. Canadian Postcards Mural Projects – Anne Harnesk

Application was sent in and confirmed received. We won't hear anything now until sometime in the Spring. I received an email stating they did not receive the funding for this project. Completed.

8. Correspondence

An email was received from Laverne MacInnis regarding a resident mowing their lawn and spewing the cuttings on the road. Anne to send email to Laverne letting her know her email was brought to Council's attention; however, no action would be taken.

## 9. CAO Report

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

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr. Oickle,  
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

See attached. Busy with Fishers Memorial dedication.

### Capital Projects – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

Dedication ceremony planned for the Heritage Park area where the old Murray Harbour School bell sits. The last schoolteacher from the Murray Harbour School will be a guest of honour to unveil the bell and give it a ring a ling.

We will not hear about approval for the Spring Intake of CCBF projects until after the approval committee meets on July 15, 2025.

### Maintenance & Infrastructure – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

Painters are waiting until the weather at night is consistently above 10°C.

### Parks and Recreation – Cllr. Matheson, Chair

Kelly to follow up on the equipment in the Ball Hockey Shed and whether it can be left open. Discussion followed and it was decided not to leave the shed open at this time.

### Newsletter – Councillor Chapman, Chair

See attached.

### Project Nectar – Councillor Chapman

See attached.

Sewage Utility – Councillor White – Chair

Discussion regarding the proposal from CBCL Limited with respect to the Murray Harbour Sewage Treatment Plant & Lift Station Review. Council is in favour of proceeding with the proposal.

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr. White,

**that Council hereby approve the proposal from CBCL Limited for the Murray Harbour Sewage Treatment Plant & Lift Station review.**

*Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.*

The 2025/2026 budget was presented to Council for approval. Council had a few questions regarding the budget. Margaret and Anne to work on it and present at the September 10, 2025, meeting.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

See attached. The direction of swing on the double doors in the large room according to regulations, rooms with occupancy of more than fifty (50) people must swing outwards for egress. Suggestion of putting hinges on the doors that would allow doors to swing either way was raised. Item to be brought up at the September 10, 2025, Council meeting. In the interim, doorstops will be put under the doors and signs requesting the doors stay open will be implemented.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

Small Halls we no longer must provide food for the performers. Small Halls will take care of that catering. We will still provide biscuits and jam for the audience.

We are having a bit of trouble connecting with Brandon Cuddy the vendor for the bouncy castle. Paul to reach out to Chris Cuddy Brandon's dad to see if he can get Brandon to call.

**11. New Business**

a. Two Emails from Cllr. Robertson – Deputy Mayor MacKay

As item b. was quickly discussed before item a., and the fact that it was 8:00 pm it was suggested *a motion be made to extend the Council meeting until 8:30 pm to allow time for the emails from Cllr. Robertson to be addressed.* Cllr. Robertson responded *it wouldn't be necessary, that we had enough time.* All the items were addressed. Deputy Mayor MacKay thanked Cllr. Robertson for his opinions.

b. Promotional Items – Deputy Mayor MacKay

Would like to investigate the possibility of purchasing some promotional items that could be sold to residents and tourists. Jackie Bourgouis from Project Nectar is going to speak to Harsh and Drumi Shaw (owners of Butler's) about having items in their store. This item will be added to the September 10, 2025, agenda.

c. Replacement item for the Lobster Trap Tree

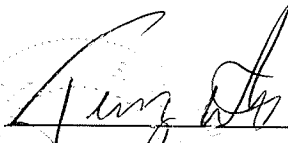
Although this item was added to the agenda, time did not allow for it to be addressed.  
This item will be added to the September 10, 2025, agenda.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr. Chapman and seconded by Cllr White to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on September 10, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Boardroom.

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Mayor Terry White



Anne Harnesk, CAO