

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 10, 2025

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

Gallery: Sue Gardner - Librarian

Regrets: Cllr. Kelly Matheson

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 September 10, 2025, Council Meeting be accepted

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the June 11, 2025, regular Council meeting, as amended. Change Cathy Thorne to Cathy Horne.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Delegations:

Alicia McDonald – PEI Library

Alicia stated that the library has a great working relationship with the Murray Harbour council and community. Spoke about the possibility of some kind of emergency alert for Sue when working alone. Alicia will look into this and get back to council. See attached Annual Report to the Community for additional information on library services.

7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

May 14, 2025

Delegations

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. Letter was delivered via email to Carol White. Completed.

b. Dogs at Large – Anne Harnesk

Cllr Robertson had several questions and concerns regarding the Dogs at Large bylaw. Councillors are to review the bylaw and submit the concerns to the office for review. Anne to send the bylaw to Municipal Affairs for review prior to the next Council meeting.

d. Recreation Area – Anne Harnesk

I approached Gordon, he is willing to do the grounds work and maintenance type items once Shannon is finished for the season. Council should decide what they want him to be looking after. Anne to talk to Gordon about increasing his hours by another 2 hours a week to allow for this work. Gordon stated that he is still under an hour's cap until June 2026.

June 11, 2025

c. Replacement item for Lobster Trap Tree – Deputy Mayor MacKay

It was decided by council they will wait until the group involved in this project comes back to council. Completed.

8. Correspondence - None

9. CAO Report

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKay 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. Inscription and names added to the Fishers' Memorial.

Capital Projects – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

Inspection from Sunly for the Solar Array at the sewage lagoon. They plan on two arrays, one at each lift station. The new floor in the large room project is on hold for the moment as there is lots of research to be done on type of floor etc.

Maintenance & Infrastructure – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

Painting has been completed and looks great. Waiting on the eavestrough guys. Neil MacKay did some fixups around the Community Centre. The playground inspection has been completed, and we need to do some work to make it compliant.

Parks and Recreation – Cllr. Matheson, Chair

See attached. Would like a new updated sign at the dog park

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman, Chair

See attached.

Project Nectar – Councillor Chapman

See attached.

Sewage Utility – Councillor White – Chair

Presented the 2025 – 2026 budget to council for approval..

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay,

that Council hereby approve the 2025/2026 Murray Harbour Sewage Utility Budget as presented.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

See attached.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

End of summer had the biggest kids cake auction to date. We had 13 cakes submitted. This function brought in \$2,012 before expenses. Next up is the 70 Mile Yard Sale..

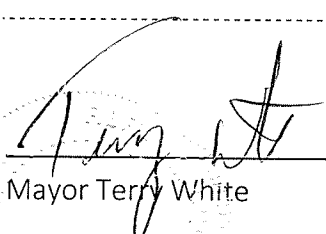
11. New Business

- a. Motion to adjust the monthly council meeting start time to 6:00 pm – Anne Harnesk-
As we already change start times for May and June due to lobster season, it was discussed at the June 11, 2025, council meeting to permanently change the start time of council meetings to 6:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm. However, to make this happen we need to pass a motion. Cllr. Robertson asked that we confirm with Cllr. Matheson if she was in favour of this idea as it would affect her availability. Anne to check with Cllr. Matheson if she is in favour of this change.
- b. Update on letter to boys who broke into the Hockey Shed – Cllr. Oickle
Mayor Terry White said the letters were delivered to the boys' parents. To date neither Terry nor Anne have heard anything. Anne to provide a copy of the letter to the council members.

12. Adjournment

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

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


Mayor Terry White
Anne Harnesk, CAO