

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

**October 8, 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

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

**1. Call to Order:**

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 Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr. Oickle

that the agenda for the October 8, 2025, Council Meeting be accepted as amended. Library was added to business arising from previous minutes.

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

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Oickle

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the September 10, regular Council meeting, as submitted.

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

6. Delegations:

Gordon Ramsli – Heat/Cooling issues in Kitchen

There are humidity issues in the kitchen and as a result the stainless steel is beginning to rust in area. Gordon put a dehumidifier in the kitchen and is pulling a full container of water every 6-8 hours. Since the renovation, the kitchen is relying on heat coming from the large room as well as one heat vent. Gordon given the go ahead to purchase another dehumidifier. Deputy Mayor MacKay will look into requesting an Energy Audit done for the Community Centre. This is done at no cost to the Village.

7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

May 14, 2025

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. This bylaw is now at the lawyers for review.

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. Garbage and handyman fixes around the Community Centre. Completed.

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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. Alicia provided information on a "panic button" type of alarm system when working alone. Anne to follow up with further clarification from Alicia. Anne to also get information on the library's budget. Anne to also reach out to the RCMP for their recommendations as well as Signal Solutions.

c. Motion to adjust Council Meeting start times from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm

As per Cllr. Robertson's request, I spoke with Cllr. Matheson, and she is in favour of the start time of meetings moving to 6:00 pm.

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Cllr. Chapman

that Council hereby approve adjusting the start time of the monthly council meetings to 6:00 pm from 7:00 pm.

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

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. 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

See attached.

Capital Projects – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

Waiting for the Sunly report. One array at lagoon and one at lift station. The rebate from Efficiency PEI has been approved.

Maintenance & Infrastructure – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

Gutters will be installed on Friday October 10<sup>th</sup>. Do we need a camera at the lagoon for security if we have solar panels there? Deputy Mayor MacKay and Anne to work on an updated letter to Transportation regarding required road work in the area..

Parks and Recreation – Cllr. Matheson, Chair

See attached.

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman, Chair

See attached. Looking at end of November for delivery. Cllr. Robertson will help with delivery if Canada Post is still on strike.

Project Nectar – Councillor Chapman

See attached.

Sewage Utility – Councillor White – Chair

Still looking for new committee members. John Olson and Gerry Keefe's names were mentioned. Cllr. White to reach out to them.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

See attached.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

70 Mile Yard Sale was a great success. The only expense was the \$50 registration fee. We had enough items from the End of Summer event for the BBQ.

**11. New Business**

a. Gifts for Staff at Christmas – Cllr. Robertson

Cllr. Robertson wanted to clarify that he just wanted to make sure the accounting for any Christmas gifts were less convoluted than last year.

b. Email Issue – Email Account Hacked on September 30, 2025 – Anne Harnesk

Our email system was hacked on September 30, 2025. I spoke with Darcey and changed the passwords. Darcy is too busy now to assist with IT Support. I have reached out to Shay Darrich to see if he has time. I will also reach out to the other CAO's at their meeting on October 24, 2025 which is being hosted here. The FPEIM is also looking at this as a shared service between the communities.

c. Christmas Dinner – Mayor Terry White

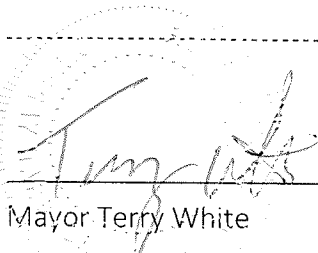
Are we going to have a Christmas Dinner again this year? The second Wednesday in December (December 10<sup>th</sup>) would be the date. Cllr. Chapman to coordinate.

**12. Adjournment**


Moved by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Oickle to adjourn at 7:05 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on November 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Boardroom. Deputy Mayor MacKay will be off island and unable to attend.

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Mayor Terry White



Anne Harnesk, CAO