

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 12, 2025

In Attendance: Mayor, Terry White; Cllr. Paul White; Cllr. Pam Oickle; Cllr. Marlene Chapman;
Cllr. Kelly Matheson; Cllr. John Robertson

Regrets: Deputy Mayor, Gary MacKay

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

1. Call to Order:

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:03 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. Matheson

that the agenda for the November 12, 2025, Council Meeting be accepted as submitted.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Cllr. Chapman

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025, regular Council meeting, as amended. *Correction to Cllr. Robertson appearing via zoom. He was in attendance.*

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Delegations:

Carol White and Jackie MacNeill Doiron – Lot 64

Jackie and Carol attended the meeting to give information on Lot 64, which is a non-profit group started with the main objective of promoting the area and our local history. We do not have any monuments or statues regarding the area settlers, or control over cemetery areas owned by the Crown. There is the old MacKay cemetery over by the old dump that has 44 people buried there. Lot 64 is also behind the new Christmas Tree going up at the wharf.

Moved by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr. Oickle,

that Council hereby approve a donation in the amount of \$500 to Lot 64 to be put towards the outdoor Christmas tree.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

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.

Speaking with the lawyer, we cannot put a bylaw with enforcement criteria in place without an enforcement bylaw. We also cannot reference the PEI Humane Society in the bylaw as they do not have capacity. It was also pointed out that if the Village mentions vicious dogs in the bylaw that removes the responsibility from the Province and puts it on the Village.

At this point it would be a useless bylaw. Anne to speak with Derick Squirell to discuss where to go from here. As a side note the province just changed to Dog Act to the Dog Owners Act which took effect on November 1, 2025

September 10, 2025

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. Anne reached out to Signal Solutions and is waiting to hear back. Anne will also be meeting with Grace and Alicia in January 2026.

October 8, 2025

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. An energy audit was conducted, and we are waiting for the results. Gordon to look at purchasing another humidifier.

b. Christmas Dinner – Cllr Chapman

Cllr Chapman reached out to Clam Diggers. We have a reservation for 6:00 pm on Wednesday, December 10th. Council will need to let Cllr Chapman know if you will be attending, if your significant other will be attending, and if you will be ordering off the menu or if you would like the turkey dinner.

8. **Correspondence - None**

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.

Capital Projects – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached.

Maintenance & Infrastructure – Deputy Mayor MacKay, Chair

See attached.

Parks and Recreation – Cllr. Matheson, Chair

Nothing to report.

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman, Chair

Trying to wrap it up this week and delivery for late November, or very early December.

Project Nectar – Councillor Chapman

The well was dug to a depth of 110 feet where the old well was. There is a hose on a reel by the raised beds. A small electrical panel and light was installed in the Community Garden shed. A plumber will come to winterize the system. This is a maintenance item that will need to be added to the yearly budget.

Sewage Utility – Councillor White – Chair

Cllr. White mentioned he would like to step back as Chairperson of this committee. Still looking for new committee members. John Olson and Gerry Keefe's names were mentioned.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

See attached.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

Committee met on Monday night. The next event will be the free Seniors Dinner on December 13th for those seniors along the COA 1V0 mail route.

11. New Business

a. Update on FPEIM Strategic Planning and Heat Response Training – Cllr. Oickle

The board of FPEIM has had several meetings regarding Strategic Planning. Cllr. Oickle will share more information as it becomes available.

The Province has created groups to review the need of heat response within the Province. With the hotter summers is there a need for cooling centres etc. Cllr. Oickle will keep Council updated.

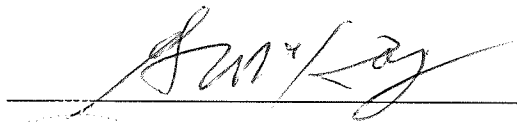
b. Christmas Office Closure – Anne Harnesk

Council discussed when the office would be closed over Christmas. It was decided that it would be closed from 4:30 pm on December 23rd and will re-open at 9:00 am on Tuesday, January 6th. Anne will change the outgoing voicemail with who to contact if there is an emergency. Anne will also pop in to check messages once during the break.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Oickle to adjourn at 7:15 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on January 14, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the Boardroom.



for Mayor Terry White



Anne Harnesk, CAO