

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 14, 2026

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

Regrets: Mayor, Terry White

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

1. Call to Order:

Deputy Mayor MacKay 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 January 14, 2026, Council Meeting be accepted as amended.

Amendment was to move Christmas Dinner from New Business to Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr. Chapman and seconded by Cllr. White

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025, regular Council meeting, as amended. *Amendment was to remove "the Village is paying for the dinner and people would be responsible for alcoholic beverages.*

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Delegations - None

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. Anne and Derick spoke and the most reasonable way would be to speak with the province to have incorporated villages under 500 residents included in the Dog Owners' Act. Anne to update Council on this issue through the CAO report.

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.

Individual branches do not have their own budgets. The Province/Library system covers it.

Anne, Grace, and Alicia met. The Library Act is being updated to remove old verbiage and outdated service references. I asked them to speak with Sue Gardner to determine any wish list items for the library

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 Oickle and seconded by Cllr. Matheson,

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

Cllr. Matheson had a walk around. One of the Basketball nets is now. Anne to ask Gordon to stand it back up.

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman, Chair

Nothing much to report. Debbie Gosbie has retired from the Post Office. The new person may charge the Village to put the Newsletter in the PO boxes. It would be approximately \$65.00 each time..

Project Nectar – Councillor Chapman

Nothing to report.

Sewage Utility – Deputy Mayor MacKay – Chair

See attached.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

Nothing to report.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

Seniors' dinner was a tremendous success. Approximately 70 seniors attended. The next event will be the Easter Egg-straviganza.

11. New Business

a. Councillor Disclosure Statement -Anne Harnesk

Please fill out the Disclosure Statement and return to Anne.

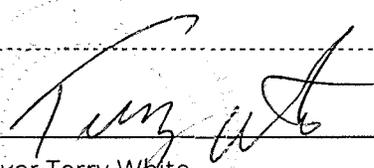
b. Confirmation of 2026 Council Meeting Dates – Anne Harnesk

With Council Meeting dates confirmed as January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, September 9, October 14. The November date falls on November 11 Should we move this meeting to another date? Discussion followed. It was decided that the Council meeting would be held on Wednesday, November 18th instead of November 11.

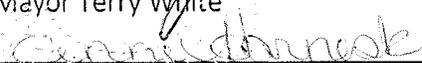
12. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Cllr. White to adjourn at 7:00 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on February 11, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the Boardroom.



Mayor Terry White



Anne Harnesk, CAO