

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 11, 2026

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

Regrets: Cllr. Marlene Chapman

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

1. Call to Order:

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 Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Cllr. Matheson

that the agenda for the March 11, 2026, Council Meeting be accepted as submitted.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr. Chapman and seconded by Cllr. Matheson

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the February 11, 2026, regular Council meeting, as submitted.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Delegations - None

7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

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.

I had a quick meeting with Grace and Alicia from the Public Library. They wanted to let council know the Public Libraries Act is being updated. The update is to remove outdated verbiage and services I have a copy of the current Act and a summary of the changes if anyone would like a copy. I also asked Alicia to speak with Sue regarding a wish list 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.

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We received the energy audit The Maintenance and Infrastructure Committee will review once they have their first meeting. Gerry Keefe and Lawrence Harnesk will review the Energy Audit to look for solutions.

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

Nothing to report

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman, Chair

Next edition will be mid May 2026.

Project Nectar – Councillor Chapman

Working with Friendly Circle to expand their Grant submission to include Village providing meeting space and including working with area seniors recording birds and tying back to Community Garden.

Sewage Utility – Deputy Mayor MacKay – Chair

See attached. With respect to the draft report, CBCL says that pump 2 may be subject to flooding.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

See attached.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

The next event is the Easter Egg-stravaganza on Saturday, April 4, 2026. Then we will have the coffee and muffins for the fishers on setting day.

11. New Business

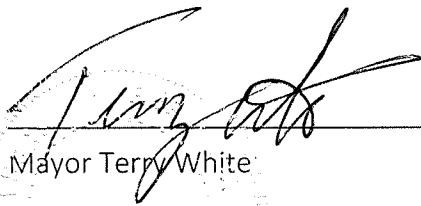
- a. Presentation of the 2026 – 2027 Budget – Deputy Mayor MacKay
The new budget was presented to council. There was general discussion. The draft budget will be put on the website for residents' review. Council will meet again on March 27th for a special meeting to pass the budget.

12. Adjournment

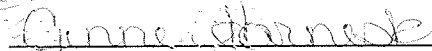
Moved by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Oickle to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

There will be a special meeting on Friday, March 27th at 10:00 am to pass the 2026 – 2027 budget.

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



Mayor Terry White



Anne Harnesk, CAO