

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2026

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

Staff: Anne Harnesk (CAO)

1. Call to Order:

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 May 13, 2026, Council Meeting be accepted as submitted.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Matheson

that Council hereby approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 8, 2026 as submitted.

Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Delegations – Pam Oickle

Pam let council know that Murray Harbour had received the Municipal Achievement Award from FPEIM. See a copy of the writeup FPEIM will put in their next newsletter.

Delegations – Jackie MacNeill Dioron

Craig Barid reached out via email to the Village and Anne forwarded the email on to Jackie wondering if the Murray Harbour Historical Society (MHHS) would be interested in contacting Craig to get further information.

Craig has a Canadian Podcast with approximately 50K subscribers. He is interested in coming to Murray Harbour for a few days to explore the local history, veterans, graveyards,

historical spots and even a bit on Brad Richards. Craig has a retainer of \$500 which the Village would need to cover. Food and accommodation would be handled by Jackie/MHHS.

Jackie will get back to Craig the by approximately May 20th. Any questions council have for Craig should be forwarded to Jackie before then.

Jackie would also like to have council determine an area where a small kiosk could be put for the information on the soldiers who have memorial trees planted.

Gary also requested information from the MHHS regarding the old rink, Community Hall and School and public office. Gary will attend the June MHHS meeting.

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.

Future updates will be addressed in the CAO report.

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

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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.

Future updates will be addressed with the Maintenance committee.

8. Correspondence - Shawn Landon - Questions on upgrades to Dog Park

Shawn requested an update on the status of the Dog Park upgrades. Deputy Mayor MacKay said we are still waiting for drawings from WSP and that as soon as we have those he will reach out to Shawn for his input as Shawn is a dedicated visitor to the Dog Park and will have valuable input.

9. CAO Report

a. Administrative Report: see attached.

Some of the new chairs along with a chair dolly were available for council to see. We will need six more chair dollies to take care of storing most of the chairs. Anne to go ahead and order.

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Cllr. Chapman

that Council hereby approve the purchase of six more chair dollies for the new chairs.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried

Further to information provided to council, it was decided that Anne would order one of the pop-up canopies to make sure it is suitable enough for our needs. Once determined to be so, two more will be ordered.

Request an additional 3 hours a week for Gordon to allow him to do weekly dump runs. He is currently doing this without any compensation. It was agreed Gordon would receive the additional hours.

As an additional item, Carol White approached me regarding a summer camp to be run during the summer. Carol was unavailable to attend tonight's meeting but asked me to bring it up to Council. After discussion, council had a number of questions. A list of questions will be emailed to me, and I will pass along to Carol White. Pam submitted questions which I gave to Carol. I have not heard anything further.

b. Financial Report: see attached.

Moved by Cllr Oickle and seconded by Cllr. Chapman,
that the CAO's report and Financial Report be received as information.

Vote was 6-0 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. In addition, Gordon given to okay to paint the two bathrooms by the front entrance as well as the front entrance itself.

Anne received a request to move AED machine in large room. Maintenance committee will look into. She also received a request from Ruth at the Post Office for a bench near the Post Office. . She has heard from quite a few residents that they would like a bench to take a rest when they come to collect their mail

Gerry Keefe is taking point on the ventilation in the kitchen project, and John Olsen is taking point on the lighting around the doors and ramps of the Community Centre.

Parks and Recreation – Cllr. Matheson, Chair

Will be ordering a new basketball net. Suggestion to store the entire units for the winter in the Community Garden shed or the garage.

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman, Chair

Information is being sent to Christine mid next week. Shawn Landon asked Marlene to include a message in every Newsletter to remind users of the dog park to pick up after their dogs.

Community Garden – Councillor Chapman

Councilor Chapman has tried to reach out to the Southeast Environmental Association regarding the grant in conjunction with the Friendly Circle. No response is being received.

Sewage Utility – Deputy Mayor MacKay – Chair

We will require help with the IRAC increase application This is quite an in-depth process. . Anne to reach out to IRAC for information.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

Nothing to report this month.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

We have Small Halls in June, and then Canada Day July 1st. Would like to purchase a larger popcorn maker. The current one is not able to keep up with demand. The old one could go in the 70 Mile Yard Sale in the fall.

11. New Business

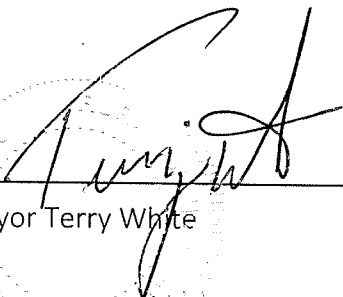
- a. Motion to appoint Mark Tiller at Municipal Election Officer for Nov. 2, 2026 Election
Moved by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Oickle
that Council hereby appoint Mark Tiller at the Municipal Elections Officer for the November 2, 2026 Municipal Election.

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried

12. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Cllr. Matheson to adjourn at 7:22pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on June 10, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the Boardroom.



Mayor Terry White



Anne Harnesk, CAO