RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR
MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 10, 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 6:03 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 Deputy Mayor MacKay
   that the agenda for the June 10, 2026, Council Meeting be accepted as amended.
   Amendment was correcting the approval of Minutes from April 8 to May 13, 2026
   Vote was 6-0 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 regular Council meeting of May 13, 2026 as submitted.
   Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Delegations – Sgt. Adam Robar – Montague RCMP
   Adam is interim Sargeant for our area. An officer to replace Stg. Mike Robinson has been hired, however he is just in the middle of transferring from New Brunswick.

   Delegations – Tara Wheeler – Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis
   Tara presented the audited financials for the fiscal year April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. Financially, the Village looks good, however the Sewage Utility is in a deficit position and must pursue a rate increase to cover expenses.

Moved by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Oickle

that Council hereby approve the 2025/2026 Financial Statements presented by Tara Wheeler from Ar4senault Best Cameron and Ellis..

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried.

7. **Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

May 13, 2026

Delegations

Jackie MacNeil Doiron – Historical Podcast

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.

I received a message on Messenger from Jackie on June 8, 2026 saying, "Heard back and although we will not be able to peruse the podcast, he is a historical podcaster and will highlight and explore our past, our present and our future!" This item is now completed.

8. **Correspondence - None**

9. **CAO Report**

a. Administrative Report – See attached.

b. Financial Report: see attached.

Moved by Cllr Chapman and seconded by Cllr. Matheson,

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.

Parks and Recreation – Cllr. Matheson, Chair

Nothing to report.

Newsletter – Councillor Chapman, Chair

Spring issue was distributed.

Community Garden – Councillor Chapman

All beds are spoken for. Five beds are being grown for the Community Fridge. Marlene to give shed key back to Anne.

Sewage Utility – Deputy Mayor MacKay – Chair

See attached.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

Nothing to report this month.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

We have Small Halls coming up and then Canada Day. Processing lobster on June 13th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

11. New Business

a. Rentals – Cllr. Oickle

There are a few groups who just assume they will be given access to the hall for free. It would have been nice to be asked about it before just assuming. Confirming the following groups are allowed to rent the hall at no charge are:

- The Women's Institute of Beach Point
- Murray Harbour Cemetery Group
- Southern Step (AA Group)
- Murray Harbour Friendly Circle
- Cape Bear Lighthouse
- Murray Harbour Historical Society for their monthly Wednesday meeting.

b. Snagging List – Cllr. Robertson

A list that can be added to for the small things that may be forgotten such as the changing the direction of the doors in the large room, fixing the door lock on the front door etc.

Gary MacKay said he will look after the list, and any additions may be sent to him.

c. Re-hanging pictures/plaques in the large room – Cllr. Robertson

The pictures and plaques in the large room need to be put back up. John Robertson, Carol White and Jackie MacNeil Doiron have agreed to do this.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr. Matheson and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay to adjourn at 7:48 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on September 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the Boardroom.

Mayor Terry White

Anne Harnesk, CAO