RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR

MINUTES of REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 14, 2026

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

Staff: Margaret Brady

Guest William Cook

1. Call to Order:
   Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Deputy Mayor MacKay and seconded by Cllr Oickle
   that the agenda for the October 14, Council Meeting be accepted as amended. *Amendment was adding a report from Cllr Oickle on sale of chairs*
   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 September 10, 2026 as submitted.
   Vote was 5-0 in favour; motion carried.

6. Delegations – LOT 64 Bingo
   No one appeared .

7. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

a. Donation of Piano – Cllr Robertson - deferred

b. Snow Removal – no names were suggested – deferred We need a solid plan to replace this. Question was raised whether snow blower is working or not. Cllr. Robertson mentioned that Gordon Ramsli quitting was a loss, especially the Grab n' Go.

8. Correspondence - Beautification Award
Margaret will ask Shannon Penny if she is interested in attending. Cllr Robertson is also in Charlottetown that day and can attend if necessary

9. CAO Report
a. Administrative Report – not available .
b. Financial Report: not available

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.

Deputy May MacKay reported that Gerry Keefe has been trying to get someone to remedy issues in kitchen but has been stonewalled – contractors seem to be too busy on larger projects.

With respect to playground, the plan is to apply for funding to put up borders and fill with pea gravel as this is cleaner than sand and will not have to be topped up this year. Cllr Robertson expressed his opinion that it would be easier to put in fresh sand every year.

Parks and Recreation – Cllr. Matheson, Chair

Nothing to report.

Newsletter –

Cllr Robertson said he felt Cllr Chapman did a great job and wondered if she had been asked to continue in that role. She was asked and said no. Margaret Brady reported an email had been received from Christine Jackson that she wishes to step back from newsletter – deferred until November

Community Garden –

No updates .

Sewage Utility – Deputy Mayor MacKay – Chair

See attached.

EMO – Councillor Oickle - Chair

Nothing to report this month.

Fundraising – Councillor White – Chair

Cllr White reported that the yard sale was very successful. Next events are the Seniors Xmas dinner and possible fun movie night for children.

Our guest, William Cook, a new resident at 5 Church Steet was welcomed.

11. New Business

a. Motion to approve the 2026 Sewage Utility Budget – Deputy Mayor MacKay

Deputy Mayor MacKay reported that it is necessary to apply to IRAC for increase as the budget has been in deficit for awhile and the cushion of the existing bank balance is disappearing . We have retained accounting firm MRSB at a cost of approximately $6,000 to assist us in preparing the increase request. They recently assisted Crapaud. Our only income is the monthly rates – single home is $39.08 – boarding homes and businesses pay varying rates depending on number of washrooms, etc. Rates have not been increased since 2010 and one year were decreased. A significant increase will be required. Cllr. Robertson advised that he would need to look over the proposed budget before he felt comfortable voting on same. Agreed to defer to November meeting. Margaret will supply copy of proposed budget to councillors.

b. Motion to approve the CCBF Playground Rehabilitation application. – Deputy Mayor MacKay

Estimate to do the work is $50,000 to add gravel and required signs

That Council approve the funding application to proceed with the playground rehabilitation

Moved by Cllr. Oickle and seconded by Cllr. Matheson

Vote was 6-0 in favour; motion carried

c. Report re chair sales – Cllr Oickle

Cllr. Oickle reported that 68 chairs have been sold at a total of $450. 20 were donated to the Legion and there are 28 left. They did not sell at yard sale. Cllr Oickle will see if Legion is interested in the rest of the chairs.

Cllr. Oickle also mentioned that 60-70% of the toys for the Lions' Club toy drive are distributed in our area.

d. Repurposed Steel Door – Cllr. Robertson
Cllr. Robertson mentioned the door that he donated for the fridge seems to have disappeared. Margaret to post on out and about. There was then a discussion that we need a frame and header, and it would seem best to get a new door with everything that is required. John mentioned that his builder said there was one on Marketplace – he will check on it, however, a new door is what is needed complete with frame and all necessary pieces.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Cllr. Robertson and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKay to adjourn at 6:45 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on November 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the Boardroom.

Mayor Terry White

Margaret Brady, Deputy CAO