

Town of Mulgrave

Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2025

Present: Mayor Chisholm, Deputy Mayor Maas Latimer, Councillor Russell, Councillor Michel, Councillor Tate and CAO Gray.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Chisholm

2. Approval of Agenda / Addition of Agenda Items

Moved by Councillor Tate, seconded by Councillor Michel that the Agenda be approved with the following addition:

Duck Pond

Motion Carried

3. Minutes – March 3, 2025

Correction to the minutes – correction to spelling of Deputy Mayor’s name was not completed prior to posting on Town website.
Minutes approved as presented.

4. Business Arising From Minutes

5. Presentations

6. New Business/Carry Forward Business

a) New Setbacks for Wind Turbines

The Province is amending the Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations to establish maximum allowable setbacks for wind turbines for Nova Scotia municipalities. Government is making it easier for wind energy projects to move forward while ensuring that communities and the environment are protected.

Under the amended regulations, setback for wind turbines cannot be more than four times the turbine height, unless a greater distance is required to ensure that sound levels do not exceed 40 decibels at the exterior of a dwelling and that shadow flicker on nearby residential dwellings does not exceed limits identified in the amendments. Amendments also remove the ability for a municipality to influence wind turbine placement based on visual impact on the landscape.

Strait of Canso Sustainable Infrastructure Strategy

Waterford Energy Services Inc. (WESI) was contracted by the Municipality of the County of Richmond and the Town of Port Hawkesbury, in January 2024 to complete a sustainable infrastructure strategy for the Strait of Canso.

Intent of the study to focus on renewable energy industry including onshore wind, offshore wind (fixed bottom and floating) and hydrogen/ammonia. Several land-based windfarm projects planned to be installed in areas on the mainland near the Strait; Superport's Mulgrave Marine Terminal and adjacent lands are considered prime locations with potential to receive these components.

7. Reports

Council Committee Reports

i. Police Advisory

Meeting next month.

ii. Library

Meeting last week – some damage to the foundation and floor from plant root systems outside the main building; mould developed in the building.

iii. MARA

Meeting March 18, 2025

iv. Recreation / Culture

To be announced.

v. Community First – Guysborough County Housing Association

Meeting to be held in two weeks.

vi. Eastern Region Solid Waste Management (ERSWM)

Next meeting April 2025.

8. Approved Additions to the Agenda

Duck Pond – one of the deck blocks is deteriorating; potential safety issue; benches outside are sinking into the ground; caution tape suggested; Public Works to be contacted.

9. Date of Next Meeting: April 7, 2025

10. Gallery

Question whether Council will be coming back to the table after in camera session.

11. In-Camera

- i. Alleged breaches of the municipality's code of conduct – MGA 22(2)(da)
- ii. Contract negotiations – MGA 22(2)(e)
- iii. Litigation or potential litigation – MGA 22(2)(f)

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maas Latimer to move in camera at 6:49 pm.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Tate to move out of camera at 8:21 pm.
Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Mayor and Council of the Town of Mulgrave approve *Strait Engineering Limited* as Project Manager for the *Waterfront Development at McNairs Cove* project under the Department of Municipal Affairs *Municipal Capital Growth Program (MCGP)*.

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maas Latimer *Motion Carried*

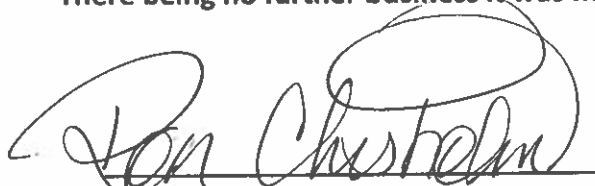
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Mayor and Council of the Town of Mulgrave appoint *MC Advisory Group Inc.* as Investigator under the *Code of Conduct for Municipal Elected Officials*.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Maas Latimer, seconded by Councillor Tate *Motion Carried*

12. Adjournment


There being no further business it was moved by Councillor Russell to adjourn at 8:22 pm.



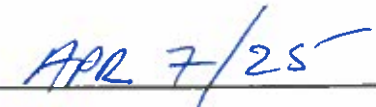
Mayor



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