

**Town of Mulgrave
Meeting Minutes
September 2, 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 Deputy Mayor Maas Latimer that the Agenda be approved with the following additions:

- I. Property on Murray Street – Regarding Power Disconnection
- II. Water Conservation
- III. Blue Building at McNairs Cove
- IV. Update – RCMP (Regrets – will reschedule)
- V. Letter to Government

Motion Carried

3. Minutes: June 16, 2025 Public Hearing

Minutes Accepted as Presented

Minutes: June 16, 2025 Regular Meeting

Typographical errors identified; recommended changes to description of Mayor, resident. Councillor interactions.

Minutes Accepted with Corrections

Minutes: August 6, 2025 Special Meeting

Minutes Accepted as Presented

4. Business Arising From Minutes

Discussion regarding procedure for barring a resident from meetings; Mayor will contact Municipal Affairs for guidance.

5. Presentations – None

6. New Business / Carry Forward Business

a. Financial Statements for the 4 months ended July 31, 2025

CAO indicated we have a surplus of approximately \$140,000, similar to 2023-2024 surplus of \$145,000 after 4 months; 2023-2024 surplus of \$78,000 at year end. 2024-2025 surplus of \$313,000 after 4 months and \$119,000 at year end. There are a number of variables that can affect results, particularly when reviewing results early in the fiscal year. However, based on these comparisons with the two previous fiscal years, we appear to be in good shape financially. CAO reviewed several G/L printouts requested by Deputy Mayor. CAO to respond to questions re: building permits.

b. Waterfront Development at McNairs Cove

Updated breakwater plan distributed.

Upcoming Project Monitoring Report will include a deadline extension request to September 2026; Strait Engineering agrees it is a reasonable time extension. McNairs Development Committee is requesting a letter from the Town for a donation of armourstone.

c. Wastewater Treatment Project

Ongoing discussions have resulted in three options.

1. Standard plant – estimated costs of \$12,000,000
2. Packaged plant – estimated costs of \$11,000,000
3. Pipeline option – pricing appears to be more reasonable at this point.

Staff discussed permits with Environment & Climate Change and discussions were positive; ongoing discussions with Inverness and Port Hawkesbury regarding transmission of waste to their facility.

GRID (Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development) Program funding may be available to cover 50% of potential cost overruns.

d. Council Action Items

CAO reviewed Council Meeting Follow-up – Action Items.

7. Reports

a. Council Committee Reports

i. Police Advisory

Regular quarterly meetings will begin the first week of September 2025.

ii. Library

Meeting will be held the second week of September 2025.

iii. MARA

Meeting September 16, 2025.

iv. Recreation / Culture

No meeting date set.

v. Guysborough County Home Support Agency (GCHSA)

No meeting date set.

vi. Eastern Region Solid Waste Management (ERSWM)

Meeting was held June 19, 2025.

Discussion regarding:

Waste management pricing

Circular Materials for municipal units

Littering and Prevention funding & sponsorship programs

Compliance Report - St. FX 12th Annual Ocean World Day

Provincial Marine Clean Up Program

Next meeting: September 25, 2025 in Guysborough.

- vii. Tourism Guysborough County
September 2025.
- viii. Source Water Protection Committee (SWPC)
TBA – September tentatively.
- ix. Accessibility Committee
Request for members to be issued for residents with accessibility needs and representatives of outside organizations.
- x. Transit Association of Guysborough
September 2025.
- xi. Scotia Days Committee
Closing meeting to be scheduled.
- xii. Market-by-the-Sea Committee
Closing meeting to be scheduled.

8. Approved Additions to the Agenda

- i. Property on Murray Street – Regarding Power Disconnection
Power disconnection to be scheduled.
- ii. Water Conservation
Concerns regarding water level at Grants Lake; Mayor indicated water / wastewater staff monitor closely; no issues to date.
- iii. Blue Building on McNairs Cove
Building is leaking and rental will be free until roof is repaired;
After repair, a rental rate will be determined and rental of the building will be advertised in the Town newsletter.
- iv. RCMP Update
Representative will be attending next meeting.
- v. Letter to Government
Mayor received a request from Richie Mann for a letter of support regarding the Container Terminal in Melford.

9. Date of Next Meeting: September 15, 2025

10. Gallery

Question regarding meeting with Minister of Public Works regarding Highway 344;
Mayor indicated nothing has been finalized yet, waiting to hear back from government;
Question regarding Gas Tax revenue from the Province; CAO to confirm;
Question regarding amount of paving contract; response - \$299,000;
Question regarding Seniors Grant availability this year; resident responded grant is available for seniors with an annual income below \$41,500 a year to be eligible;
Question regarding By-Law Enforcement Officer; no update; Mayor will check with Inverness CAO at next week's Police Advisory meeting.

Update on Donkin Street paving; Public Works indicated asphalt is not readily available; possibly patch it for the winter and add to the Agenda for next spring.
Question regarding possible cost sharing of paving for Fire Hall parking lot in front of bay doors (\$20,000).

11. In-Camera

- i. Code of conduct complaints proceeding to the investigation stage – MGA 22(2)(db)
- ii. Litigation or potential litigation – MGA 22(2)(f)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Maas Latimer, seconded by Councillor Tate to move in camera at 7:28 pm.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Tate, seconded by Councillor Michel to move out of in camera at 8:40 pm.

Motion Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Mayor and Council of the Town of Mulgrave approve the legal settlement, with revisions, as discussed in camera.

Moved by Councillor Tate, seconded by Councillor Michel.

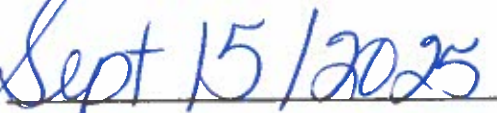
Motion Carried

12. Adjournment

There being no further business it was moved by Councillor Michel to adjourn at 8:42 pm.



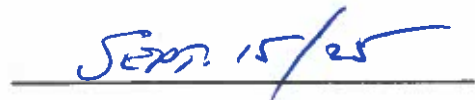
Mayor



Date



CAO



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