

**Town of Mulgrave
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2026**

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

i. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:50 pm by Mayor Chisholm.

ii. Approval of Agenda / Addition of Agenda Items

Moved by Deputy Mayor Tate, seconded by Councillor Maas Latimer, that the Agenda be approved with the following additions:

- I. Project Updates
- II. Budget
- III. Roads

Motion Carried

3. Minutes – March 2, 2026

Concerns were raised regarding not following guidelines and the absence of a report for the code of conduct investigation.

Page # 5 February 17, 2026 Minutes – “Mayor Chisholm advised we did not qualify for these funds.” Require clarification.

Minutes accepted with recommendations for changes

4. Business Arising From Minutes

Request for updates on Strategic Planning – Current Municipal Advisor is in the process of transferring to a new position, while transferring in the new municipal representative; new municipal representative to be present for Strategic Planning.

Comment that June 16th Meeting Minutes have yet to be changed; concern that inaccuracy of minutes may lead to missed funding opportunities.

Inquiry concerning a meeting date to discuss changes in fire services legislation; MVFD will be arranging the meeting.

5. Presentations – None

6. New Business / Carry Forward Business

a. Makers at the Marina Proposal

The Marina Development Committee requests use of the small shed at the marina by transforming it into a weekend hub for local vendors, artisans and food producers; welcoming space where community members and visitors can gather at the shop to connect with one another and enjoy the waterfront; funds will be reinvested in marina improvement.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Mayor and Council of the Town of Mulgrave approve the use of the small shed located at the marina by the McNairs Cove Marina Development Committee for its *Makers at the Marina* initiative.

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tate.

Motion Carried

b. Amendment to Deed Transfer Tax By-Law

This is the second reading of the Deed Transfer Tax By-Law Amendment to increase the deed transfer tax to 1.5% from 0.5% as well as other changes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Mayor and Council of the Town of Mulgrave approve Second Reading of an Amendment to the Deed Transfer Tax By-Law which increases the rate of the deed transfer tax within the Town of Mulgrave to 1.50% of the value of the property transferred, as well as other changes regarding governing bodies.

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Maas Latimer.

Motion Carried

c. Movement of Turbine Parts within Town Limits

Concerns regarding traffic issues and wait times; interactions with traffic control staff to be discussed in camera.

d. Letter of Support – Antigonish Coalition to End Poverty

Warden Nicholas MacInnis, Municipality of the County of Antigonish requested a letter of support for the Antigonish Coalition to End Poverty.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Mayor and Council of the Town of Mulgrave approve a letter of support for the Antigonish Coalition to End Poverty.

Moved by Councillor Michel, seconded by Councillor Maas Latimer.

Motion Carried

7. Reports

a. Council Committee Reports

i. Police Advisory

Next meeting in May.

ii. Library

Next meeting Thursday, April 9, 2026.

iii. Recreation / Culture

No update to report.

- iv. Guysborough County Home Support Agency (GCHSA)
Next meeting on April 16, 2026; updated statistics - 10 clients in Mulgrave, 10 in the surrounding area, and 3 assigned staff.
- v. Eastern Region Solid Waste Management (ERSWM)
The Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) meetings from March 26, 2026 are ongoing, with continued focus on the shortage of recycling depots and improving public education, led by Circular Materials.
Delays in 2025 data submissions remain an issue, holding up diversion credits for municipalities; future submissions will be sent directly to CAOs.
The "Ways to Wizard" program has been renewed and is performing well.
Waste management education and enforcement contracts are nearing completion; the Jackie Dorton Memorial Bursary will be awarded to a student from Antigonish this year, with a student from Mulgrave expected to receive the bursary next year.
Incentive funding for last year is complete, and compliance inspections, including landfill visits, are progressing well.
Outreach efforts have included events at the Antigonish Farmers' Market, schools, seniors groups, and St. FX, with positive audit results.
Tire disposal is being supported through GFL, encouraging returns to dealers.
Additional educational events are planned, and there was brief discussion about relocating the REMO office to the MODG office. The next meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2026.
- vi. Tourism Guysborough County
Two meetings in March; no future meeting scheduled yet.
- vii. Source Water Protection Committee (SWPC)
Resident resigned their position on the Committee; tentative meeting to be postponed due to lack of quorum; Resident and Landowner memberships to be posted.
- viii. Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility (IDEA) Advisory Committee
No update to report.
- ix. Transit Association of Guysborough (TAG)
Meeting last week; positive service report.
- x. Scotia Days Committee
Meeting on March 31; no decision on name for upcoming Scotia Days; open and looking for ideas regarding activities, music, etc.; also looking for volunteers.

xi. Market-by-the-Sea Committee

Two Markets the summer; one during Scotia Days in July, and one in August.
Reaching out to a prominent tour band who will be in the area at that time.

xii. Community First

Meeting next month.

8. Approved Additions to the Agenda

i. Project Updates

CAO Gray advised that a revised proposal has been submitted for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, which is now under federal review. The focus is on upgrading and modernizing existing lift stations, helping keep costs within the \$7.3 million budget, of which the Town's share is approximately \$500,000; decision is expected in about three weeks.

Two bids have been received from contractors for the Waterfront Development at McNairs Cove Project; bids to be reviewed shortly.

Donkin Street Bridge replacement is expected to commence once spring weather arrives; cost estimates for one-lane and two-lane replacements will be requested.

ii. Budget

Concerns regarding the lack of transparency and input in Mulgrave's budget process. Concern that residents, staff, and council have little to no involvement.

Concern that opportunities for meaningful questions and discussion with council are limited; concern that staff are also excluded until a draft budget is presented, often not finalized until May or June; concern that while staff are available to answer questions about building maintenance and budgeting, relying on one-on-one conversations limits transparency and creates unequal access to information.

iii. Roads

Mayor recently spoke with Minister Morrow; a road project is expected to be completed this year from approximately Loggie Street to Auld's Cove; a very positive development. Additionally, the government has made a \$10,000 donation to the food pantry.

9. Date of Next Meeting: April 20, 2026

10. Gallery

Concern regarding the Donkin Street Bridge replacement; a one-lane option is not acceptable due to safety concerns; a two-lane bridge is strongly needed.

Question regarding bids submissions for McNairs Cove; three main components: breakwater; armourstone for wall face; timber piling / armourstone sheet piling; floating docks and electrical are secondary.

Question from EMO Coordinator regarding IC200 training and potential evacuation planning; questions regarding who will review this and how transportation would be managed; will councillors be attending the two day course April 14 & 15th?

MVFD to set up meeting regarding fire services legislation; budget information submitted for fire hall roof and siding; ceiling tiles replaced – remaining tiles in good condition have been brought to the Town office.

Question regarding warranty for paving; Public Works Supervisor will check condition of recent paving projects.

Question regarding the budget, particularly how information is being shared and understood.

Comment regarding the importance of maintaining a regularly updated infrastructure list.

Question regarding the by-law enforcement officer position, which is still under provincial review and not yet approved; process is ongoing, and approval is still pending.

Question regarding Recreation & Physical Activity Coordinator position; received several applications from qualified candidates; will be reviewing applications and scheduling interviews in the coming days.

11. In-Camera

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Maas Latimer to move in camera at 8:20 pm. *Motion Carried*

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Tate to move out of in camera at 9:28 pm.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Mayor and Council of the Town of Mulgrave approve the subdivision of PID 35124445 and PID 35239680 as requested.

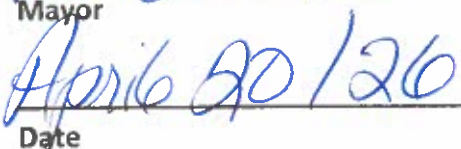
Moved by Councillor Tate, seconded by Councillor Russell. *Motion Carried*

12. Adjournment

There being no further business it was moved by Councillor Russell to adjourn at 9:29 pm.



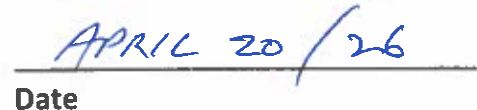
Mayor



Date



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