

Council Meeting Minutes

July 8th 2026 – 6:30pm

Community Complex



The regular meeting of the Rural Municipality of Mount Stewart was held on July 8th 2026 at **6:34pm** with the following Council members present:

Mayor: Amanda Myers

Councillors: Chad, Bev, Julie, Kevin,

Regrets: Jason, Spencer

Absent:

Staff: Katharine MacDonald, CAO

Delegations: Maxine Doucette, Lynn Fairweather

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at **6:34pm**
2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest of Council Members, Chair, & CAO:
3. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda for the July 8th 2026 Council meeting be approved.
Approval of Agenda was moved by Kevin and seconded by Bev
4. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the June 3rd 2026 meeting of Council be approved.
Adoption of Minutes: moved by Chad, seconded by Kevin
5. Delegations: Maxine Doucette
 - a. Starting discussion about boundary expansion. Back when Maxine was on Council, John Chisolm came and spoke to council. They recommended looking at fire district boundaries. School district takes in the same area. The discussion has become more prevalent. All the good things the municipality does, aren't just enjoyed by municipal residents. It's coming time that everyone needs to help out this tax base. It would be great to have a bigger council, bigger community. A bigger municipality could have a ward system so that each area has a representative. There could be additional amenities in those outlying communities, like parks. Chad agrees that the fire district is a natural set of boundaries, and that people who live nearby complain about the sewer being subsidized by general (therefore taxes). We'd need to be clear that sewer isn't an issue, and would be a tiered system based on amenities. Doing the assessment would be a huge undertaking. Julie asked if it's best to "go big" to start. Lynn asked if counties are any sort of administrative unit in PEI, or whether municipalities could be divided based on county boundaries. Maxine would like to see Council be proactive so that things aren't done against our will or being forced. Chad brought up Fiona as an instance where we serve the community outside us. Maxine mentioned churches, sidewalks, post office, library, community events, etc.

And Julie pointed out the events are supported by outside. Amanda asked if we need to create a committee. Maxine says getting MRSB out to start discussions would be great. Lynn asked about RCMP boundaries. Maxine says people need to realize there are amenities sprinkled around the other communities where a municipality could offer support, representation, etc. It's also about paying your own share. Maxine shared some anecdotes about folks who aren't familiar with some of the demographic changes. We have to work on communicating that eventually, it'll happen. Talk to MRSB to find out what they need from Council to get the proposal in to Government. There has to be an updated estimate population, estimates of assessments, clear arguments for expansion, etc. Kevin and Amanda asked if community consultation has a determining impact on amalgamation. Maxine read aloud from a draft release. There also has to be a letter to the Minister – Maxine read aloud a previous draft letter. Maxine says there is a lot to like about a smaller community and there will be organic growth because of that. Cooperation would benefit everyone.

- b. Lynn asked about the paving – because of the deep hole created by the manhole.

6. Monthly Report of the Mayor:

- a. Amanda delivered a verbal report.
 - i. Resident complained about the fireworks; wildlife fund donation discussed. We're already getting close to the end of our donations/gifts budget. Amanda asked if the discussion about the donation could be tabled as there are other requests and there have been unexpected gifts. Kevin said the vast majority of residents enjoy the fireworks. Julie says we have to be financially responsible for our community.
 - ii. Canada Day was successful
 - iii. Called RCMP about speeding on Main Street. RCMP may be present to check on speeders. Some discussion about traffic calming measures.
- b. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Report of the Mayor dated July 8th 2026 be received. Report of the mayor approved by Bev and seconded by Chad.

7. Staff Reports:

- a. Report of CAO: Katharine delivered a verbal report
 - i. Summer students are hired, full team is on every day now, lots goin
 - ii. Health inspection passed for kitchen use post-renovations
 - 1. Dishwasher is plumbed in
 - 2. Still need to decide on a new faucet
 - 3. New lights for kitchen to replace brittle/damaged light covers (shatter risk in kitchen)
 - 4. Jefferson Pineda will be using the kitchen most Saturdays for food preparation (paid bookings)
 - iii. Finalized signage review for Dalmac; install happening late this month
 - iv. Unsightly properties addressed
 - v. MCEG
 - 1. Submitted most of 2025/26 MCEG claim – have a few items left to submit. Total will be around \$40k
 - 2. Started preparing first quarter MCEG 2026/27
 - vi. Cleaned up/sorted email inbox – went from 36k to 17k by filing into folders

- vii. Booked audit and started audit prep – will take the full next two weeks to prepare everything needed
 - viii. Canada Day prep
 - ix. Gift cert purchased for Rhonda Feehan after Bernie's passing
 - x. Letter of support for Seagull liquor licence application
 - xi. Door installed in Junkerneckers space; Canoe Cove would also like this considered for their space. (The general feeling is that we missed the window with funding.)
 - xii. Locksmith visited to check out doors ahead of Wilson's installation
 - xiii. Sewer emergency – our house only one affected that we know of, but a block in the sewer main with bits of pavement from repaving, also *significant grease build up* at lift stations
 - xiv. Correspondence with Lenny re: lawnmowers
 - xv. Landscaping
 - 1. Ordered mulch for Olivia for flowerbeds at Eco-Centre
 - 2. Picked up hanging baskets and potted flowers for solar lamps at Eco-Centre
 - xvi. Community garden setup set for this week-ish
 - xvii. Steve Crane installed sconces
 - xviii. Sewer invoices created, printed, mailed/emailed only to customers owing
 - xix. Office organization thanks to Avery
 - xx. New storage shelving purchased and set up for chair storage room
 - xxi. Replaced chair mat in office
- b. Julie brought up Bryce breakers issue.
- c. Financial update for April 2026

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report of the CAO and the Financial Update to June 30th 2026 be approved. Moved by Julie, seconded by Kevin.

- i. General and Sewer Accounts for approval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General and Sewer Accounts for the period ending June 30th 2026 be approved. Moved by Chad seconded by Kevin.

- ii. General and Sewer Journal Entries for approval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General and Sewer Journal Entries for the period ending June 30th 2026 be approved. Moved by Julie, seconded by Kevin.

- d. Report of Sewer Operator – June 2026. Moved by Chad, Seconded by Kevin.

8. Unfinished Business:

- a. Lagoon Care – we will put a pin in deciding for now.
- b. Greenhouse – giveaway/signage.

9. New Business:

- a. Vents/hvac

- b. 150 approved from Brennan Doyle
- c. Dragging the ballfield – approved
- d. Sidewalk plowing – could we look at bylaw?
- e. Landscaping with Jordan at Joe MacLeod – when are we moving on this
- f. Chad moves to approve signage spending at Joe MacLeod, Kevin seconded
- g. Kevin moves to approve final Complex renovation expenses. Chad seconded.
 - i. We will paint all wooden items in community hall to match, plus frames.
- h. Anna can rent the mezzanine
- i. We will support Glenaladale in their application and Katharine is authorized to provide information to the Executive Director.

10. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the July 8th 2026 Council meeting be adjourned at 8:43pm. Moved by Chad and seconded by Kevin.

Next regular Council Meeting:

September 2nd 2026 at the Community Complex at 6:30pm or as called by Council.