

**Rural Municipality of Miltonvale Park Council
MINUTES – Public Budget Meeting**

Milton Community Hall

7:30 p.m., February 25, 2026

Present - Mayor Hal Parker, Councillors Paul Poole, Rosemarie Ramsay, Jamie Taylor, Spencer MacDonald, and Leo Doucette; Staff - CAO Shari MacDonald; Residents – Sheila Curtis, Betty Pryor, and Gail Ling

Regrets – Andrew Frizzell did not attend due to illness.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Parker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. REVIEW OF 2025-26

The mayor noted highlights from 2025-26, which was a remarkable year for Miltonvale Park – with the municipality winning \$15,000 as the PEI winner for ParticipACTION’s Community Challenge, winning \$1000 from the PEI Rural Beautification Community Spirit Award and FPEIM’s Municipal Achievement Award.

Seniors Events - The 2025-26 New Horizons for Seniors Program, **Chat & GBT - Growing Better Together** was very popular, and established a supper club to host eight meals and speakers, created a garden club, held nine healthy eating food presentations, purchased rhythmic gymnastic ribbons to augment its current exercise classes, and six sets of poles for pole walking to start a pole walking group. The project also included a Mi'kmaq basket weaving class, an art class, and an improv series.

The PEI Seniors’ Secretariat funded a 2025-26 grant of \$2750 for **Art, Heart, and Depart...on a Bus Tour**. About 50 seniors attended the bus tour on August 11 to the Butterfly House and Gardens of Hope, Green Gables, Avonlea Village for Lunch, Kier Memorial Museum, Indian River Church and Schurman Farms Greenhouse. Art classes were also held.

ParticipACTION’s Community Challenge in June included a virtual Walk, Move More than the Mayor contest, yoga, walks, a variety of dance classes and other opportunities for people to get active. More exercise classes were held this year, with classes varying between 1-3 weekly. Yoga is offered, year-round, as well as fall to spring line dancing at the Milton Community Hall.

At the community park, the municipality paved the parking lot, installed new lighting for the lot and the side of the building and installed accessible drums. Pickleball remained very popular (about 11 times weekly). Charlottetown Minor Ball rented the ball field regularly. The summer staff hosted special days and events. A heat pump was installed in the summer of 2025, which made the shelter much more comfortable. In 2026, the municipality intends to install the old generator at the park, and add solar panels, and a propane stove, water heater, and tank, with support of the Canada Community Building Fund.

Community Events - Family Violence Prevention Week was marked in May 2025, with the annual blanket making activity. With the support of CMP, Council organized its 3rd

annual Car Show on the Father's Day weekend. Proceeds of about \$2500 were donated to the Upper Room Hospitality Ministry. Celebrate Canada Funding was received for a Canada Day celebration, and a Wildfire Preparedness Fund saw the NRRFD attend Canada Day, and informational magnets distributed. Council passed out treat bags at a Halloween drive thru at the Milton Community Hall. The NRRFD brought Santa and the Grinch at Christmas. Council received a GEDI grant for monthly movies, a Dumpling Making Party, two Drum Circles, a Welcome Supper and trivia night.

The little library at the park continues to be used. The two Level 2 EV chargers at the hall and the two at the Community Park received limited use. Miltonvale Park participated in a Take Action on Radon Test and distributed 100 free test kits.

2025 was the second summer for the new Community Garden, located on land that was provided by the Hooper Family. Ryan Ritskes was hired through a SkillsPEI grant, and oversaw the garden in 2025. He established a Garden Club. Volunteers worked diligently, and the garden had another very successful year, winning the best community vegetable garden on PEI. Produce was available for pick up at the hall, and about ten families took advantage of the space provided to have their own garden. Funding from the Island Community Food Security Fund allowed for the purchase of many tools and some equipment, as well as for two community meals (pancake breakfast and a chili supper planned for March 2) and two food hamper giveaways. The Provincial Community Food fund also granted \$4,000 for the municipality to distribute two more food hamper giveaways.

A municipal park is also being created in the new Strathrae Estates, located off the Royalty Road. A gazebo is planned to be erected this summer.

Sheila Curtis continues to represent Miltonvale Park on the board of the APM Center, which is hoping to add a second ice surface in the near future, and they encourage people to support their entry into Kraft Hockeyville.

Active Transportation (AT) –The Province's AT fund granted Miltonvale Park \$25,000 benches, bike stands and bicycle repair stations for Confederation Trail rest areas in the community.

Support for individuals and groups – The Council continues to offer an annual \$75 child bursary, a \$200 grant to the North Milton WI for a project, and a \$1500 annual grant to the Milton Community Hall (2025 – shelving and stair rails to the basement). It also offers rebates for HE washers, low-flow replacement toilets and showerheads.

Communication – One paper newsletter, printed at the office, was distributed in 25-26, with regular e-news updates, emailed and circulated online. Facebook and miltonvalepark.com are also used.

Environment- The municipality continues to be charged a fire hydrant fee by Charlottetown, and recoups the cost for three of the eleven hydrants from the Provincial Correctional Centre. Councillor Jamie Taylor is the liaison between the Cornwall and Area Watershed Group (CAWG) and Miltonvale Park.

Planning and Development –The Province had approved text amendments to the Official Plan and Development Bylaw in 2024; however, it notified the municipality in 2025 that it did not approve the rezoning or the redesignation in the Future Land Use map of PID 283325 and a 1.8-acre portion of PID 658799 to Light Industrial properties. The appeal of Council’s decision for rezoning was therefore abandoned at IRAC.

Delays in the final approval for the second and third phases of the new Strathrae subdivision in the Sleepy Hollow area have resulted in lower development fees than were expected for this past year; however, construction is likely to begin on new homes in the upcoming fiscal year. A subdivision application received preliminary approval for the first two phases for affordable housing in the former community pasture; however, it is not known if the province will continue with the project.

Miltonvale Park is cooperating with Kingston Emyvale and West River, and a multi-year Shared Services Project has received over \$300,000 funding, and will see increased training, benefits and support for the development officer and planning boards. The project will be managed by West River, who are now employing Mirko Terrazas full-time, with Miltonvale Park contracting his services for nine hours weekly.

EMO – Council is still considering the purchase of emergency radios.

The Municipality remains a member of FCM, FPEIM, and Recreation PEI.

Staff – 2025 summer staff included Zach Addison at the office (Post Secondary Student Program), and residents Sadie Rollins -Jobs for Youth (new) and Jason Blaisdell (returning) (Canada Summer Jobs). No funding was received to hire a student for the watershed, so the funding that would have been spent on that position was given to the Cornwall and Area Watershed Group. Ryan Ritskes worked from spring to December. Development Officer Mirko Terrazas was employed until December 2025, and is now subcontracted. CAO Shari MacDonald works 30 hours weekly.

Thank you to our staff, volunteers and Councillors who have made 2025-26 such a busy and successful year.

The following is a list of events held in the 2025 calendar year at the Milton Hall.

COUNCIL EVENTS in 2025 -356

Most MWF Exercise at 9am – 95

Mondays - line dancing -32

Tues & some Fri a.m. upstairs yoga -118

Council Meetings - 12

Wed Jan 22 – Seniors Brunch

Jan 21 -Food presentation

Planning Board -3

Movies -35 (with hall)

Wed Jan 29 -Identity Theft & Fraud & lunch

Fri, Jan 31 - Community Supper

Sat Feb 1 – 10 am -Card making

Tues Feb 11 – Food Presentation

Feb 20 – Wills and Estates

Fri Feb 21 – Budgeting

Mon Feb. 24 -Art for the Health of It

Wed., Feb 26 – Public Budget Meeting,

Tues., Mar 4 – Food Presentation

Thurs., Mar 6- Housing Options for Seniors 10 am
March 7 – 11 am Seniors Navigator
Thurs., March 13 – Garden Tea
Tues., March 25 – Public Meeting PURD
Wed., March 26 - Health Fair & Canva Workshop;
Fri April 25 – Meatless Meals
Tues. May 13- Garden Club
Wed May 14 – FVP Blankets -1 pm
Fri- Waltz classes (4) & Hip-Hop dance classes -4 in June; Garden Club - 4
Tues May 27 - International Cooking Class
Thurs May 29 – Supper Club
Chair Step Dancing -4
Monday, June 9 & 13 -Pole Walking
June 14 – Car Show at CMP
Tues. June 24– Supper Club
Tues. July 1- Canada Day
Tues. July 22- Cooking for One or Two
Tues Aug 5 - Food Presentation - Zucchini

Fri. Sept 12 - Supper Club & Tunes with Tony Quinn
Preserving the Garden Workshops-4
Tues. Sept 23 – Potatoes
Tues. Oct 7- Welcome Supper
Wed. Oct 8- Drum Circle
Thurs. Oct 23 - Supper Club
Fri, Oct 24 -Pumpkin carving
Sat. Oct 25- Municipal Halloween Event
Tues, Oct 28 – Apples
Thurs. Oct 30- Radon Information Session
Tues Nov 18 – Instapots/Slow Cook
Thurs Nov 27 – Supper Club
Sat. Nov. 29 – Council Appreciation
Dec. 11 – Dreamcatcher Workshop
Dec 13 -NRFD Santa Tour
Tues. Dec 16 – Healthy Snacks
Dec 18 – Newcomer Christmas Tea

Other activities included the car show, bus tour and Canada Day and other summer activities

A resident suggested the Lower Malpeque Road, Rte. 2, and Royalty Road need to be repaved.

- 3. Budget** -Mayor Parker reviewed the proposed budget. He noted that after the water and sewer services were installed in Miltonvale Park, a tax rate group was established, and for only one year, a three-cent rate increase was charged. Council intends to increase the tax rate in that area by 1.4 cents to recoup some of the associated fees. It is anticipated that a new tax rate group will be established for Strathrae Estates, to account for the streetlights the municipality will assume. There are currently 3 or four homes in Strathrae; although there are 56 lots in total. The municipality has spent a significant amount of money, approximately \$110,000, on the new development, and would like to recoup some of those funds as well. It is expected to be a fine development when it is finished.

Feb 25, 2026 BUDGET 2026-27

	CAPITAL		OPERATING	
	25-26		25-26	
	ESTIMATED		ESTIMATED	
BUDGET 25-26	ESTIMATED		BUDGET 26-27	BUDGET 26-27
REVENUE				
Grants				
Equalization MSG	\$ 27,500		\$ 34,800	\$ 34,800
Infrastructure	\$ 1,900	\$ 100,000		\$ 20,625
Gas Tax	\$ 212,000	\$ 3,550		\$ 32,620
Canada Day & Special Days/Wk Gra	\$ 5,850		\$ 1,060	\$ 1,600
Seniors Project	\$ 15,125		\$ 14,550	\$ 17,000
Other grants	\$ 245,170		\$ 23,200	\$ 12,500
Job Funding	\$ 30,000		\$ 26,415	\$ 27,500
Taxation and planning supplement	\$ 244,215		\$ 331,150	\$ 323,770
Interest	\$ 3,000		\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750
Misc. Income	\$ -		\$ 13,775	\$ 2,000
Recreation	\$ 5,000		\$ 1,000	\$ 15,000
Seniors Income from Activities	\$ 12,500		\$ 15,715	\$ 13,000
Income from events (not senior)	\$ -		\$ 4,040	\$ 2,000
Gov't Transfers for Capital Assets	\$ 587,930			
Grants Total	\$ 1,390,190	\$ 103,550	\$ 468,455	\$ 80,745

Licences and Permits

Development Fees	\$ 12,000		\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000
Land rent revenue	\$ 2,250		\$ 1,825	\$ 1,400
Licences and Permits Total	\$ 14,250	\$ -	\$ 4,825	\$ -

Expense Recovery

Surplus From Reserves	\$ 68,345		\$ 81,755	\$ (8,430)
Recovering Expenses	\$ 2,650		\$ 14,850	\$ 3,000
Other Income MCEG	\$ -		\$ 18,395	\$ 21,300
Total Expense Recovery	\$ 70,995	\$ -	\$ 33,245	\$ 81,755

TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,475,435	\$ 103,550	\$ 506,525	\$ 162,500
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EXPENSE

Admin Expenses				
Depreciation - Community	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
Amortization of Deferred Grants	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
Council Remuneration	\$ 10,000		\$ 8,500	\$ 15,000
Chair & Council Meeting Expenses	\$ 1,400		\$ 1,750	\$ 2,500
Administration Wages	\$ 56,000		\$ 57,200	\$ 58,000
EI Deduction (all staff)	\$ 2,615		\$ 3,000	\$ 3,200
CPP Expense	\$ 5,500		\$ 6,200	\$ 6,500
WCB	\$ 1,385		\$ 1,500	\$ 1,700
Advertising	\$ 500			\$ 500
Interest and bank charges	\$ 250		\$ 200	\$ 250
Insurance	\$ 9,335		\$ 9,400	\$ 9,600
Office	\$ 4,500		\$ 4,400	\$ 4,750
Printing	\$ 200			\$ 200
Telephone Internet	\$ 3,200		\$ 3,000	\$ 3,200
Training	\$ 500		\$ 335	\$ 750
Travel	\$ 400		\$ 900	\$ 750
Meetings	\$ 750		\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000
Grants to organizations/individuals	\$ 1,500		\$ 4,800	\$ 1,500
Election	\$ 500		\$ -	\$ 3,000
Equipment		\$ 2,050	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,000
Website	\$ 425		\$ 1,700	\$ 450
Admin Expenses Total	\$ 103,960	\$ 7,050	\$ 105,385	\$ 9,000
Facilities and Public Property				
Insurance (Park Shelter)	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Electricity	\$ 3,500		\$ 4,000	\$ 7,560
Community Park Maint	\$ 13,000	\$ 4,455		\$ 15,000
Sewer	\$ 550		\$ 550	\$ 625
Community Park Taxes	\$ 870		\$ 900	\$ 1,300
Community Hall	\$ 1,069,500		\$ 11,200	\$ 2,200
13 Communities Incorporated	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,500	\$ 5,650
Rent (Office)	\$ 6,000		\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600
Community Signs	\$ 150	\$ 19,050		\$ 2,500
Special Projects	\$ -		\$ 14,000	\$ 11,000

Community Pasture	\$ 400				\$ -
Depreciation -Shelter and ParkEquip	\$ 11,000			\$ 40,000	
Facilities & Public Property Total	\$ 1,110,970	\$ 23,505	\$ 43,950	\$ 66,000	\$ 41,135
Fire Protection					
Fire Hydrant Fee	\$ 10,500		\$ 11,350		\$ 16,000
Fire protection	\$ 85,715		\$ 100,150		\$ 105,670
Fire Protection Total	\$ 96,215	\$ -	\$ 111,500	\$ -	\$ 121,670
Planning and Zoning					
Planning Board	\$ 700		\$ 350		\$ 700
Supplies	\$ 200		\$ 225		\$ 250
Planner	\$ 3,000		\$ 300		\$ 1,000
Development Officer	\$ 15,000		\$ 18,550		\$ 20,000
Development Officer Mileage	\$ 150				\$ 150
Emergency Measures	\$ 15,000		\$ 100	\$ 27,500	\$ 15,000
Shared Services	\$ 500		\$ -		\$ 500
Planning and Zoning Total	\$ 34,550	\$ -	\$ 19,525	\$ 27,500	\$ 37,600
Community Development					
Community Beautification	\$ 7,600		\$ 10,175		\$ 10,550
Community Garden	\$ -	\$ 3,350	\$ 3,500		\$ 3,500
Active Transportation	\$ 10,000		\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 500
Special Projects	\$ -		\$ 6,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 2,500
Food Security	\$ -		\$ 9,000		\$ 14,000
Community Days - Canada Day	\$ 10,500		\$ 6,300		\$ 7,500
Seniors Project	\$ 15,000		\$ 17,500		\$ 20,000
Community Promotion - Newsletter	\$ 1,800		\$ 630		\$ 1,500
Economic Development	\$ 500				\$ 1,000
Green Initiative	\$ 1,600		\$ 200		\$ 1,000
Community Development Total	\$ 47,000	\$ 3,350	\$ 68,305	\$ 25,000	\$ 62,050

Professional Services & Memberships				
Accounting Fees	\$ 5,200		\$ 5,485	\$ 5,800
Federation of Can. Municipalities	\$ 510		\$ 510	\$ 575
Federation of PEI Municipalities	\$ 2,450		\$ 2,490	\$ 2,535
Legal Sevices	\$ 9,725		\$ 6,650	\$ 18,000
Other-AMA, Rec,Bylaw	\$ 255		\$ 140	\$ 275
Total Professional Servce & Mem's	\$ 18,140	\$ -	\$ 15,275	\$ 27,185
Recreation and Parks				
Community Park Student Wages	\$ 23,400		\$ 56,920	\$ 55,000
Watershed	\$ 5,000		\$ 2,850	\$ 3,000
Bursaries	\$ 3,500		\$ 3,500	\$ 3,750
Recreation Programs	\$ 1,000		\$ 2,350	\$ 2,500
Seniors Recreation	\$ 11,000		\$ 13,000	\$ 14,000
Park Admin. & Shelter Supplies	\$ 700		\$ 455	\$ 700
Park & Playground Dev't	\$ 20,000	\$ 131,500		\$ 35,000
Recreation and Parks Total	\$ 64,600	\$ 131,500	\$ 79,075	\$ 78,950
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 1,475,435	\$ 165,405	\$ 443,015	\$ 162,500
NET INCOME	\$ -	\$ (61,855)	\$ 63,510	\$ -
Combined Net Income/Loss			\$ 1,655	\$ -

Presented - February 25, 2026

PROPOSED TAX RATES -2026-27

	TAXABLE		ASSESSMENTS	
	SERVICED	Non-Serviced	TOTAL	
Non-Com	23,489,600	80,888,100	104,377,700	
Comm	9,345,100	6,139,800	15,484,900	
TOTAL	32,834,700	87,027,900	119,862,600	
.18/\$100 non-com & .84/\$100 comm		16.6 (non-com) and 82.6 (comm)		
	SERVICED	Non-Serviced	TOTAL	
Non-Com	\$ 42,281	\$ 134,274	\$ 176,556	
Comm	\$ 78,499	\$ 50,715	\$ 129,214	
TOTAL	\$ 120,780	\$ 184,989	\$ 305,769	

Last tax increase was in 2016

The serviced zone had a one year increase in 2013 of 3 cents to pay for the hydrants (earned approximately \$5600)

The municipality has paid \$82,785.60 to CWSU since 2012.

The proposed tax increase in 2026 will add about \$4600 in additional tax revenue.

Miltonvale Park -Draft 5 Year Capital Plan

Asset	Project Name	Description of Project	Anticipated Year	Estimated Cost	Include	Sources of Funding
DONE -Walking Trail	Pave Walking Trail		2025	\$ 77,337	Yes	Enabling Accessibility Fund (80%)
EMO Communication	EMO Communications	Communication system	2026	\$ 27,500	Yes	RGI -Emergency Ce
DONE - Parking lot lighting	Park Lighting	Parking lot -Four lights on posts	2025	\$ 40,000	yes	EAF(80%)
Community Park	Park Energy Systems	Solar panels, propane tank, stove, waterheater, heat pump-done	2026	\$ 35,000		CCBF -\$32,620.50
Subdivision Lot -Strathrae	Strath-Rae lot	landscape, construct gazebo, sign, iron fence, install benches	2026	\$ 6,000	Yes	CCBF (would need
DONE Community Garden	Complete construction	construct greenhouse, install sign	2025	\$ 2,500		CCBF
Computer	New Office Computer	Replace current computer	2026	\$ 2,500		
AT -Confederation Trail -benches, outhouse		bike repair stns, outhouse, benches, bike racks	2026	\$ 25,000		PEI AT Fund -4568
NEW -Revise Official Plan/Bylaws		Annual 5 year review	2027	\$ 25,000		CCBF -MSC
AT Trail		Hall- Crabbe Rd - Rte 2 circuit	2027	\$ 500,000		PEI AT, Federal AT
Land for Future Development	Land Purchase	Add to municipal land base for future development	2027	\$ 200,000	Yes	Reserves
Park Shelter -		Reshingle roof -metal?? Increase \$\$	2026 (move from 27?)	\$ 5,000		Reserves
Parkland/Garden	PURD Development	benches, trees, garden, outdoor exercise equip	2026-27 (move later??)	\$ 20,000		

