

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town of Harbour Grace Council, held in the Town Hall,
April 26, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

<i>Members Present</i>	Mayor	Terry Barnes
	Deputy Mayor	Sonia Williams (Arrived at 8:30pm)
	Councillors:	Hayward Blake
		Patrick Haire
		Tony McCarthy
		Kathy Tetford
<i>Members Absent</i>	Councillors:	Gordon Stone
<i>Staff Present</i>	CAO/Town Clerk	Michael Saccary
	Admin Secretary-A/R Clerk	Nancy Pike
	Works Superintendent	Pat Hearn

Minutes: Regular meeting minutes of March 22, 2017 were adopted as presented.

Regular Meeting
March 22, 2017

MOTION #17-091 HAIRE/BLAKE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes: Special meeting minutes of March 29, 2017 were adopted as presented.
Special Meeting Clr. Tetford requested that her dissatisfaction to the \$50.00 water/sewer levy
March 29, 2017 is noted in the minutes, she feels that it should be no more than \$25.00 and
that she would not have voted in favour of this change.

MOTION #17-092 BLAKE/HAIRE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes: Regular meeting minutes of April 18, 2017 were adopted as presented.

Special Meeting
April 18, 2017

MOTION #17-093 BLAKE/HAIRE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moment of Silence Mayor Barnes held a moment of silence for the residents who have passed
away recently.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Mercer's Well Mayor Barnes advised that there were a few options given to solve the issues
with Mercer's Well. Fracking would cost between 10 to 15 thousand dollars. Public Works Superintendant advised that the fracking seemed to be
successful and the tank has been full ever since. The second option would be
to extend town water to service the affected households. The water would
need to be pumped around the area as the pressure may not be sufficient.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request to address Council Ms. Lyda Byrne thanked Council for the opportunity to voice concerns on
Residents serviced by Mercer's Well on behalf of the residents serviced by the well. Ms. Byrne
Mercer's Well advised that residents have been in constant turmoil recently. They have
been without water for 8 days since March. Water has been turned off from
12:00am to 5:00am every night in order to conserve water since April 13.
This is unacceptable; there are residents battling cancer who require water
overnight. There are people who work shift work that require water and
there are other issues that can happen overnight such as gastroenteritis.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Request to address Council Ms. Byrne was concerned that residents were never given the opportunity to voice their opinions on this. Residents reported the water being shut off as much as an hour early. Ms. Byrne noted that the pump has been replaced 3 times in under a year. Concern was expressed over the fracking process, is it safe, has the water been tested for contaminates? It is felt that money spent on repairs and overtime would have been better spent on extending town services to the affected residents. Ms. Byrne noted that in 2008 funding was provided to extend services to 40 houses in the Harvey Street/Riverhead area and wondered why this has never been done. Ms. Byrne advised that they are not blaming Council but would like someone to find out where these funds were used. Services were promised since amalgamation with the Town of Harbour Grace. Ms. Byrne inquired who the Riverhead representative is on Council. They are tax payers and they are in crisis, none of the previous fixes have worked. The Residents of Mercer’s Well are taking a stand and asking Council to right the wrongs of previous Councils. Ms. Byrne presented Mayor Barnes with a petition to support their request. Mayor Barnes advised that while he cannot make any promises he will look into the concerns of the residents and the possibility of extending services to them. Mayor Barnes thanked Ms. Byrne and the residents who came in support.
- Knights of Columbus-Donation Clr. Tetford tabled correspondence from the Knights of Columbus requesting the Town to support their fundraiser through ticket sales. Motioned to donate \$40.00 to the Knights of Columbus, Dalton Council Fundraiser. **MOTION #17-094 TETFORD/MCCARTHY CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 32 RCSCC Beothic-Donation Clr. Tetford tabled correspondence from the Navy League of Canada requesting a donation. Motioned to donate \$50.00 to Navy League of Canada in support of 32 RCSCC Beothic. **MOTION #17-095 TETFORD/MCCARTHY CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- FCM - Donation Clr. Tetford tabled correspondence from FMC requesting a donation to support the Legal Defense Fund. Motioned to donate \$82.81 to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in support of the FCM’s legal defense fund. **MOTION #17-096 TETFORD/MCCARTHY CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Alzheimer Society-Donation Clr. Tetford tabled correspondence from the Alzheimer Society requesting a donation for their annual walk for Alzheimer’s. Motioned to donate \$50.00 to the Alzheimer Society. **MOTION #17-097 TETFORD/MCCARTHY CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

CORRESPONDENCE

- Municipal Affairs
Domestic Harvesting Permit
- Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from the Department of Municipal Affairs concerning domestic harvesting permits within the Town's boundaries. Clr. Haire advised that he has concerns over the Fox Pond and Spider Pond areas but the others being considered should be ok. It was noted that the deadline to reply has passed but the CAO had secured an extension until April 30, 2017. Clr. Haire and the CAO will work together on the reply.
- 32 RCSCC Beothic-Invitation
- Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from 32 RCSCC Beothic 65th Annual Ceremonial Review. Mayor Barnes advised that with his work schedule it is unlikely that he will be able to attend and requested that a member of Council attend in his place to represent the Town.
- Mayor Barnes left chambers at 8:05pm. The meeting resumed at 8:08pm when Mayor Barnes returned.*
- Kenneth Haire-Sign Request
- Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Kenneth Haire requesting that a road or walkway be named after Special Olympian Crystal Young to recognize her outstanding performance in the 2017 World Winter Games in Austria. Mayor Barnes advised that signs have already been made and will be erected in the Town. Clr. Blake requested that all signs erected in honour of a resident should include the person's last name.
- Avalon Trimline-Invoice
- Clr. Tetford tabled an invoice from Avalon Trimline for two signs commemorating Crystal Young on her accomplishments at the World Winter Games.
- Motioned to pay the invoice from Avalon Trimline in the amount of \$1390.35 for two signs.
- MOTION #17-098 TETFORD/MCCARTHY CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Eastern Regional Service Board
- Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Eastern Regional Service Board concerning community clean up week being held June 4 - 9, 2017.
- Beacon Service-Crown Land
- Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Beacon Services concerning Crown Land application # 151028 by the Town of Harbour Grace. Clr. Haire advised that he met with Mr. Garland and explained the plans and that the breakwater would offer more protection to him. Clr. Haire advised that Mr. Garland seemed happy with the explanation. Clr. Blake stated that the Town would consider all businesses in the area when moving forward.
- NL Heritage Foundation
- Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from NL Heritage Foundation. Clr. Blake explained that the correspondence is to advise of available funding for this designated area that can be used to support the preservation of the district. Funds can also be used to leverage other funding for the designated area.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1991 International Truck Clr. Haire advised that there is a 1991 International Dump Truck that is no longer able to be used by Public Works. The motor is no longer operational.

Motioned to place the 1991 International Dump Truck on Public Tender.
MOTION #17-099 HAIRE/BLAKE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No Report

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

Paul & Pam Martin-Bldg App Clr. McCarthy tabled an application to construct a residential dwelling at 11 Conner's Valley Road in Bristol's Hope.

Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Paul & Pamela Martin at 11 Conner's Valley Road subject to the following:

1. All Town's Development Standards
2. Well and septic approval by Service NL
3. Driveway access approval by Department of Transportation.

MOTION #17-100 MCCARTHY/HAIRE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM/HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Expropriation of 13 Beach Hill Clr. Blake spoke of the ongoing process of expropriating 13 Beach Hill which began last year. There is significant funding available if the Town were to buy the property and it would also give the Town control of the property. Clr. Tetford expressed concern over the cost that the Town would have to incur to purchase the property. It was explained that the proposed motion was only to seek approval from the Minister and it would not lock the Town in. This step is needed in order to obtain estimates of how much the process would cost and that the Town can stop the process at any time.

Motioned that the Town of Harbour Grace pursuant to the provisions of Part IX of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act*, 2000 SNL 2000 Chapter U-8 request approval of the Minister to expropriate property know as 13 Beach Hill Road located in the Town of Harbour Grace.

MOTION #17-101 BLAKE/HAIRE CARRIED

<i>In favour</i>	Mayor Barnes
	Clr. Blake
	Clr. McCarthy
	Clr. Haire
<i>Opposed</i>	Clr. Tetford

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM/HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Clr. Blake advised that the EDO is away at the Best Practice Mission in Banff Alberta. There is a committee actively working on a Pilots and Pirates Festival for this summer. The Community Gardens committee is in place and is meeting regularly. They plan to involve not only residents but will include the schools as well. There are plans to have 20 lots available for use.

Deputy Mayor Williams arrived at 8:30pm.

Clr. Blake noted that the Irish Exchange plans are going well. There is a documentary (Hors Circuits II) being filmed in Town starting on April 27. Film crews will be visiting many areas in Harbour Grace for approximately one week. The documentary will be 52 minutes airing on a French network.

HGOE

Clr. Blake congratulated Harbour Grace Ocean Enterprises on the launch of the 40 foot vessel that was recently constructed there. This is the second launch for HGOE. Clr. Blake requested to have a letter sent to HGOE with congratulations from the Town.

HUMAN RESOURCES/PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Quinn's Wall

Deputy Mayor Williams advised that there is a lot of interest in Quinn's memorial wall and it is starting to take shape. There will be more information available next meeting.

Mercer's Well

Deputy Mayor inquired about the status of Mercer's well.

FIRE DEPT. LIAISON

Clr. Blake advised that the Fire Department responded to 16 calls, the most recent was a house fire on Kildare Road. The department had 5 practices and 12 members were certified in advanced first aid and 10 for water rescue. The department raised over \$1400 for Muscular Dystrophy through a boot drive and have been active with catering and the steak and eggs breakfast. Clr. Blake is pleased that the Department is so actively involved in the community.

COMMUNITY CENTRE LIAISON

No Report

CIVIC EVENTS LIAISON

Mayor Barnes advised that Seniors' card games are ongoing every second Monday.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Tabled

COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT

Tabled

COUNCILLOR'S INFORMATION

DCHGCC Committee Clr. McCarthy advised that the DCHGCC committee has met with the Sports Hall of Fame Committee. The SHOF Committee would like to conclude the Annual Sports Hall of Fame/Town Awards Reception before moving forward with their request to have displays at the DCHGCC. They are currently cataloguing items and hope to present a report to Council in June with their request.

Clr. McCarthy advised Council of a public Consultation to be held on June 5, 2017 at 7:30pm in the multipurpose room at the DCHGCC. The meeting is open to the public and is to discuss the mission and vision for the new facility.

Speed Display Trailers Clr. McCarthy informed Council that the Speed Display Trailers are not functional and have not been for some time. These need to be fixed, as the weather improves there will be more children walking to and from school.

Garage-Harvey Street Clr. McCarthy inquired about the status of the garage on Harvey Street. The MEO and CAO have met with the residents. The CAO advised that the issue is more than a permit and that a survey may be required to help resolve the issue. Council discussed the issue further and the CAO advised that he will inquire with Municipal Affairs.

MNL Convention Motioned to approve CAO to attend the MNL Conference to represent Council on May 4 - 6, 2017.

MOTION #17-102 MCCARTHY/TETFORD CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Improper Garbage Disposal Clr. Tetford discussed an email that was sent to Council concerning a business in Town that is disposing of garbage in an unhealthy way. The condition of the garbage is attracting rodents.

Motioned to send correspondence to the business requesting them to properly dispose of the garbage

MOTION #17-103 TETFORD/MCCARTHY CARRIED

- In favour* Mayor Barnes
- Clr. Blake
- Clr. McCarthy
- Clr. Haire
- Clr. Tetford
- Abstained* Deputy Mayor Williams

Sign Clr. Haire inquired about installing a street sign at the intersection of Cathedral Street and Conner's Valley Road.

Street Sweepers Clr. Haire asked when the street sweepers would be starting and when the speed bumps would be replaced. Public Works Superintendent is hoping to have crews back mid May.

COUNCILLOR'S INFORMATION

- RCMP
 Clr. Haire advised that there has been an increased RCMP presence in Town, they have also been monitoring the three way stop sign on Water Street and Lee's Lane. Clr. Haire advised that he was informed by the RCMP that if the Town had a bylaw concerning ATVs on public roads, the RCMP would try to enforce them. There will be a meeting to discuss this further.

- HGVFB
 Clr. Blake advised Council that the Fire Department is in desperate need of new uniforms. Clr. Blake requested that the Finance Department review.

- CeeBees MHA
 Clr. Blake congratulated the CeeBees Minor Hockey Association on their accomplishments during provincial tournaments and requested to have correspondence sent from the Town congratulating them and thanking them for representing the Town.

- HGOE CeeBee Stars
 Clr. Blake congratulated the HGOE CeeBee Stars on their Herder win and requested to have correspondence sent from the Town congratulating them.

- DCHGCC Roof
 Deputy Mayor Williams inquired about the leaks in the roof at the DCHGCC. The CAO advised that a solution is being added to the areas where the water has been building up, he also advised that the issue with covers protruding from the floor has been resolved.

- Playground Equipment
 Deputy Mayor Williams asked whether or not new playground equipment had been ordered and noted that even though the playgrounds are in much better condition than they were, there are more replacements and repairs required.

- Sport Hall of Fame
 Deputy Mayor Williams advised that the Annual Sports Hall of Fame/Town Awards Reception is taking place on Thursday May 11, 2017.

- DCHGCC Committee
 Deputy Mayor Williams expressed her dissatisfaction with the formation of the DCHGCC Committee and reiterated that the Committee should include a member of each of the facility's user groups.

- Adjournment
 Motioned to adjourn regular meeting of Council at 8:45 P.M.
MOTION #17-104 WILLIAMS/BLAKE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next scheduled regular meeting of Council is 7:30 P.M. May 17th, 2017.

Confirmed:

Terry Barnes, Mayor

Mike Saccary, CAO/Town Clerk

DATE:
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