

Regular meeting of Council opened at 3:40 P.M. with Mayor Terry Barnes presiding. In attendance were Deputy Mayor Williams, Clr. Gordon Stone, Clr. Tony McCarthy, Clr. Patrick Haire and Clr. Kathy Tetford.

Clr. Hayward Blake was absent from meeting.

Also in attendance were Acting Town Clerk, Sean O'Brien and Linda Chafe, Secretary/Accounts Receivable Clerk.

Minutes of regular council meeting of January 20, 2016 were adopted as presented by motion of Clr. McCarthy and seconded by Clr. Haire with following correction on page 5 heading should read investing in our Town.

Motion Carried Unanimously *Motion # 16-021*

Business Arising from Minutes

Bristol's Hope-Fire Protection Clr. Haire suggested that the fee for 2016 Fire Protection Service Bristol's Hope go from \$75.00 to \$92.00 per year.
Mayor Barnes stated that approximately 40% of Bristol's Hope residents have paid for 2015 fire services. Mayor Barnes will follow up with Bristol's Hope Committee and will bring back update to Council.
Clr. Stone informed Council that several municipalities have collection issues concerning fire service fees and government might look at an alternative by combining garbage collection and fire service fees.

Correspondence

John Drover Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from John Drover wondering if the Town of Harbour Grace was interested in purchasing his property at 11 Beach Hill and 15 Beach Hill.
Mayor Barnes advised Council that this property was located next to Ridley Offices and he had placed a call to Mr. Drover and was waiting to hear back.

2016 Clean & Safe Water Workshop Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Darren Patey, Operator Education, Training & Certification Program advising that the Dept. of Environment & Conservation will be hosting the 2016 Clean and Safe Drinking Water Workshop, March 22 - 24, at the Gander Hotel.
Office to check with Works Superintendent to see if he can attend.

Office of the Premier Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Premier Dwight Ball, thanking the Harbour Grace Council for their congratulatory letter and advising that his government has a vision for supporting safe and sustainable communities and appreciates the work performed by local governments such as the Town Council of Harbour Grace.

Operator of the Year Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from the Dept. of Environment and Conservation advising that nominations for operator of the year award 2016 must be received no later than 4:30pm on February 26, 2016.
Mayor Barnes suggested nominating Works Superintendent as they are usually overlooked.

Knights of Columbus Public Speaking Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from the Harbour Grace Knights of Columbus requesting support for their program booklet for the Fourth Degree Public Speaking contest for Newfoundland and Labrador. The Regional Speak-off will be held at St. Francis School, Harbour Grace on April 3rd at 2:00 pm

- Knights of Columbus while the Provincial will be hosted by Archbishop Howley Assembly, K of C, St. Clare Avenue, St. John's in early May.
Refer to Finance Committee Report
- Kiwanis Club of Carbonear Mar. 5-11 Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from The Carbonear Kiwanis Club advising the Regional Music Festival will be held from March 5 - March 11, 2016 and requesting support for the programme booklet.
Refer to Finance Committee Report
- Bill Luffman Community Handicapped Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Bill Luffman "Da Singin' Cobbler" advising he is fund-raising for the Community Handicapped Association. A local entertainment show will take place at the Royal Canadian Legion BR No 23 Carbonear, on Saturday, March 12th, 2016 at 7:30 pm. and a donation is requested.
Refer to Finance Committee Report
- Christine Lynch Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Christine Lynch requesting the Town of Harbour Grace implement a curbside recycling program for its residential garbage. St. John's, Mount Pearl, Carbonear and Bay Roberts recycle their garbage and it works both financial and environmentally.
Council thanked Ms. Lynch for her letter.
Clr. Stone and Clr. McCarthy presented a financial comparison on collection of regular household garbage as opposed to including recycling. They felt it would cost approximately \$32,000.00 more and service provider would need different trucks for collection. Council's dilemma is how to move ahead and provide this service.
- Keith Whalen 48 Southside Road Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Keith Whalen requesting the Town take over the lane at 48 South Side Road.
After discussion Council agreed that any road taken over by the Town must meet standard guidelines as set down in our Municipal Plan & Development Regulations and road must be brought up to a class "A" standard at developer's or residence cost. Some roads in our Town are split and would not meet our standards.
Defer to Public Works Committee
- Dilapidated-Home 200 Thicket Road Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Mary & Bernard Fitzgerald advising Council of the dilapidated structure at 200 Thicket Road. This home is falling apart and is a danger, as the siding is blowing off and back of home is open to the elements.
After discussion it was motioned by Clr. McCarthy and seconded by Clr. Stone to write owners and advise they have 30 days to bring home up to standard or remove. After 30 days Council will remove home at owner's expense.
Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #16-022**
- New Business**
- Atlantic Province Premier Procurement Agreement Clr. Stone advised that the province is working on an Atlantic province premier's procurement agreement which will add to the former Government Purchasing Agency. This agreement by including more provinces would make purchasing various items such as office supplies, vehicles etc. through the government agency cheaper. When finalized availability would come under the Department of Transportation and Works.

Committee Reports
Finance Committee

- Knights of Columbus Public Speaking Motioned by Clr. Tetford and seconded by Deputy Mayor Williams to donate \$30.00 to the Knights of Columbus Public Speaking. Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #16-023***
- Kiwanis Club of Carbonear Motioned by Clr. Tetford and seconded by Clr. Stone to donate \$50.00 to the Kiwanis Club of Carbonear. Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #16-024***
- Bill Luffman-Community Handicapped Association Motioned by Clr. Tetford and seconded by Deputy Mayor Williams to donate \$50.00 to the Community Handicapped Association. Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #16-025***

Housing/Environment/Sanitation Committee

- Railway Beds-Roads Clr. McCarthy had a request from a resident questioning if a railway bed could be used as an access road and possibility connect to Doyle's Road. Clr. Stone advised that railway beds turned into roads cannot be taken over by the Municipalities. Deferred to Capital & Public Works Committee
- Andrew Short-Application Motioned by Clr. McCarthy and seconded by Clr. Haire to approve Mr. Short's application to build a residential home at 32-34 Devonshire subject to all town development standards, town water & sewer hookup at applicant's cost, access to property must be west of the Town's lift station. Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #16-026***
- Hr. Grace Ocean Enterp. Motioned by Clr. McCarthy and seconded by Clr. Stone to approve Harbour Grace Ocean Enterprises's application to extend the wharf 108 meters to the north and 41.8 meters to the east as approved by the Dept. of Environment & Conservation. Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #16-027***
- Senior's Units-Davis Lane Clr. McCarthy to advise developer's to provide engineering drawings for senior's unit before approval of application.

Economic Development/Tourism/Heritage Committee

- Heritage Re-Development Clr. Stone advised that a meeting of the Heritage Re-Development Committee will take place with ACOA to discuss funding and branding concepts for promotion of our Town.
- Marine Industrial Park Clr. Stone advised that meetings are ongoing with Minister Ken McDonald, Dept. of Municipal Affairs, MHA Pam Parsons to promote moving the Marine Industrial Park forward.
- MIP Meeting Clr. Haire informed Council that a meeting took place with Minister Michel Moore, Mayor Barnes, and himself and a tour took place of the Marine Industrial Park. Minister Christopher Mitchelmore has set another meeting for February 22. Councillors, MHA Pam Parsons, MHA Steve Crocker and HGOE Manger Paul Lannon will also attend.

February 10, 2016

Application to Expand Clr. Haire advised that an application has gone into government requesting permission for an expansion to Harbour Grace Ocean Enterprises.

Cold Storage Expansion Clr. Haire informed Council that the Cold Storage Facility is looking to expand. News of expansions to major facilities means more jobs for the area.

Human Resources/Parks & Recreation Committee

Town Manager-Job Motioned by Deputy Mayor Williams and seconded by Clr. McCarthy to advertise to fill the position of Town Manager as soon as possible. Council also requested to have advertisement placed on Jobs NL.
Motion Carried. Unanimously *Motion #16-028*

Economic Development-Job Motioned by Deputy Mayor Williams and seconded by Clr. Stone to re-advertise to fill the position of an Economic Development Officer. Council also requested to have advertisement placed on Jobs NL.
Motion Carried. Unanimously *Motion #16-029*

Fire Dept. Liaison

Fire Dept. Report Tabled.
Deputy Mayor Williams advised there are 35 active members for the Harbour Grace Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Ice Water Rescue Deputy Mayor Williams advised of an ice water rescue course being planned for next week.

Thank-You letter
Hr. Grace Fire Dept. Deputy Mayor Williams read out a thank-you letter from Andrew White which was addressed to the Harbour Grace Volunteer Fire Brigade. Mr. White witnessed a fire next door to him on Queens Road. He commended every firefighter for their care, concern, utmost grace, calmness and professionalism and thanked them for their great job.

Steak & Egg Breakfast Deputy Mayor Williams advised that the Harbour Grace Volunteer Fire Brigade will hold their steak and egg breakfast on March 15 from 8:00am to 1:00pm. The cost is \$15.00.

Stadium Liaison

Privileged Meeting Deputy Mayor Williams informed Council there were a few stadium issues that would be discussed at the privileged meeting.

Civic Events Liaison

Senior Card Games Mayor Barnes advised that senior card games are Monday nights at the Firemen Social Building.

Winter Carnival Mayor Barnes advised that the winter carnival will take place February 19 to February 21 and also a free card game on February 22 at the Firemen Social Building. .
Mayor Barnes suggested councillors try to attend as many events as possible.

Public Works Superintendent Report Tabled

Stadium Manager’s Report Tabled

Councillor’s Information

Sale of Ridley Office Due to social media Clr. Stone wished to express for public record that the Town of Harbour Grace has no intention to tear down Ridley Office. The Town plans are to preserve, protect and improve the structure.

Economic Development Clr. Tetford advised that several volunteers had agreed to serve on a committee for economic development. They questioned why they have never been contacted to help.
Clr. Stone as co-chair apologized to those volunteers. Clr. Stone chairs several other committees and time factor has been an issue however his committee is trying to work out a solution in the next couple of weeks.

Enforcement Officer Clr. Haire advised Council that they will be looking at hiring an enforcement officer upon completion of this year’s budget.

Meeting-Budget Mayor Barnes advised there would be a couple of special meeting before the next regular council meeting to discuss the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35PM by motion of Clr. Stone and seconded by Clr. McCarthy.
Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #16-030***

Next scheduled regular meeting of Council is March 2, 2016 at 7:30 PM with Councillors meeting at 6:00PM.

Confirmed:

Terry Barnes, Mayor

Sean
O’Brien, Acting Town Clerk

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