

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town of Harbour Grace Council, held in the Town Hall,
January 15, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present

Mayor	Don Coombs
Deputy Mayor	Sonia Williams
Councillors:	Lyda Byrne
	Paul Fitzgerald
	Kathy Tetford
	Shawn Vaters
	Kevin Williams

Staff Present

CAO/Town Clerk	Michael Saccary
Admin Assistant-A/R Clerk	Nancy Pike
Public Works Superintendent	Pat Hearn

Minutes:

Regular Meeting
December 18, 2017

Regular meeting minutes of December 18, 2017 were adopted as presented, with the following corrections and/or omissions:

1. Page 1 - Capital & Public Works Committee; should state *Kitchen's Hill* was ***bumped up*** on the five year plan.
2. Page 4 - Gas Tax Funding; should state ***Martin's Road*** and minutes should have reflected that Deputy Mayor Williams and Clr. Williams left chambers for this discussion.

MOTION #18-001

**DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. TETFORD
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Williams left chambers at 7:01pm

Ambulance Service

Mayor Coombs advised that Eastern Health and Community Health have advised that they are not affiliated with private ambulance services in response to correspondence sent concerning local ambulance services. The town is waiting on the other parties contacted to reply. If no response is received in one week to ten days, a letter is to be sent to the Minister of Health.

Deputy Mayor Williams returned to chambers at 7:01pm

Robert Giannou - Targa

Mayor Coombs advised that as of today, no reply has been received from Mr. Giannou in response to the Town's letter.

CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Training

Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Municipal Affairs informing the Town of Councillor Orientation Training on February 9, 2018 and asked that any Councillors interested contact the CAO to register.

MAA Meeting

Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Ms. Betty Moore, Avalon Director for the Municipal Assessment Agency thanking everyone for their support in her re-election to the agency's Board of Directors. Ms. Moore also advised that the first meeting of the year will be held in Port Blandford on February 9, 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Wolverines-Guatemala Mission Mayor Coombs tabled a request for donation from the Avalon North Wolverines Search and Rescue for their plans to travel to Guatemala to construct homes. Referred to Finance to be reviewed upon completion of the 2018 budget.
- Echo Program
Youth Employment Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Conservation Corps of Newfoundland and Labrador concerning the 2018 ECHO Program Application for students. Referred to Human Resources Committee for review, Clr. Byrne to bring back a recommendation to Council.
- Crown Land Application Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Municipal Affairs, Eastern Regional Lands Office advising that the Town's application for a Crown Grant has been approved subject to conditions included in the correspondence. Mayor Coombs stated that the Town needs to identify the properties and acquire clarification for Council to be well informed and have a plan in place before approaching Municipal Affairs.
- McNamara Court Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Mr. Michael Haynes concerning the condition of McNamara Court. Mayor Coombs advised that Council would look at the Gas Tax Funds but cannot commit to anyone due to the number of areas in Town that require repairs.
- Letter of Appreciation Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Outside Union Workers thanking Staff and Council for the Christmas Party.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 43 Water Street East Deferred for review by Committee.
- 2018 Budget Mayor Coombs advised that the first run of the 2018 Budget will go to the Finance Department this week.

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

- Deputy Mayor Williams advised that the Town does not have any pending applications at this time.
- Dilapidated Properties Deputy Mayor Williams and Mayor Coombs will review the Town's dilapidated buildings and bring back a recommendation to Council.
- Rodent Control Deputy Mayor Williams requested an update on the Town's rodent control program. Public Works Superintendant will supply a report for the next meeting of Council.

COUNCILLOR'S INFORMATION

Snow clearing Deputy Mayor Williams requested to have extra attention paid to the gravel roads, they have become very slippery with recent weather conditions and a number of residents have called her to express concern.

Speed Signs Deputy Mayor Williams advised that she is very happy to see the speed signs along the school zone in Town.

New Employee Deputy Mayor Williams welcomed Ms. Susan Pike to the staff.

Mercer's Well

Clr. Byrne left chambers at 7:19pm

Clr. Tetford requested an update on Mercer's Well. Mayor Coombs advised that Municipal Affairs sent out an engineer who met with the CAO and a representative from Harris and Associates. Information will be brought back to Council as it becomes available.

Clr. Byrne returned to chambers at 7:20pm.

Harvey Street Clr. Tetford inquired about a meeting with Steve Crocker, Mayor Coombs advised that Mr. Crocker is in Western Newfoundland due to the recent state of emergency.

Adjournment Motioned to adjourn regular meeting of Council at 7:20 P.M.

**MOTION #18-003 CLR. TETFORD/DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Next regular meeting of Council is Monday January 29th, 2018 at 7:00PM.

Confirmed:

Don Coombs, Mayor

Mike Saccary, CAO/Town Clerk

DATE:

Np

Public Meeting of Council reopened at 8:06pm with Mayor, Deputy Mayor, all Councillors and CAO/Town Clerk present.

13 Beach Hill Road

Motioned not to proceed with the expropriation of 13 Beach Hill Road, maintain the status quo and allow the current owner to utilize the building as she has in the past.

**MOTION #18-004 CLR. TETFORD/DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Joint Councils NL Grant Motioned for the Town of Harbour Grace to administer the \$12,815.00 Grant from NL Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation on behalf of Joint Councils for the Economic Development Attractions Package with the ACOA funding at no cost to the Town.

**MOTION #18-005 CLR. BYRNE/CLR. VATERS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Adjournment Motioned to adjourn regular meeting of Council at 8:11 P.M.

**MOTION #18-006 CLR. FITZGERALD/CLR.VATERS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Confirmed:

Don Coombs, Mayor

Mike Saccary, CAO/Town Clerk

DATE: