

**TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE**

Minutes of a special meeting of the Town of Harbour Grace Council, held in the Town Hall,  
July 11, 2017 at 7:07 P.M.

*Members Present*

Mayor Terry Barnes  
Deputy Mayor Sonia Williams  
Councillors: Hayward Blake  
Pat Haire  
Tony McCarthy  
Gord Stone  
Kathy Tetford

*Staff Present*

CAO/Town Clerk Michael Saccary  
Admin Secretary-A/R Clerk Nancy Pike

Municipal Elections 2017

CAO Mike Saccary reviewed the following items for the upcoming election.

1. Separate election for Mayor, Council decided to continue with the separate election for Mayor.
2. Wards, Council decided not to use wards for the upcoming election.
3. 3 Polling stations, Council decided to use the same number of polling stations as in the past.
4. Alternate Returning Officer,

*Motioned to appoint Sean O'Brien as the Alternate Returning Officer for the 2017 Municipal Election.*

**MOTION #17-144 WILLIAMS/TETFORD CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. September 5, Nomination of Candidates, Council decided to use one day for the nomination of candidates. Qualification of Candidates was discussed, it was noted that candidates must have arrears paid by June 30. Council requested clarification of "arrears", does this term refer to current year or previous year. CAO to confirm and advise.
6. September 23, Advance Poll. There was a discussion on whether or not to change the advance poll date. If a voter cannot attend the Advance Poll Day or Election Day they are able to use a proxy vote which can be obtained at the Council Office. The Advance Poll will be held on September 23 at the Firemen's Social Building, CAO to check on availability.

*Motioned to accept all Election related dates as presented.*

**MOTION #17-145 WILLIAMS/MCCARTHY CARRIED**

In favour Mayor Barnes  
Deputy Mayor Williams  
Clr. Haire  
Clr. McCarthy  
Clr. Stone  
Clr. Tetford  
Opposed Clr. Blake

Anna Place

Clr. Haire tabled correspondence from Brad Pike of Harbourview Homes requesting the Town of Harbour Grace to take over Anna Place. The road is currently up to Town Standards.

Motioned that the Town of Harbour Grace take ownership of Anna Place subject to the receipt of the letter of conveyance.

**MOTION #17-146 HAIRE/MCCARTHY CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Residents serviced by Mercer's Well

Ms. Lyda Byrne addressed Council on behalf of the residents of Riverhead who are being serviced by Mercer's Well. Ms. Byrne advised that the residents felt the need to request another meeting after they attended the June 28<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of Council. They are concerned that their priority status was taken away and placed on resurfacing Harvey Street. Ms. Byrne wondered how Council would pay for the upkeep of Harvey Street and snow clearing expenses once the Town takes over the road. She also noted that the Town now has additional expenses due to the Federal Wastewater project. Ms. Byrne asked that the Town consider putting Harvey Street off for another year since it is the responsibility of the Provincial Government.

Residents are living in constant turmoil due to the lack of sewer services and unreliable water. Ms. Byrne noted that without hydrants, their community would be in greater danger should a fire start. A pumper truck would not be sufficient should the fire spread. There are also numerous health risks from the septic systems such as mold, fumes and the possibility of contaminating water sources. Ms. Byrne noted that the well has been fracked and that it is working for now, but this was done on Southside and their situation was not fixed. Ms. Byrne stated that the residents of Riverhead were promised water and sewer services in 1989 when they amalgamated with Harbour Grace.

Ms. Byrne expressed disappointment that members of Council of agreed with their request for priority status on April 26, changed their minds on June 28 and accused the Mayor of using back door tactics and not sharing information with Council. Ms. Byrne requested that the residents serviced by Mercer's Well be given back their priority status or at least the same status as Harvey Street. She stated that residents are constantly in crisis and compared them to a third world country.

Mayor Barnes thanked Ms. Byrne and the residents for their presentation and advised that he will continue to do what he is able to bring water and sewer services to Riverhead. Mayor Barnes also advised that any resident can invite the Mayor to attend meetings that they have called with the MP or MHA.

Adjournment

Motioned to adjourn special meeting of Council at 7:55 P.M.

**MOTION #17-147 WILLIAMS/MCCARTHY CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Confirmed:**

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Terry Barnes, Mayor

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Mike Saccary, CAO/Town Clerk