

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

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

Members Present

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

Staff Present

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

Minutes:

Regular Meeting
June 28, 2017

Regular meeting minutes of June 28, 2017 were adopted as presented.
Deputy Mayor Williams and Clr. McCarthy noted that their absences were due to work.

MOTION #17-148 STONE/BLAKE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes:

Special Meeting
July 11, 2017

Special meeting minutes of July 11, 2017 were adopted as presented with the following correction:

1. Page 2 Mercer's Well; Clr. Tetford wanted to ensure the minutes accurately reflect Ms. Byrne's statement that members of Council had accused Mayor Barnes of back door tactics and not Ms. Byrne.

MOTION #17-149 MCCARTHY/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Crown Lands-Hr. Grace South

Clr. Stone requested an update on the Crown Land application submitted by a resident of Harbour Grace South. CAO advised that it was given back to the committee to re-evaluate. Clr. Haire advised that Public Works had no recommendation at this time. CAO confirmed that a letter has been sent to Ministers Joyce and Hawkins. Clr. Stone requested a copy. Clr. Blake asked if there was any correspondence received, CAO advised that there was a conference call and a meeting scheduled for August 8, 2017.

Crown Lands-DCHGCC

Clr. Haire has been in discussions with Crown Lands concerning the application for land near the DCHGCC. Drawings have been sent in. Land cannot be closer than 100 metres from the highway. Crown Lands have requested Council to measure and send in the information.

Speed Bumps

Clr. Blake asked if more speed bumps had been purchased. Public Works Super confirmed that they have been purchased.

Private Property

Clr. Tetford suggested that a motion needs to be put in place concerning Town workers and/or vehicles requesting permission prior to entering private property due to liability issues. Clr. Haire advised that there are regulations concerning this. CAO to check with the Town's insurance company.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Three-Way Stop Clr. Tetford advised that a resident near the three-way stop has almost been rear ended once again due to the close proximity of her driveway to the stop sign. Clr. Haire stated that removing the stop sign will cause traffic to speed up. Clr. Blake suggested that removing the stop signs will cause the original problem to resurface.

Motioned to remove the three-way stop from Water Street (leaving the sign on Lee’s Lane) and place a speed bump further west on Water Street.

MOTION #17-150 TETFORD/WILLIAMS DEFEATED
 In Favour Mayor Barnes
 Deputy Mayor Williams
 Clr. Tetford
 Opposed Clr. Blake
 Clr. Haire
 Clr. McCarthy
 Clr. Stone

Pirates to Pilots Festival Clr. Tetford inquired whether or not there was a financial report ready for the festival. CAO advised that it is not ready yet.

11 & 15 Beach Hill Clr. Blake inquired if there was a referral from the Finance Committee concerning the offer to sell 11 & 15 Beach Hill to the Town. Clr. Tetford advised that there is not.

Speed Bumps Clr. McCarthy requested that a speed bump be placed further west on Water Street to reduce the speed of vehicles in that area. Clr. Blake also requested one on Alberta Drive near the playground.

CORRESPONDENCE

Petition on behalf of the Residents of Riverhead
 Re: Water & Sewer Service Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Phyllis Reynolds and Joseph Shugarue on behalf of the residents of Riverhead concerning water and sewer services and upgrading of roads.

Motioned to approach the Government on behalf of all residents of Riverhead and Harbour Grace South to Bows Road to secure funding to bring water and sewer services to all households. The request is to expand on the capital request that has already been filed with the Department of Municipal Affairs.

MOTION #17-151 HAIRE/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gov. of NL, Re: Lyda Byrne Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from the Government of NL, Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment. CAO to contact Municipal Affairs to find out if the Town’s application for Capital funding was successful.

- Gov. of NL - Crosswalk Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from the Government of NL, Department of Transportation and Works Office of the Minister concerning the installation of a crosswalk near St. Francis School.
- Motion to apply for permit to install crosswalks from the Courthouse to Military Road.
MOTION #17-152 TETFORD/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Fred Bradbury - Thicket Rd Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Mr. Fred Bradbury advising Council that engineering assessments are being worked on. Once these are done Mr. Bradbury will move on to the next stage of seeking permits from the Town.
- John Pike - 221 Water St. Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Mr. John Pike requesting to purchase 221 Water St. There was some discussion on how Council should proceed with this request. It was decided that this request should be deferred until further investigation can be done by the Public Works Committee.
- Kids Eat Smart - Donation Clr. Tetford tabled correspondence from Sonia Smith with the Kids Eat Smart Foundation requesting a donation for the breakfast program. CAO to reply to Ms. Smith advising that the Town will continue to donate directly the local program at St. Francis School.

NEW BUSINESS

- Summer Games Fund Clr. Blake spoke about the funds remaining in the Carbonear/Harbour Grace 2012 Summer Games Fund. Carbonear has withdrawn their portion and used it for a skate park. Clr. Blake proposed using the funds for the Sports Hall of Fame display at the community centre. It was noted that these funds could be used to leverage additional funds for the project.
- Motioned that the Town of Harbour Grace use the remaining funds from the 2012 Summer Games for the Sports Hall of Fame at the Danny Cleary Harbour Grace Community Centre.
MOTION #17-153 BLAKE/STONE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Capital & Public Works Committee

- Bannerman Lake Clr. Haire advised that the tender for Bannerman Lake Outfall is closed and has been awarded.
- Equipment Clr. Haire advised that the Public Works Department is in need of some new equipment and that repairs are becoming more and more costly.
- Motioned for the CAO to approach the government and request funding to purchase a new backhoe and a new single axle truck.
MOTION #17-154 HAIRE/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Storage Motioned to authorize the CAO to approach a supplier to purchase three C Cans to be used for storage at a cost of \$11,000.00 including transportation from Argentia to Harbour Grace.
MOTION #17-155 HAIRE/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tri-Con Gentle Giants Club Clr. Tetford tabled correspondence from Crystal Young requesting a donation.

Motioned to donate \$100.00 to Crystal Young and the Tri-Con Gentle Giants.
MOTION #17-156 TETFORD/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

Chad Mercer-Building Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application for building permit from Chad Mercer requesting to construct a retaining wall and deck at 5 Courage's Lane.

Motioned to approve the application submitted by Chad Mercer to construct a retaining wall and deck at 5 Courage's Lane subject to:
1. All Town Development Standards.
MOTION #17-157 MCCARTHY/TETFORD CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Derrick Dove-Building permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application for building permit from Derrick Dove requesting to remove six feet from one side of the shed and attach the shed to the house at 205 Harvey Street.

Motioned to approve the application submitted by Derrick Dove to remove six feet from the west side of the shed and attach the shed to the house at 205 Harvey Street, subject to:
1. All Town Development Standards
2. Applicant must submit a date of completion suitable to the CAO.
MOTION #17-158 MCCARTHY/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Austin Curl-Building Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application for building permit from Austin Curl to construct an airplane hangar at the airfield on Lady Lake Road. Mr. Curl had previously submitted an application and was approved but the location of the building had to be changed.

Motioned to approve the application submitted by Austin Curl to construct an airplane hangar at the Harbour Grace Airfield on Lady Lake Road subject to:
1. All Town Development Standards
MOTION #17-159 MCCARTHY/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

Jerome Rose-Building Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application for building permit from Jerome Rose to construct a shed at 3 Lilly's Lane.

Motioned to approve the application submitted by Jerome Rose to construct a shed at 3 Lilly's Lane subject to:

1. All Town Development Standards

MOTION #17-160 MCCARTHY/HAIRE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

David Pike-Building Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application for building permit from David Pike to construct a shed at 2 Noad Street.

Motioned to reject the application submitted by David Pike to construct a shed at 2 Noad Street.

MOTION #17-161 MCCARTHY/HAIRE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

David Stephens-Building Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application submitted by David Stephens to construct a house at 180 Water Street.

Motioned to approve the application submitted by David Stephens to construct a house at 180 Water Street, subject to:

1. All Town Development Standards.

MOTION #17-162 MCCARTHY/HAIRE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clarence Gosse-Building Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application submitted by Clarence Gosse to construct a shed at 12 Cabot Street. Council requested that correspondence be sent to Mr. Gosse advising that a new application must be submitted and the shed must be a minimum of 20 feet from the road.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM/HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Clr. Stone advised that the Federal Park Attraction Package has been put forth to Ottawa for approval. The Provincial group is supporting the application.

HUMAN RESOURCES/PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

JCP Trails Grant Deputy Mayor Williams advised that there have been 10 workers contacted to begin work on August 7, 2017.

Ball Fields Deputy Mayor Williams requested to have the baseball and softball fields mowed more often and to have the weeds removed from the sand.

Playgrounds Clr. Tetford requested to have the playgrounds cleaned up.

FIRE DEPT. LIAISON

Clr. Blake advised that the Fire Department is looking to purchase a 7 passenger vehicle but need to have the funds readily available.

FIRE DEPT. LIAISON

Motioned that permission be given to the Harbour Grace Volunteer Fire Brigade to purchase a vehicle up to the amount of \$19,999.00. The HGVFB will advance the funds to purchase the vehicle to the Town of Harbour Grace, who will then issue a cheque to purchase the vehicle. These funds will come from fundraising projects already completed by HGVFB.

MOTION #17-163 BLAKE/STONE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clr. Blake advised that the HGVFB will be conducting rescue training for the region.

Social Building

CAO advised that the damage to the Social Building caused by the wind storm in the spring has been repaired.

COMMUNITY CENTRE LIAISON

Clr. Stone advised that the Hall of Fame group has finished their inventory. The youth meeting for the mission statement has been postponed until the second week of August. The session will be conducted with the Town's Summer Student employees and will be ready by Fall.

Deputy Mayor Williams advised that the ice surface slab has not been finalized yet. The report from the Community Centre Manager needs to be reviewed and a decision made. The slab has been grinded down but still does not meet the specs that were requested. It was recommended that there be no more grinding on the slab. Deputy Mayor Williams does not accept this and definitely not without a proper warranty. A motion cannot be made until a meeting with Stantec can be arranged to hear their professional opinion.

CIVIC EVENTS LIAISON

No Report

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Tabled

Patching

Clr. McCarthy advised that Woodville Road and Cooper Corner Road require repairs, Public Works Superintendant advised that he is currently working on patching.

Mercer's Well

The Public Works Superintendant advised that an overflow sensor malfunctioned and was replaced causing a short water interruption.

Signs

Clr. Blake inquired as to when the remaining signs would be installed, the PW Superintendant advised that he is currently tied up with leaks and patching which must be completed first. Deputy Mayor Williams requested to know why the Town Seal is not on the signs. Clr. Stone advised that the funders requested only the Town's Logo to be printed on the signage. Deputy Mayor Williams stated that the Seal should be on anything to do with the Town.

COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT Tabled**COUNCILLOR'S INFORMATION**

Playground Equipment	Deputy Mayor Williams requested to know why the \$15,000.00 that was previously in the budget is no longer there. Clr. Tetford advised that the Finance Committee did not have all of the information that they needed when initially working on the budget, they were missing printouts. The CAO advised that the budget is an estimate and funds can be moved around as needed. Deputy Mayor Williams made a motion to spend \$5,000.00 on playground equipment; it was decided to defer the motion to the Finance Committee to provide a recommendation.
Private Road Southside	Clr. Stone inquired about the status of the request from the residents of 48 Southside Road. They have not received any correspondence so far. CAO to contact Mr. Whalen.
Waste Recovery Facility	<p>Mayor Barnes inquired about the Waste Recovery Facility. Clr. Haire advised that they have spoken with Ken Kelly. Mr. Kelly advised that there have been 40 tonnes removed in less than two weeks and another load of shingles to be taken this week. Mayor Barnes stated that the location is receiving 250-300 trucks loads per week and only one load is leaving. Harbour Grace seems to be the only community having this issue possibly because this location is used by more communities than Harbour Grace. The piles of debris are also a fire hazard.</p> <p>Motioned to issue a stop work order to Eastern Waste Management for the Harbour Grace waste recovery facility.</p> <p>MOTION #17-164 TETFORD/WILLIAMS CARRIED</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">In favour: Mayor Barnes Deputy Mayor Williams Clr. McCarthy Clr. Tetford</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Opposed: Clr. Blake Clr. Haire Clr. Stone</p>
Tidy Towns	Clr. Blake advised that there will not be a Tidy Towns competition this year while they revamp the program. There will be a photo contest for 2017 with a \$1000 prize. Photos can be submitted on Social Media using #mytidytown
Signage	Clr. Haire inquired if there are any funds available to replace the Labatt's sign at the ball field.
Wind Break	Clr. Haire inquired about the wind break at the DCHGCC. CAO advised that this is funded by ACOA as one of the items that was originally allotted for but could not be completed at the time.

155th Regatta Clr. Tetford advised that July 30th is the 155th running of the annual Harbour Grace Regatta.

Signs Clr. McCarthy advised that there are trees covering the Speed Limit signs on Kildare Road, and as well as Harvey Street before the Southside.

COUNCILLOR'S INFORMATION

Adjournment Motioned to adjourn regular meeting of Council at 9:05 P.M.

MOTION #17-165 WILLIAMS/MCCARTHY CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Confirmed:

Terry Barnes, Mayor

Mike Saccary, CAO/Town Clerk

DATE:
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