

Regular meeting of Council opened at 7:40 P.M. with Mayor Terry Barnes presiding. In attendance were Clr. Gordon Stone, Clr. Tony McCarthy, Clr. Kathy Tetford, Clr. Patrick Haire and Clr. Hayward Blake.

Deputy Mayor Williams absent from meeting.

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

Minutes of regular Council Meeting of March 2, were adopted as presented by motion of Clr. Stone and seconded by Clr. McCarthy.

Motion Carried. Unanimously *Motion #16-051*

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

#### **Garbage Collection**

Clr. Stone informed Council that consensus was to extend the present garbage contract and include recycling at no extra cost to the Town. After discussion it was motioned by Clr. Stone and seconded by Clr. Haire to renew the current garbage contract (re: renewal clause in their current contract) and award Lynch's Trucking a three year contract from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019. Contract to include the addition of recycling at no increase in cost to the Town.

Motion Carried. Unanimously *Motion #16-052*

### **Correspondence**

#### **Dept. of Transportation and Works-Harvey St.**

Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Garry Spencer, Avalon Regional

Director of Transportation & Works replying to our letter sent on November 5, 2015 concerning the condition of Harvey Street. Department officials have no record or requests from the Town of Harbour Grace to complete work along the lower side of Harvey Street. There was never a permit issued to the Town from the department to complete this work on Harvey Street therefore the Department of Transportation and Works is unable to compensate the Town of Harbour Grace for the work.

Mayor Barnes advised Council that a permit was issued from Transportation and Works to have Town complete work. Mayor Barnes discussed and advised of same at a recent meeting with the Dept. of Transportation & Works.

#### **Ann Cron-Thank-You**

Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Ann Cron thanking Council for permission for her son-in-law Todd Oates to speak on her behalf at the March 2, 2016 regular Council Meeting. Mrs. Cron also thanked the Councillors for listening and visiting her home concerning the proposed senior units application for 43-45 Water Street East.

Clr. Stone iterated that it is a good example when citizens work together for a mutual agreement and applauded both parties.

#### **Municipalities NL**

Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Municipalities NL advising of the James Hiscock Memorial Scholarship. Applicant's must be a child or ward of a council member or council employee and submissions must contain a certified copy of the applicant's transcript of marks, accompanied by a letter from the Mayor or Town/Clerk/Manager. The deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, August 19, 2016.

Copy of correspondence to go to all Harbour Grace Municipal employees.

NL Community Sector Volunteer Week	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Nickie Shanks, NL Community Sector Council advising that Volunteer Week will take place from April 10-16, 2016. Motedioned by Clr. Tetford and seconded by Clr. McCarthy to proclaim the week of April 10 - 16, 2016 as Volunteer Week in the Municipality of Harbour Grace. Motion Carried. Unanimously <b>Motion #16-053</b> Clr. Blake expressed the importance of volunteers within our Town and suggested that on hiring an Economic Development Officer Council implement a plan to recognize volunteers.
Dept. of Advance Education Multiculturalism Week	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Kim Jackson, Labour Market Development Officer, for the Department of Advanced Education and Skills encouraging residents throughout Newfoundland & Labrador to participate in activities to celebrate Multiculturalism Week, March 20-26. Council suggested to post the Newfoundland & Labrador multiculturalism advertisement on the Town's Face Book Page.
Loretta Sullivan-Train Station	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Loretta Sullivan requesting pictures of the train station and old train coal shed in Harbour Grace. Mrs. Sullivan would like to see the old train station opened as a tourist attraction in the summer months. Mayor Barnes advised Council that funds have been budgeted this year to start work at the Town's Railway Station. Acting Town Clerk to write letter to Mrs. Sullivan thanking her for expressing interest in the old railway station and invite her to take part in a group.
20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Bob Rossiter, Secretary/Treasurer for the CBN Legendary Car Club Inc. requesting a donation for their 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show. All proceeds to go the TRI-Con Special Olympic athletes. Refer to Finance Committee Report
Theresa Mercer-Dilapidated Property	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Theresa Mercer concerning the dilapidated property at 200 Thicket Road. She advised Council she is not in possession of a deed or title to the property and requested Town proceed to do as they wish with the dilapidated property. Council agreed more information required as to property ownership. Deferred to Capital & Public Works Committee
Rhonda Parsons-Land	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Rhonda Parsons advising she is having her lawyer check into ownership of land at 11 and 15 Beach Hill to see if she is the owner. Ms. Parsons requested that her own home at 13 Beach Hill should be changed from the assessment category of commercial to residential. Clr. Stone advised Council that Ms. Parsons argument seemed confused over land ownership and Council required more concrete information. Council to check with the assessment agency as to assessment category.
Ed & Carolyn Holloway Pave Brazils Lane	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Ed & Carolyn Holloway requesting Council consider paving Brazils Lane. Council advised that the list of roads for paving under Capital Works depends on priority and funds available. Defer to Capital & Public Works Committee

- Hr. Grace Splash Center Sign Request Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Maggie Snow, Executive Director of the Harbour Grace Community Youth Network Splash Centre requesting having a sign placed on the road before the new exit of St. Francis' parking lot or in that vicinity to alert people of their new location. Clr. Haire advised he was speaking to Ms. Snow and suggested Ms. Snow meet with Work Superintendent to decide the placement of the sign.
- Cee Bees Minor Hockey Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Dean Whelan, President of the Cee Bees Minor Hockey Association requesting a donation for the Atom "D" Provincial Tournament at the S.W. Moores Memorial Stadium from March 31 to April 2, 2016. Refer to Finance Committee Report
- Poseidon Swim Club Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Megan Forward, President for the Poseidon Swim Club advising of their 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Swim for Hope on March 18<sup>th</sup> and requested a donation. Funds raised will benefit the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre Foundation. Refer to Finance Committee Report
- Epilepsy NL Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Gail Dempsey, Executive Director, Epilepsy NL advising of Purple Day in aid of Epilepsy will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Motioned by Clr. Stone and seconded by Clr. Tetford that the Town of Harbour Grace proclaim March 26, 2016 as purple day for Epilepsy. Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #16-054**
- Committee Reports**
- Capital & Public Works Committee
- Road Widening Clr. Haire advised Council they are checking into acquiring a couple of feet of land in order to widen Queen's Road and Brazil's Lane.
- New Southside Well Clr. Haire advised Council that \$25,000.00 is needed to install a filter system on the New Southside Well and suggested making provision for funding under Capital Expenditure.
- Finance Committee**
- Budget 2016 Motioned by Clr. Tetford and seconded by Clr. Stone to adopt the 2016 Budget for \$2,920,151. as presented. Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #16-055** Clr. Tetford advised that the details for the 2016 budget will be outlined by department at the next regular meeting of Council.
- Assessment Increase Clr. Blake informed Council that all though assessments increased last year the increase in revenue for the Town over last year's budget was \$65,000.00. Council efforts to keep taxes as low as possible shows as there wasn't a significant increase in the Town's revenue over the prior year.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show Clr. Tetford requested that office provide the same donation as last year.
- Cee Bees Minor Hockey Clr. Tetford requested that office provide the same donation as last year.



**Public Works Superintendent Report**

Tabled

**Stadium Manager's Report**

Tabled

**Councillor's Information**

- Hr. Grace Volunteer Fire                      Clr. Blake presented a report on the number of call-outs by the Harbour Grace Fire Brigade. He advised Council that the Harbour Grace Fire Department is reimbursed \$350.00 by Fire & Emergency Service for each fire call they attend outside our community. Clr. Blake also stressed the importance of training for our Fire Brigade members, many who work at upgrading and completing their certifications. The Brigade is looking at Pouch Cove as a good model for C.B.N. Congratulations to the Fire Brigade on their recent Steak & Egg Breakfast and many thanks to residents who supported the breakfast. Approximately 450 residents attended.
- CBN Joint Councillors                              Clr. Stone advised that he is working with a committee within the C.B.N. Joint Councillors to develop one perspective that will benefit all regions. He will keep Council updated.
- Office Staff    Clr. Stone thanked the office staff for all their work.
- Pot Holes     Clr. McCarthy mentioned there are several potholes that are in need of attention.
- Harvey Street                                         Clr. McCarthy questioned if Harvey Street will be completed. Mayor Barnes advised Council that MHA Pam Parsons, Town Engineer's and himself met with the Department of Transportation & Works and the completion of Harvey Street was discussed.
- Inside & Outside Staff                              Clr. Tetford also expressed thanks to all inside and outside staff for their work.
- Water Street    Clr. Haire advised there are a few paving issues on Water Street and he has spoken to the Town's Engineer who will look into what needs to be repaired.
- Light & Power                                        Clr. Haire advised that Light & Power will address the issue of moving some lights on the poles.
- Water Street-Speed                                 Clr. Blake advised that the issue of speeding and usage by large trucks on Water Street are still a problem and Council is looking at ways to decrease the flow of traffic.
- Enforcement Officer                                Clr. Blake advised that Council is still entertaining having an Enforcement Officer for the Town of Harbour Grace.
- Daltonian Club                                        Clr. Blake advised that St. Patrick Day Festivities will take place at the Daltonian Club this weekend in Harbour Grace and encourages councillors and residents to support these Community activities.

March 16, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:33P.M. by motion of Clr. Stone  
Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #16-057***

Next scheduled regular meeting of Council is April 6, 2016 at 7:30P.M. with Councillors meeting at 6:00P.M.

**Confirmed:**

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Terry Barnes, Mayor

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Sean O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk

**DATE:**

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