

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town of Harbour Grace Council, held in the Town Hall,
March 22, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

<i>Members Present</i>	Mayor	Terry Barnes
	Deputy Mayor	Sonia Williams
	Councillors:	Hayward Blake Patrick Haire Gordon Stone
<i>Members Absent</i>	Councillors:	Tony McCarthy Kathy Tetford
<i>Staff Present</i>	CAO/Town Clerk	Michael Saccary
	Admin Secretary-A/R Clerk	Nancy Pike
	Works Superintendent	Pat Hearn

Minutes:
Regular Meeting
March 8, 2017

Regular meeting minutes of March 8, 2017 were adopted as presented with the following corrections:

1. Page 7 - Sports Hall of Fame should read; representatives of Council that are on the DCHGCC committee.

MOTION #17-066 BLAKE/STONE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Special Recognition

Mayor Barnes took a moment to recognize Special Olympians Crystal Young of Harbour Grace and Sandra Smith of Carbonear on their gold medal wins at the World Winter Games in Austria. The Towns of Harbour Grace and Carbonear are planning a celebration for the athletes upon their return.

Motioned to have a picture of Crystal Young taken in her snowshoeing attire to be added to the sign on Jamie's Way.

MOTION #17-067 WILLIAMS/BLAKE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Memorial for Quinn

Deputy Mayor Williams advised that she has been in contact with Elena Parsons concerning the proposed memorial for Quinn Butt. Deputy Mayor Williams distributed a picture to show how the memorial might look; it was a mural with trees and "leaves" that could be purchased in memory of loved ones. These "leaves" would not have to be limited to victims of domestic violence, which might help to avoid singling out victims. Mayor Barnes requested that Deputy Mayor Williams sit down with the Trails committee to decide the best location. Council to decide how donation money would be distributed, either for maintenance of the memorial or donated.

Motioned to move forward with the memorial for Quinn Butt, location to be determined, details to be brought back to Council.

MOTION #17-068 WILLIAMS/BLAKE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Harbour Grace Public Library

Clr. Blake advised that the EY report coming out in the next month and it is important to be ready to respond. Clr. Blake volunteered to monitor the situation until the Town is ready to respond. Clr. Stone added that there should be a meeting with the Library to advise that the Town is on board.

CORRESPONDENCE

TC Pageants

TC Pageants requested a donation to support the first Junior Miss Newfoundland and Labrador Pageant.

Motioned to donate \$50.00 to TC Pageants.

MOTION #17-069 STONE/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jonathan Hearn-Bldg App.

Clr. Haire tabled an application for building permit from Jonathan Hearn and Jessica O’Grady to construct a residential dwelling on Lot 4 Old Carbonear Highway in Bristol’s Hope.

Motioned to approve application submitted by Jonathan Hearn and Jessica O’Grady to construct a residential dwelling at Lot 4 on Old Carbonear Road in Bristol’s Hope subject to:

1. All Town Development Standards
2. Well/Septic approval from Service NL
3. Driveway access approval from Transportation Works

MOTION #17-070 HAIRE/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Paul & Pamela Martin-Bldg App

Clr. Haire tabled an application for building permit from Paul and Pamela Martin to construct a residential dwelling at 11 Connors Valley Road in Bristol’s Hope. Deferred until applicant places pegs for inspection.

Clifford Verge

Clr. Haire tabled correspondence from Clifford Verge requesting a letter stating that Council will allow Mr. Verge to perform vehicle inspections from his automotive repair business at 272 Harvey Street.

Motioned to issue letter to Clifford Verge allowing vehicle inspections from his automotive repair business at 272 Harvey Street. Letter to be copied to Service NL.

MOTION #17-071 HAIRE/BLAKE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Traffic Regulations

Clr. Haire presented a copy of the revised traffic regulations allowing the Municipal Enforcement Officer to issue fines for traffic infractions. Clr. Haire advised that research was done and fine prices are in line with other communities.

Motioned to adopt the revised traffic regulations as presented.

MOTION #17-072 HAIRE/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bannerman Lake Dam Repairs

Clr. Haire advised that he and the CAO have been in discussions with Harris & Associates concerning the funding allotted for the Bannerman Lake Dam upgrades. It may take a few months before work can begin.

CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Clean Water Project Clr. Haire advised that the deadline to apply for the Clean Water/Waste Water Fund is April 21, 2017. Clr. Haire suggested that the Town apply for funding for Southside and that if the Town’s application is successful but the project proves to be too costly, the funds can be used for another project.

Motioned to apply for the Clean Water/Waste Water Fund for Southside.
MOTION #17-073 HAIRE/STONE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Budget Motioned to accept the 2017 budget with revisions as presented by the CAO.
MOTION #17-074 STONE/BLAKE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Financial Report Motioned to accept the Financial Report to February 28, 2017 as presented by the CAO.
MOTION #17-075 STONE/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trails Naming Contest Clr. Stone advised that the Heritage & Redevelopment Committee would like to approach St. Francis and advertise on social media a contest to get submissions for a possible name for the new walking trail.

Motioned to provide \$200.00 to the Heritage & Redevelopment Committee to be used for two \$100.00 prizes for winners of the “Name the Trail” project, the name will not necessarily be chosen from submissions received.
MOTION #17-076 STONE/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Suppliers of Water Clr. Stone advised that research must be done on businesses charged as suppliers of water. The number of dockings must be obtained and then have a second look. It was recommended that the CAO meet with the manager to request the figures needed to move on.

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

No report

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM/HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Rick Hansen Foundation Clr. Blake spoke about funding available through the Rick Hansen Foundation for accessible playground equipment.

Motioned to allow the EDO to apply for funding through the Rick Hansen Foundation and that as the Town of Harbour Grace purchases new playground equipment for existing playgrounds and develops new playgrounds within the community, that the equipment purchased be accessible for everyone of all abilities.
MOTION #17-077 BLAKE/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM/HERITAGE COMMITTEE

- Marine Industrial Park Clr. Blake advised that there was a successful meeting with Ted Lomond, Deputy Minister of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development. Clr Blake advised that Deputy Minister Lomond reviewed the proposals that were presented. The committee is moving forward with applications.
- Volunteers Clr Blake advised that the request for volunteers received many volunteers for both groups. The Green Committee is partnering with Carbonear Collegiate, College of the North Atlantic and the Splash Centre The Festival Committee has partnered with The Splash Center, the Heritage and Redevelopment Committee and Rose Manor.
- Clean-Up Week Motioned to make the week of June 4th - June 9th, 2017 as Clean-Up Week in the Town of Harbour Grace.
MOTION #17-078 STONE/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Wayne Reid - HGOE Clr. Blake inquired as to the status of the expropriation of Ridley Offices as there are issues developing. It was decided that the CAO should review what the status of the expropriation is and refer back to Economic Development in order to keep this item on the agenda.

HUMAN RESOURCES/PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

- DCHGCC Facility Manager Deputy Mayor Williams welcomed new facility manager Carl Dohey on board.
- Swim for Hope Deputy Mayor Williams advised that she attended Poseidon Swim Club's Swim for Hope and presented a donation on behalf of the Town of Harbour Grace.
- Cold Water Rescue Deputy Mayor Williams advised that the Fire Department performed their recertification for Cold Water Rescue last weekend.
- Harvey Street Deputy Mayor Williams commented on the condition of Harvey Street and Cathedral Street and requested that a letter be sent to Transportation Works.
- Sport Hall of Fame Deputy Mayor Williams advised that the Annual Sports Hall of Fame Awards Reception will be held on May 11, 2017.

FIRE DEPT. LIAISON

- Steak and Eggs Breakfast Clr. Blake advised that the HGVFB's Annual Steak and Eggs Breakfast was very well attended.
- Meeting Clr. Blake recommended that the Fire Chief and HGVFB Executive should be invited to a meeting with the CAO and Public Works in order to discuss a five year plan.

FIRE DEPT. LIAISON

Service Award

Clr. Blake advised that the Fire Department was busy with the storm last week and a lot of what they do does not get the attention that it deserves. Clr. Blake would like the Town to recognize members with a 25 year service award and medal. Deputy Mayor Williams wondered why it would not be at 20 years similar to the provincial awards. Clr. Blake advised that there was research done and many communities use 25 years as it is a benchmark year of service.

Motioned that the Town of Harbour Grace present a medal to members of the HGVFB for 25 years of service. The Medal and accompanying certificate would recognize volunteer firefighters for their commitment, dedication, and service to the Town. The Medal would be presented at the annual fire brigade ball.

MOTION #17-079 BLAKE/STONE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY CENTRE LIAISON

Wind Storm

Deputy Mayor Williams advised that it was a good decision to close the DCHGCC on Saturday March 11, 2017. The safety of everyone is first and foremost. CAO made the decision to clear the building for safety reasons only. Clr. Stone advised that he met with some of the people involved and they were very upset that the wrong message was sent out in the media. Mayor Barnes advised that he spoke on Open Line to clarify the situation.

Clr. Stone requested that the headings on the Agenda and Minutes be changed from stadium to community centre.

CIVIC EVENTS LIAISON

Mayor Barnes advised the Seniors' card games are ongoing every second Monday.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT No Report

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT Tabled

COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT No Report

DCHGCC Community Centre Clr. Stone tabled the report from the DCHGCC Committee and advised that the next scheduled meeting is March 27, 2017.

Mission Statement

Motioned that a public meeting be organized for the purpose of developing a Mission Statement for the Danny Clear Harbour Grace Community Centre.

MOTION #17-080 STONE/HAIRE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Policy Manual

Motioned that the CAO explore the details around putting in place a Policy and Procedures Manual for the Danny Cleary Harbour Grace Community Centre. Any funding required for the task will be considered by Council when his report is brought back.

MOTION #17-081 STONE/BLAKE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR’S INFORMATION

- Herder Mayor Barnes advised that the first two games of the Herder Senior Hockey Championship will be played in the DCHGCC this weekend.
 - U20 Provincials Mayor Barnes invited everyone to attend the opening ceremonies for the CeeBees Under 20 Female Hockey Provincial Mega Tournament on Friday at 5:30pm. They are hosting 12 teams for the provincials this weekend.
 - Volunteers Week Clr. Stone expressed a need to recognize all of the volunteers in Town and suggested a committee to organize one large Thank you open to all volunteers. Clr. Stone advised that he would back anyone who wanted to take the lead. Deputy Mayor Williams suggested an open house with a 2-3 hour meet and greet open to all volunteers, to be advertized on the Town’s Website and Social Media.
 - Joint Council Clr. Stone advised that the Joint Council continues to discuss Regionalization. There is another meeting on Thursday.
 - Federal Funding CAO was recognized for his initiative in securing over \$400,000.00 in federal funding to obtain the missing items from the new Community Centre.
 - Admiral’s Marina Clr. Haire advised that the soil being removed from the Marina extension is being sent to St. John’s, he inquired if it is not contaminated there may be a use for it in Harbour Grace. It was advised that the Town would need documentation advising that the soil is not contaminated.
 - HGOE Stars Clr. Stone congratulated the HGOE CeeBees Stars on their AESHL win and requested that the Town send along an official Thank you to the Team.
 - CeeBees Minor Hockey Deputy Mayor Williams requested that the DCHGCC Facility Manager provide a listing of Minor Hockey Teams winning championships.
 - Adjournment Motioned to adjourn regular meeting of Council at 8:45 P.M.
MOTION #17-082 WILLIAMS/STONE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Next scheduled regular meeting of Council is 7:30 P.M. April 5th, 2017.

Confirmed:

Terry Barnes, Mayor

Mike Saccary, CAO/Town Clerk

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