

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town of Harbour Grace Council, held in the Town Hall,
May 31, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

Members Present

Mayor
Deputy Mayor
Councillors:

Terry Barnes
Sonia Williams
Hayward Blake
Patrick Haire
Tony McCarthy
Kathy Tetford
Gordon Stone

Staff Present

CAO/Town Clerk
Admin Secretary-A/R Clerk
Works Superintendent

Michael Saccary
Nancy Pike
Pat Hearn

Minutes:
Regular Meeting

Regular meeting minutes of May 17, 2017 were adopted as presented with the following corrections.

1. Page 1 - Improper garbage disposal, inquiry made by Clr. Tetford not Clr. McCarthy.

May 17, 2017

MOTION #17-119 BLAKE/MCCARTHY CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Speed Display Trailers

Clr. McCarthy inquired if the speed display trailers have been repaired. The public works superintendent advised that he has spoken with the Department of Transportation Works and they will be fixed.

Garage - Harvey Street

Clr. McCarthy requested an update on the situation with the garage on Harvey Street. CAO advised papers will be served to the owners.

Waste Recovery Facility

Clr. McCarthy asked if the letter had been sent to EWM concerning the cleanup of the facility. The CAO advised that it has not yet been sent. There was some discussion about changing the time given to clean it up from 30 days to 14. It was agreed that the letter would be sent out giving EWM 30 days from the 31st of May to clean up the facility.

Private Lane-48 Southside Rd

Clr. McCarthy inquired about the private road at 48 Southside Road. CAO to send response to residents.

Flightpaths Book Launch

Clr. McCarthy advised that the book launch went well and was well attended.

13 Beach Hill

Clr. Blake inquired about the expropriation of 13 Beach Hill. The CAO advised that the paperwork has been sent to the minister by the Town's lawyers but there has been no response from the minister yet.

Baskets/Planters

Clr. Blake inquired if the flowers had been purchased for the hanging baskets and planters. CAO advised that they have. Splash Centre planters have been included in this purchase.

CORRESPONDENCE

Eastern Regional Serv Board Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from the Eastern Regional Service Board concerning the collection of Fire Fees.

Motioned for the administration staff to print invoices for 2017 Fire Protection Services to be given to the Bristol's Hope Committee for distribution.

MOTION #17-120 TETFORD/HAIRE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Steve Lutz-Agriculture Request Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Steve Lutz advising that he is considering purchasing property on Southside but would like to request permission to use a portion of the property as agricultural prior to making the purchase. Mr. Lutz would like to keep two horses on the property as well as use part of the property to grow vegetables. There was some discussion about the zoning of the property, it is currently zoned as residential which does not allow for animals to be kept on property. Council could approve the request however if anyone appealed the decision, it would be reversed because of the zoning. CAO to respond to Mr. Lutz advising him of his options; 1. Contact the ministry to inquire if property could be "grandfathered" in (animals were kept on property previously). 2. Start the process of having the land rezoned.

Clifford Verge-Bldg Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application for a building permit to build an extension on an existing building to open an automotive garage. Site must be cleaned up, lot is not serviced, and private road must be brought up to standards. Application is deferred.

Paul McCarthy-Building permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application for building permit from Paul McCarthy to build a patio at 50 Glover Road.

Motioned to approve application submitted by Paul McCarthy to build a patio at 50 Glover Road subject to:

1. All Town's Development Standards
2. Fencing Bylaws

MOTION #17-121 MCCARTHY/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clr. McCarthy left chambers at 7:51pm

Tony McCarthy-Business App Clr. Haire tabled an application to open a business at 410 Harvey Street.

Motioned to approve application submitted by Tony McCarthy to open a business at 410 Harvey Street subject to:

1. All Town's Development Standards
2. Inspection by Department of Health
3. Inspection by Fire Department

MOTION #17-122 HAIRE/STONE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clr. McCarthy returned to chambers at 7:55pm

NEW BUSINESS No New Business

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Capital & Public Works Committee

Melvin Noel-398 Southside Rd Clr. Haire tabled a request from Melvin Noel to connect to Town’s Water/Sewer Services. Clr. Stone recommended that a maximum number of households per well be set to ensure that wells are able to properly service residents.

Motioned to approve Melvin Noel located at 398 Southside Road to connect to town Water/sewer services.

MOTION #17-123 HAIRE/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Property Cleanup Clr. Haire advised that some residents have piles of “garbage” on their properties. Clr. Haire requested permission to have the MEO make a list of these properties in order to deal with the issue.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Tabled

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

Cleanup Week Newsletter has information for cleanup week.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM/HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Clr. Stone spoke about the number of committees working to bring visitors into Harbour Grace and the various programs approved by Council. Council needs to hit deadlines for approved projects in order to make their mandate happen. The preliminary application to ACOA looks really good. Clr. Stone would like to see business that was already voted on completed. Clr. Tetford expressed concern over the amount of money requested for the Pilots to Pirates festival and the cost of the gates sign, noting that the engineering drawings have already cost \$1000.00. Clr. Stone advised that these items were in the budget and he feels confident that the money for the festival will come back to the Town through ACOA. Deputy Mayor Williams requested that the Pirates sign at the north entrance to Harbour Grace be replaced as well; this was requested and voted on approximately three years ago.

Motioned that the following priorities of Council be addressed immediately using the special projects funds of the budget:

1. The GATES sign be erected on site as per the diagram accepted by Council and this be completed by June 29, 2017.
2. The EDO and her Pirates to Pilots Festival Committee be given a budget of \$10,000.00 to move the program forward.
3. The Heritage and Re-development Committee shall work with the Grand Concourse to order and place signs on the Harbour Grace Trail System.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM/HERITAGE COMMITTEE

4. The Heritage and Re-development Committee shall order and place GATES Town Signage to direct visitors to various attraction and business sites in the Town.
5. Three "Gates of Harbour Grace" posters be framed and placed in the main lobby of Council office, the Kearney Tourist Chalet and the Museum to encourage purchase during the Tourist Season and beyond.
6. Train all Youth workers to welcome and advise tourists about our Town.

MOTION #17-124

STONE/BLAKE CARRIED

In favour

Mayor Barnes

Deputy Mayor Williams

Clr. Blake

Clr. Haire

Clr. McCarthy

Clr. Stone

Opposed

Clr. Tetford

HUMAN RESOURCES/PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Summer Employment

Deputy Mayor Williams advised that the Town has 17 summer positions that are almost filled. There is a possibility of more positions to come, still waiting to hear from provincial grants.

Reilly Meadus

Deputy Mayor Williams congratulated Reilly Meadus on making the provincial U15 Ball Hockey Team.

Clr. Blake recommended that the Town highlight the residents' accomplishments the DCHGCC to attract visitors.

FIRE DEPT. LIAISON

No report

COMMUNITY CENTRE LIAISON

DCHGCC

Deputy Mayor Williams requested an update on the slab at the community centre. CAO advised that ice has been removed and 3 to 4 spots have been identified where metal is exposed and have been advised that this is a tolerable level. It is up to Council if they want it fixed or find another way to repair the slab. Deputy Mayor Williams is not satisfied with the answer concerning the slab as it may cause major trouble down the road.

Motioned to contact Pomerleau to have the floor meet specifications.

MOTION #17-125

WILLIAMS/TETFORD CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CIVIC EVENTS LIAISON

Mayor Barnes advised that the July 1 festivities planning are underway. The Committee asked if the Town would be purchasing the fireworks.

Motioned to for the Town to purchase fireworks for the Canada Day Celebrations.

MOTION #17-126 WILLIAMS/TETFORD CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT Tabled

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT Tabled

Emergency Funding Clr. McCarthy inquired if the emergency funding referred to in the report was for the fracking of Mercer's Well. Public Works Supervisor confirmed that it was.

Kingswell Lane Clr. McCarthy passed along a thank you to Public Works for their work on Kingswell Lane.

COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT Tabled

Clr. Blake inquired if the DCHGCC facility manager could put together a report detailing the cost of running the facility during the winter months versus the summer months. CAO to request this report from facility manager.

COUNCILLOR'S INFORMATION

DCHGCC Public Consultation Clr. Stone reminded Council of the public consultation on June 5, 2017 from 7:30-9:30pm. The consultation is open to the public and has been well advertised via social media and posters placed around town.

Display Cases Clr. Stone advised that he met with the Sports Hall of Fame Committee, they are doing an inventory and when this is completed they will meet to discuss what is needed and the cost.

Cleanup Week Clr. Stone advised that Cleanup week is from June 4 - 9. June 8 has been designated as clean up day in partnership with EWM; volunteer groups will be able to transport garbage to the waste recovery facility on this day. If town vehicles are to be used, the licences must be sent in to EWM before the end of the week.

Gas Tax Clr. Stone advised that the CAO is working hard to secure the 2016 gas tax funds but has not yet been successful. The 2017 application is waiting on the 2016 application to be finalized.

Ledger Report Clr. Tetford requested that the CAO provide an up to date ledger report with balance levels to see the status of the 2017 budget.

COUNCILLOR'S INFORMATION

Sean Farrell-Building Permit Clr. Haire advised that Sean Farrell has requested to change the position of his house to face west rather than north. Clr. Haire noted that the applicant has half of a hectare of property. Letter to be sent to Mr. Farrell advising him that his request is approved.

Community Garden Clr. Blake advised that the Community Gardens project is moving forward, they are hoping to secure land next to the old court house or the St. Francis field area. The committee is busy building approximately 30 raised boxes. The committee has asked any interested residents to submit their names to be entered in a lottery. Draw to tentatively take place June 17, 2017.

Adjournment Motioned to adjourn regular meeting of Council at 8:45 P.M.

MOTION #17-127 WILLIAMS/BLAKE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next scheduled regular meeting of Council is 3:30 P.M. June 28th, 2017.

Confirmed:

Terry Barnes, Mayor

Mike Saccary, CAO/Town Clerk

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