

Regular meeting of Council opened at 7:58 P.M. with Mayor Terry Barnes presiding. In attendance were Deputy Mayor Sonia Williams, Clr. Hayward Blake, Clr. Gordon Stone, Clr. Tony McCarthy, and Clr. Kathy Tetford. Mayor Barnes advised that Clr. Patrick Haire is recovering from triple by-pass and is doing well.

Mayor Barnes had a moment of silence for Quinn Butt.

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 April 21, 2016 were adopted as presented by motion of Clr. Blake and seconded by Clr. Stone.

Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #16-092***

### **Correspondence**

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| Bay Roberts Mayor Philip Wood | Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence sent by Philip Wood, Mayor for the Town of Bay Roberts to the Hon. Andrew Parsons, Minister of Justice and Public Safety concerning the devastating news on the closure of the court house in Harbour Grace. According to government, it is the third busiest court house in the province with close to 1400 cases being heard. The court house closure will place a great burden upon people having to travel to St. John's or Clarendville as is being suggested. The administration of an effective system of justice is the pillar of our democracy-indeed our country and they implore government to revisit their decision before any moves are made to close the court house in Harbour Grace. Mayor Barnes advised Council that Clr. Blake and himself attended a meeting last Wednesday with Minister Parsons to discuss concerns over the closure of the court house in Harbour Grace. |
| David Cumby-Land Request      | Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from David Cumby who is interested in purchasing a parcel of land on the corner of Crosbie Road and Devonshire Road.<br>Deferred to Housing/Environment/Sanitation Committee   |
| Kay's Day-Donation            | Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from George Sheppard, Co-Chairperson for Kay's Day, re: the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation advising that the 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Kay's Day will take place on April 30 <sup>th</sup> and requested Council's support.<br>Motioned by Clr. Tetford and seconded by Deputy Mayor Williams to donate \$50.00 to the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation.<br>Motion Carried. Unanimously <b><i>Motion #16-093</i></b>   |
| Wayne Hearn-Garage            | Mayor Barnes tabled an application from Wayne M. Hearn requesting permission to build a garage at 88 Southside Road.<br>Motioned by Clr. McCarthy and seconded by Deputy Mayor Williams to approve Mr. Hearn's application subject to all Town Development Standards.<br>Motion Carried. Unanimously <b><i>Motion #16-094</i></b>   |
| Fred Bradbury-Extension       | Mayor Barnes tabled an application from Fred Bradbury requesting permission for an extension at 41-51 Thicket Road.<br>Deferred to Housing/Environment/Sanitation Committee   |

Keith & Amanda Abbott	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Keith & Amanda Abbott requesting Council's permission to open a minor auto & glass repair business in his existing garage at 124 Thicket Rd. Deferred to Housing/Environment/Sanitation Committee
John Hargreaves-Trees	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from John Hargreaves requesting Council trim branches on Woodville Road between Peddles Lane and the intersection with Woodville Crescent as there is a bad blind section by Eric Peddles home. Works Superintendent to check out.
<b>New Business</b>	
Court House-Closure	Clr. Blake and Mayor Barnes met with Justice Minister Parsons to discuss and find an alternate way to change governments mind in the closure of the court house in Harbour Grace. Government suggested Council provide proposals for keeping the court house in Harbour Grace.
New Arena-ProShop Operator	Re: RFP Proposal for Pro Shop Operator -New Arena After discussion it was motioned by Deputy Mayor Williams and seconded by Clr. Stone to conditionally approve Heart & Sole as the Pro Shop operator, pending contract negotiations and Council's final approval. Motion Carried. Unanimously <b>Motion #16-095</b>
New Arena-Fitness Operator	Re: RFP Proposal for Fitness Centre Operator-New Arena After discussion it was motioned by Deputy Mayor Williams and seconded by Clr. Tetford to conditionally approve Eden Fitness as the fitness centre operator, pending contract negotiations and Council's final approval. Motion Carried. Unanimously <b>Motion #16-096</b>
New Arena-Fitness Equipment	Re: RFP Proposal for Fitness Equipment-New Arena After discussion it was motioned by Deputy Mayor Williams and seconded by Clr. Stone to accept lowest bid from Saunders Equipment for equipment resurfacer (Zamboni) pending conditionally governments funding of 80/20. Motion Carried. Unanimously <b>Motion #16-097</b>
New Arena-Ice Rental Rates	Motioned by Deputy Mayor Williams and seconded by Clr. Stone to increase ice rental rates from \$150.00 to \$165.00 for youth, and \$175.00 to \$190.00 for adult/senior. Motion Carried. Unanimously <b>Motion #16-098</b>
New Arena-Naming	Motioned by Deputy Mayor Williams and seconded by Clr. Stone to accept Mark Reynolds right for the naming of the new stadium with Council's final approval. Deferred vote till next meeting to provide further study.

**Committee Reports**  
**Finance Committee**

Poseidon Swim Club                      Motioned by Clr. Tetford and seconded by Clr. McCarthy to donate \$50.00 to the Poseidon Swim Club.  
Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #16-099***

2012 Summer Games-Surplus              Motioned by Clr. Tetford and seconded Clr. McCarthy to take surplus of funding from the 2012 Summer Games of \$30,000.00 and divide equally between Carbonear and Harbour Grace with the remaining balance of approx. \$20,000.00 to be invested and used for distribution of a 2012 Summer Games Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 to be awarded annually by each municipality. The criteria for the awarding of this scholarship to be discussed and decided.  
Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #16-100***

**Housing/Environment/Sanitation Committee**

Recycling-Town of Harbour Grace      Clr. McCarthy reminded Council that recycling begins on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Thank-You-Mayor Barnes                      Deputy Mayor Williams wished to acknowledge Mayor Barnes for his help in implementing a recycling program for the Town of Harbour Grace. Mayor Barnes is often responsible for a lot of behind the scenes work and sometimes thanks are overlooked.

**Economic Development/Tourism/Heritage Committee**

Branding Design-Hr. Grace                      Clr. Blake advised Council that Harbour Grace branding is being completed by Impressed Design. Also literature showcasing our Town is being created to be distributed.

Town Beautification                              Clean-Up day for S.W. Moores Memorial Park is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2016.

Tidy Towns    Clr. Blake advised Council that the Town of Harbour Grace will be participating in Tidy Towns.  
Office to complete registration.

Train Station & Trails                              Clr. Blake advised that discussions are ongoing concerning the project for the train station and trails.

**Stadium Liaison**

Stadium-Fund-raiser                              Deputy Mayor Williams advised Council that the fund raiser Hockey Game at the S.W. Moores Memorial Stadium in aid of the recent fire in Bay de Verde was a great night and approximately \$8,000.00 was raised.

**Civic Events Liaison**

Jennifer Baker-Thank-You                      Mayor Barnes read out a thank-you letter from Jennifer Baker thanking the Town for their work and support for helping make the memorial service for Quinn Butt so special. Ms. Baker requested the Town consider erecting a continuous light on the soccer field as a memorial for Quinn Butt. Mayor Barnes advised they are looking into purchasing

Jennifer Baker-Thank-You

playground equipment as a memorial to Quinn and a decision of placement will be made in the future.

**Public Works Superintendent Report**

Tabled

**Stadium Manager's Report**

Tabled

**Councillor's Information**

Stadium-Fundraiser

Clr. Stone thanked all volunteer fire fighters, residents and all involved who showed such generosity and caring support for the disaster fire in Bay de Verde. The S.W. Moores Memorial Stadium was full to capacity with spirit and support for the Town of Bay de Verde.

CBN Joint Councils

Clr. Stone advised that the CBN Joint Councils have agreed to send a letter to government requesting they reconsider their decision to closing the Court House in Harbour Grace and voicing the safety issue. Clr. Stone advised work is taking place on a joint proposal package highlighting all the economic assets in our region.

Splash Center-Volunteers Needed

Clr. Stone requested volunteers to help youth at the Splash Center in putting together and building park benches to be placed around our community.

Thank-You

Clr. Stone thanked Stadium Manager, Mike Adam for all his expertise, work and leadership.

Jamie's Way- Repairs

Clr. McCarthy requested having the shoulder of road on Jamie's way repaired as it was before the sewer line was installed. Superintendent to contact contractors of sewer line to have repaired.

Court House-Closure

Clr. McCarthy expressed his concern over the closure of the court house in Harbour Grace and voiced a option of lowering the cost of rent on building.

Court House Closure

Clr. Tetford expressed her concern over residents safety due to the closure to the court house and hopes government officials are not misleading Council in that there are no consideration for reversing governments decision.

Library-Closure

Clr. Tetford expressed concerns over the closure of the Harbour Grace Library.

Rural NL-Service Cuts

Clr. Blake concerned over the dismantling of services in rural Newfoundland & Labrador. Premier Dwight Ball platform was to engage and listen to Towns however there is no clear indication of that. Clr. Blake requested Council and residents show tangible ways for the Court House and Library not to close. Residents can send e-mails to government officials over there displeasure of abundance of services being eliminated from Harbour Grace. Clr. Blake suggested an option of housing the court house at the Splash Centre and requested Council contact Mr. George Butt, of Eastern Health as to their plans.

Library-Closure  
Motioned by Clr. Blake and seconded by Clr. Stone that Acting Town Clerk write the Public Library Board voicing Council’s displeasure at the cutting of library services to Harbour Grace and the closure of its Library. Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #16-101**

CLB Harbour Grace  
Clr. Blake congratulated the leaders of the CLB Harbour Grace for 20 years of leadership for the youth of our community. Acting Town Clerk to write a congratulatory letter to CLB leaders Wayne and Barbara Lilly, and Tracey Lockyer.

Dept. of Public Health  
Deputy Mayor Williams wished to inform residents that the Dept. of Public Health in Harbour Grace is available for any resident having difficult dealing with the recent traumatic incident.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M. by motion of Deputy Mayor Williams. Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #16-102**

Next scheduled regular meeting of Council is May 18, 2016at7:30P.M. with Councillors meeting at 6:00 P.M.

**Confirmed:**

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Terry Barnes, Mayor

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Sean O’Brien, Acting Town Clerk

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Regular meeting of Council reopened at 9:05 P.M. with Mayor Barnes presiding. In attendance were Clr. Hayward Blake, Clr. Gordon Stone, Clr. Tony McCarthy and Clr. Kathy Tetford. Absent Deputy Mayor Sonia Williams and Clr. Patrick Haire

**S.W. Moores Memorial Stadium**

It was motioned by Clr. Kathy Tetford seconded by Clr. Hayward Blake to approve a 4% salary increase for the Facility Manager retroactive to January 1, 2016. 5 Ayes Motion Carried. **Motion #16-103**

Regular meeting of Council adjourned at 9:10 PM by motion of Clr. Hayward Blake seconded by Clr. Gordon Stone. 5 Ayes Motion Carried. **Motion #16-104**

**Confirmed:**

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Terry Barnes, Mayor

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