

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town of Harbour Grace Council, held in the Town Hall,
September 6, 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 Assistant-A/R Clerk	Nancy Pike
Works Superintendent	Pat Hearn

Minutes:
Regular Meeting
July 26, 2017

Regular meeting minutes of July 26, 2017 were adopted as presented, with the following corrections:

1. Page 1 Crown Lands, Should be a separation in the paragraph after the fourth line where the sentence breaks between the words time and CAO.
2. Page 7 Private Road, Inquiry made by Clr. McCarthy and not Clr. Stone.

MOTION #17-168 STONE/MCCARTHY CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes:
Special Meeting
August 11, 2017

Special meeting minutes of August 11, 2017 were adopted as presented.

MOTION #17-169 STONE/TETFORD CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Town's Financial Position	Mayor Barnes stated that the Town is currently \$700,000.00 in excess contrary to rumors that have been circulating.
Federal Attraction Package	Clr. Blake advised that MP Ken McDonald and MHA Pam Parsons announced the Town will receive \$187,000.00 in funding for Tourism.
Wind Break-DCHGCC	Clr. McCarthy requested an update on the wind break for the DCHGCC. Clr. Haire advised that contractors are having difficulty getting quotes on the cement work needed.
DCHGCC Ice Surface	Deputy Mayor Williams requested that a meeting be set up as soon as possible to resolve the issues with the slab at the DCHGCC.
Crown Lands near DCHGCC	Clr. Blake advised that the Town has been trying to acquire Crown Lands near the DCHGCC, however there is still no resolution. Council has spent 20 months trying to support business.
Playgrounds	Deputy Mayor Williams inquired if there is an update on the playground equipment. Clr. Tetford advised that the Finance Committee has not met yet.

Crosswalks

Clr. Tetford spoke about the need for crosswalks near St. Francis. The Department of Transportation and Works has approved the permit for the Town to install the crosswalk on Harvey/Cathedral Street.

Motioned to install "Zebra" style crosswalks from the Old Court House to Military Road, including double flashing lights and speed display trailers, at a cost of approximately \$20,000.00. Council authorizes the CAO to use excess funds in the budget and proceed with the crosswalk.

MOTION #17-170 TETFORD/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned to send a letter to the government to have cost of crosswalk installation reimbursed.

MOTION #17-171 STONE/BLAKE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned to send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Works requesting to have the speed limit lowered near St. Francis School from the Old Canadian Tire Building to the Old Railway Crossing.

MOTION #17-172 TETFORD/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Request to address Council by Residents of Riverhead

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.

Mrs. Reynolds addressed Council with the concerns of the residents of Riverhead, Kelly's Lane, Cooper Corner Road and Fisherman's Road in particular. Mrs. Reynolds submitted pictures for council to view as she spoke. There are several items of concern in the area such as, ditches on Cooper Corner Road that are no longer being maintained, trees and shrubs are impeding traffic. Potholes are a safety concern. A culvert that was put in place has not been covered up. Only a small portion of the roads have received patching. Water and sewer services are not up to standard, a small line was installed 40/50 years ago. Mrs. Reynolds asked Council where these issues are in the Town's plan and requested an answer in a timely manner. Mrs. Reynolds advised that the residents appreciate anything that can be done to help.

Swimming Holes

Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence via email from a former resident who recently visited and was disappointed by the litter and broken glass near a local swimming hole. CAO to have the MEO inspect the area. Clr. Blake suggested that the recent funding that was announced for Tourism signage may be able to include signage for this area.

CORRESPONDENCE

Municipal Affairs Public Consultations	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from the Department of Municipal Affairs advising that public consultations on Regional Government are scheduled to start across the province, the consultation in Carbonear will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion on September 7, 2017 from 7:00pm - 9:30pm.
Eastern Regional Service	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Eastern Regional Service Board concerning the Waste Recovery Facility in Harbour Grace. Tires and shingles are being moved out. Clr. Tetford requested to have a weekly or biweekly report sent to keep the Town informed of the progress. Deputy Mayor Williams requested to have a letter sent so that it will be on record for the next Council. It was decided to hold off on the stop work order until the next meeting.
25 Victoria Street	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from the Kalynn Cameron concerning the future of 25 Victoria Street. Item was deferred to the Heritage and Redevelopment Committee to review and come back with direction.
9 th Annual Wooden Boat Conference	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from the Wooden Boat Conference requesting a donation. Deferred to Finance.
All Figured out	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from All Figured Out requesting a refund of a half the 2017 taxes due to the business closing. Deferred to Finance.
NL English School Board	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from the NL Eastern School District advising that the district wishes to remain impartial. For this reason and possible safety risks, signage for the upcoming elections may not be placed on school property.
Paul & Bev McCarthy	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Paul & Bev McCarthy thanking Pat Hearn and the maintenance crew for work on Glover Road. They also inquired if there were similar plans for Lee's Lane which in terrible condition. Council was advised that there have been some improvements since this letter was received.
Sexual Violence Awareness Week	Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from NL Sexual Assault Crisis and Prevention Centre requesting that the Town of Harbour Grace proclaim September 10 th - 16 th , 2017 as Sexual Violence Awareness Week. Clr. Blake requested to have the signing shared on the Town's Website and Social Media.

Motioned to proclaim September 10th - 16th, 2017 as Sexual Violence Awareness Week.

MOTION #17-173

TETFORD/STONE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

- Residents of Harvey Street & LeMarchant Street Correspondence from residents of Harvey Street and LeMarchant Street was deferred to a privileged meeting due to privacy concerns.
- 40 Fisherman's Road Mayor Barnes advised that the application to open an electrical Company at 40 Fisherman's Road is deferred until the applicant publishes a discretionary use ad in the local newspaper.
- Water St. Subdivision Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Mr. Tom Harris requesting approval in principle to construct an 11 unit subdivision on Water Street.
Motioned to approve in principle the application submitted by Mr. Tom Harris to construct an eleven (11) unit subdivision on Water Street.
MOTION #17-174 MCCARTHY/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMIOUSLY
- Terry Fox Donation Clr. Tetford tabled correspondence and invoice from Maureen Robinson, for the local Terry Fox Walk/Run. Clr. Tetford noted that any Councillors who would like to purchase a T-Shirt can contact the CAO.
- 15 Downing Street Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Wayne and Gail Downing requesting water/sewer tax relief for the vacant property located at 15 Downing Street. Deferred to Finance.
- Epilepsy NL Clr. Tetford tabled a donation request from Epilepsy NL.
Motioned to donate the same amount as previous years up to a maximum of \$50.00.
MOTION #17-175 TETFORD/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMIOUSLY
- 2012 Scholarship Fund Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from the Town of Carbonear concerning the balance of the 2012 scholarship fund. Carbonear has requested to have the remaining balance of the account split evenly and each Town would be responsible to administer their own scholarship.
Motioned accept the recommendation of the Town of Carbonear to have the remaining balance from the 2012 Summer Games split evenly between Harbour Grace and Carbonear, with each Town being responsible to administer their own scholarship.
MOTION #17-176 STONE/TETFORD CARRIED UNANIMIOUSLY
- 127 Lady Lake Road Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from John Payne concerning flooding at 127 Lady Lake Road. Public Works Superintendant met with the resident and is working towards a resolution.
- 48 Southside Road Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence including surveys from Mr. Keith Whalen. Council agreed to approve as per previous motion.

- 42 Kildare Road Mayor Barnes tabled a request from Ms. Faye Andrews requesting to have a street light installed on pole # 9574070 on Kildare Road. Public Works Superintendent to review.
- Stantec-DCHGCC Correspondence from Stantec was discussed at the meeting between Stantec Representatives and Council on September 6, 2017 at 7:00pm.
- NEW BUSINESS** No New Business

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Capital & Public Works Committee

- JCP Trails & Boardwalk Clr. Haire advised that there are two groups working on the JCP for the trails and the boardwalk. They are still looking for a contractor for the Train Station, this is a huge project.
- Thicket It was discussed to have the speed reduced in the Thicket, especially in the area of the playground. CAO to have this request included in the letter to be sent to the Department of Transportation and Works concerning the speed limit near St. Francis.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Fall Fair Student Admission Clr. Tetford advised that the Fall Fair is going to be held at the Danny Cleary Harbour Grace Community Centre this year from September 22nd - September 24th. There will be several attractions inside the building, admission will be \$5.00 per person.
- Motioned that the Town of Harbour Grace donate admission for each student at St. Francis School at a reduced rate of \$3.00 per student.
- MOTION #17-177 TETFORD/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

- David Pike-Building Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application for building permit from David requesting to construct a garage at 2 Noad.
- Motioned to approve the application submitted by David Pike to construct a garage at 2 Noad Street subject to:
1. All Town Development Standards.
- MOTION #17-178 MCCARTHY/STONE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Perry/Erskine-Building permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application for building permit from Crystal Perry and Cameron Erskine requesting to construct a house and garage at 361 Water Street.

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

Scott Cleary-Building Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application from Scott Cleary to construct a shed at 49 Cooper Corner Road.

Motioned to approve the application submitted by Scott Cleary to construct a shed at 49 Cooper Corner Road, subject to:

1. All Town Development Standards.

MOTION #17-184 MCCARTHY/STONE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Reynolds-Building Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application from Mark Reynolds to construct a shed at 24 Danny Cleary Drive.

Motioned to approve the application submitted by Mark Reynolds to construct a shed at 24 Danny Cleary Drive, subject to:

1. All Town Development Standards.

MOTION #17-185 MCCARTHY/STONE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dermott Sullivan-Bldg Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application from Dermott Sullivan to construct a shed at 149 Gully Path.

Motioned to approve the application submitted by Dermott Sullivan to construct a shed at 149 Gully Path, subject to:

1. All Town Development Standards.

MOTION #17-186 MCCARTHY/STONE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dennis O'Grady-Building Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application from Dennis & Stella O'Grady to construct a shed at 31 Water Street East.

Motioned to approve the application submitted by Dennis & Stella O'Grady to construct a shed at 31 Water Street East, subject to:

1. All Town Development Standards.
2. Buildings must be constructed behind the widest point of the property.

MOTION #17-187 MCCARTHY/HAIRE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sara Anderson-Building Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application from Sara Anderson to construct a house at 400 Southside Road.

Motioned to approve the application submitted by Sara Anderson to construct a house at 400 Southside Road, subject to:

1. Well approval by Service NL
2. All Town Development Standards

MOTION #17-188 MCCARTHY/HAIRE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM/HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Tourism Funding Clr Blake spoke about the announcement of \$187,000.00 in funding for Tourism and thanked MP Ken McDonald and MHA Pam Parsons for their work in securing the funding.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM/HERITAGE COMMITTEE

- Irish Exchange Clr. Blake commented on the success of the recent Irish exchange that saw 43 visitors from Ireland spend time in Harbour Grace. Only one event during their time in Town was held outside of Harbour Grace and all meals were in Town. The visit generated between \$5000 & \$6000 of revenue for business in Harbour Grace.
- Town Crier The Town Crier has been reinstated; the uniform and bell have been located and are under safe keeping.

HUMAN RESOURCES/PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

- Playground Equipment Deputy Mayor Williams requested that the approved playground equipment be ordered as soon as possible.
- CeeBees MHA Deputy Mayor Williams inquired about the status of the letter from Brian Donovan concerning ice time. DCHGCC Facility Manager has resolved the issue.
- Crystal's Way Deputy Mayor Williams requested to have the Crystal Young Sign erected in a formal manner as soon as possible.
- Motioned to rename the Crosbie Road Extension to "Crystal's Way" in appreciation of Crystal Young's accomplishments.
MOTION #17-189 WILLIAMS/TETFORD CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Senior Hockey Deputy Mayor Williams requested to have a letter sent to the CeeBees Stars expressing the Town's support.
- Motioned to send a letter to the CeeBees Stars expressing the Town's support.
MOTION #17-190 WILLIAMS/TETFORD CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Motioned that the Council of Harbour Grace write a letter to Jack Lee, President of Hockey NL, copied to the Board of Directors, and the media, expressing its displeasure with the way the HGOE CeeBee Stars have been treated and demanding an investigation into the actions and decisions of Pat Rose of the Conception Bay Blues, Ian Sullivan of the Southern Shore Breakers, Joe Maynard of the Northeast Eagles and Jack Casey of the St. John's Caps, who collectively, removed the HGOE CeeBees Stars from the Avalon East Senior Hockey League.
MOTION #17-191 BLAKE/STONE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FIRE DEPT. LIAISON

Clr. Blake advised that the Fire Department responded to 14 calls over the summer, three were medical assists and also grass fires. The department oversaw the July 1st fireworks and provided support at the Pirates to Pilots Festival. They have purchased a suburban from raised funds. Clr. Blake requested to have the Sea-Can that was purchased by the Fire Department painted at the same time as the Town's Sea-Can. The Social Club has been very active. A meeting is scheduled with the Fire Chief for Friday at 9:00am to discuss the findings of SNC Lavelin.

Deputy Mayor Williams congratulated HGVFB member Dave Regular on his recent 40th anniversary with the Harbour Grace Volunteer Fire Department.

COMMUNITY CENTRE LIAISON**DCHGCC**

Clr. Stone advised there have been two public consultations concerning the future/direction of the DCHGCC. The first was with adults and the second with youth that were employed during the summer. All of the information gathered has been passed along to the committee.

Sports Hall of Fame

Clr. Stone advised that the committee has met with the Sports Hall of Fame Committee and they looked at possible locations for the displays. There will be a recommendation at the next meeting.

CIVIC EVENTS LIAISON

Mayor Barnes advised that the seniors' card games have resumed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT No Report

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT Tabled

Clr. McCarthy advised that he reviewed the Public Works Superintendent's report and found that the cost estimate concerning the Town taking over Harvey Street may be overinflated in certain areas.

COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT Tabled

COUNCILLOR'S INFORMATION**Government Funding**

Clr. Stone thanked the federal and provincial governments on the recent press release announcing funding for Phase 4 of Harvey Street.

Clr. Stone congratulated Council for everything that has been accomplished in the last four years and wished Clr. McCarthy good luck.

COUNCILLOR'S INFORMATION

Deputy Mayor Williams stated that the stadium issues need to be done before the next election.

Mayor Barnes thanked Council and the residents for everything. A lot has been done in the last four years and there have been many accomplishments. Good Luck to all Candidates.

Adjournment

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

MOTION #17-194 STONE/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next scheduled regular meeting of Council is 7:30 P.M. September 20th, 2017.

Confirmed:

Terry Barnes, Mayor

Mike Saccary, CAO/Town Clerk

DATE:

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