

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town of Harbour Grace Council, held in the Town Hall,
September 21, 2017 at 7:35 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

Minutes:
Regular Meeting
September 6, 2017

Regular meeting minutes of September 6, 2017 were adopted as presented, with the following corrections:

1. Page 4 - 2012 Scholarship fund; Clr. Tetford requested that the office staff check to see if the "2012" is the correct year.
2. Page 7 - O'Grady Bldg Permit; should read **house** not shed.
3. Page 9 - HGVFB, Deputy Mayor Williams also requested to have a letter sent to Mr. Regular.
4. Page 9 - Gov. Funding; should be "funding for **roadwork in Harbour Grace**".
5. Page 10 - Clr. Tetford; "More has been done during **this** Council's term than was done..."
6. Page 10 - Farm Southside; "...direct him to approach **Council** with the MEO's findings."

MOTION #17-195 MCCARTHY/STONE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Crystal's Way

Deputy Mayor Williams advised that the official naming of Crystal's Way was postponed due to illness in the family and she will advise when it will go ahead.

CORRESPONDENCE

Crown Land Referral

Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Eastern Lands Office concerning a Crown Lands Referral on Line Road in Harbour Grace.

Motioned to complete the Town's portion of the Referral Agency Letter and return it to the Eastern Regional Lands Office.

MOTION #17-196 MCCARTHY/BLAKE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MNL-Registration Package

Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador containing registration information concerning the upcoming convention. Deferred until after the election.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Fire Prevention Week Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment, Fire Services Division concerning Fire Prevention Week. Deputy Mayor Williams informed Council the HGVFB is planning activities to coincide with Fire Prevention Week.
- Board of Directors Election Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Eastern Regional Service Board advising their election process for its Board of Directors. Deferred to next Council.
- 28th Annual TCP Telethon Clr. Tetford tabled a donation request from the Trinity Conception Placentia Health Foundation for the 28th Annual TCP Health Foundation Telethon.
- Motioned to donate the regular annual donation of \$500.00 to the Trinity Conception Placentia Health Foundation's Annual Telethon.
- MOTION #17-197 TETFORD/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- RNC Crime Prevention Guide Clr. Tetford tabled a donation request from the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Association. Clr. Tetford advised that Council will continue its support of the local RCMP Detachment.
- Tax Relief - Kildare Road Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Lydia Payne requesting property tax relief for her property at 21A Kildare Road. Clr. Tetford advised that the property is currently being charged the minimum tax and there is no policy in place to lower a resident's tax below the minimum.
- Speeding on Cochrane Street Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Jennifer & Darrin Hunt concerning speeding on Cochrane Street. Clr. Stone suggested that residents of Cochrane Street could be invited in to discuss the issue due to the fact that when a resident requests a speed bump, many other residents do not want these measures put in place. Clr. Blake requested that Council should have some input into the placement of speedbumps. CAO to have MEO investigate the situation and reply to Mr. & Mrs. Hunt as soon as possible.
- Play-A-While Playground Mayor Barnes tabled email correspondence from Jennifer Sullivan concerning the condition of Play-A-While Playground near St. Francis School. The CAO advised that the playground has been mowed, stingers removed and the teeter totter's broken parts replaced. Clr. Blake advised that this playground should be a priority in late August before school opens.

NEW BUSINESS

- DCHGCC Ice Slab Recommendation Motioned to accept the recommendation from Stantec concerning the Danny Cleary Harbour Grace Community Centre Ice Slab outlined in the letter dated September 21, 2017 as presented to Council with the following amendment: The holdback should be assigned to the roof until Pomerleau permanently resolves the leaks.

NEW BUSINESS

DCHGCC Ice Slab
Recommendation

MOTION #17-198**MCCARTHY/HAIRE CARRIED***In Favour**Mayor Barnes**Clr. Blake**Clr. Haire**Clr. McCarthy**Clr. Stone**Opposed**Deputy Mayor Williams**Clr. Tetford***COMMITTEE REPORTS****CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Asphalt

Clr. Haire advised that Public Works are having difficulty getting asphalt and are using recycled asphalt to patch holes. This is a slow process and the job is not getting done. Clr. Haire inquired if a motion was needed to get a contractor to complete the work. Clr. Tetford advised that while she is not certain what is in the budget, funds need to be found to have the work done before the frost sets in. Mayor Barnes advised that there are still funds available from the Gas Tax Fund. Clr. Blake requested to have the residents informed through Social Media and the Town's website that there is difficulty getting asphalt.

Motioned to direct the CAO to contact the Gas Tax Secretariat to release the funds to have the repairs completed.

MOTION #17-199**HAIRE/TETFORD CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Wooden Boat Conference

Clr. Tetford addressed correspondence from the Wooden Boat Conference that was deferred from the last meeting and advised that the deadline has passed.

All Figured out-Closing

Clr. Tetford addressed correspondence from All Figured Out advising that the business has closed and requesting tax relief. Clr. Tetford stated that this is administrative and requested that the CAO address the request.

15 Downing Street-Tax relief

Clr. Tetford addressed correspondence from the Wayne and Gail Downing requesting tax relief for 15 Downing Street. Clr. Tetford suggested having this item deferred until after the election and the resident can have an audience with the new Council.

Masonic Lodge - Donation

Clr. Tetford tabled a donation request from the Masonic Lodge.

Motioned to donate \$100.00 to the Masonic Lodge.

MOTION #17-200**TETFORD/HAIRE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

DCHGCC Signage Motioned to award the Danny Cleary Harbour Grace Community Centre Signage tender to Avalon Trimline with the condition that the work must be completed within 60 days barring inclement weather.
MOTION #17-201 TETFORD/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

David Lynch-Building Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application for building permit from David & Karen Lynch requesting to construct a new house and garage at 357 Harvey Street.

Motioned to approve the application submitted by David & Karen Lynch requesting to construct a new house and garage at 357 Harvey Street subject to:
1. All Town Development Standards.
MOTION #17-202 MCCARTHY/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Greenspar-Building Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application for building permit from Greenspar Ltd. requesting to enclose an existing loading dock at 125 Harvey Street.

Motioned to approve the application submitted by Greenspar Ltd. To enclose the existing loading dock at 125 Harvey Street subject to:
1. All Town Development Standards.
MOTION #17-203 MCCARTHY/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kim Gosse-Building Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application for building permit from Kim Gosse requesting to build a shed at 4 Noad Street.

Motioned to approve the application submitted by Kim Gosse to construct a shed at 4 Noad Street subject to:
1. All Town Development Standards
MOTION #17-204 MCCARTHY/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

John Hargreaves-Bldg Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application from John and Ruby Hargreaves requesting to construct a shed at 62 Woodville Road.

Motioned to approve the application submitted by John and Ruby Hargreaves requesting to construct a shed at 62 Woodville Road subject to:
1. All Town Development Standards
2. Pegs must be placed for MEO's inspection and approval.
MOTION #17-205 MCCARTHY/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

Bert Vokey-Building Permit Clr. McCarthy tabled an application for building permit from Bert and Sandra Vokey requesting to construct a house on 58 Kitchen's Hill.

Motioned to approve the application submitted by Bert and Sandra Vokey to construct a house at 58 Kitchen's Hill subject to:

1. All Town Development Standards
2. Pegs must be placed for MEO's inspection and approval.

MOTION #17-206 MCCARTHY/WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM/HERITAGE COMMITTEE

CeeBees Stars Motioned that the Town of Harbour Grace allow the CeeBees Stars Senior Hockey Team to use St. Francis Field for the "Chase the Ace" fundraiser on Sunday September 24th, 2017.

MOTION #17-207 BLAKE/STONE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HUMAN RESOURCES/PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

War Memorial Motioned to allow the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 15 to acquire the piece of property known as the War Memorial on Harvey Street located in front of Harbour Breeze. This will be similar to the agreement entered in to with S.W. Moores Memorial Park.

MOTION #17-208 WILLIAMS/BLAKE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FIRE DEPT. LIAISON

Clr. Blake advised that the Fire Department requires new Mr. & Mrs. Claus costumes.

COMMUNITY CENTRE LIAISON

Clr. Stone advised there is a proposal coming forward for the next Council meeting.

CIVIC EVENTS LIAISON

Mayor Barnes advised that the seniors' card games have resumed, Monday nights at the Fire Hall.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT Tabled

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT Tabled

COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT No Report

COUNCILLOR'S INFORMATION

Clr. McCarthy thanked all of the Town's employees for the tremendous amount of work that they do with a small staff.

COUNCILLOR'S INFORMATION

Clr. McCarthy mentioned that four years ago some members of Council chose not to attend the last meeting of their term and requested that all current members of Council attend the next Council meeting out of respect for the town.

Fall Fair

Clr. Tetford advised that the Annual Fall Fair is in town this week. They have received a good response from vendors with 22 tables. Clr. Tetford went on to say that next year is the 60th anniversary of the Fall Fair and the committee would like to see the ice pads in place.

Clr. Haire thanked Clr. McCarthy for the last four years and wished all candidates good luck.

DCHGCC

Clr. Blake advised that the Community Centre is living up to its name due to the wide variety of activities happening for residents of the area.

Deputy Mayor Williams remarked how nice it is to drive by and see the community centre all lit up. She hopes to the Fall Fair grow next year with the help of the ice pads.

Deputy Mayor Williams wished all candidates good luck and thanked everyone for the last four years.

Mayor Barnes stated that he would like to see all of Council attend the last meeting to see the new Council come forward.

Mayor Barnes spoke about the CeeBees stars being reinstated to the AESHL only to have the other four teams withdraw from the league. He hopes that the next mayor will stand behind the team as well.

iPads

Clr. Stone reminded everyone that the iPads issued to Councillors must be returned to the CAO.

Adjournment

Motioned to adjourn regular meeting of Council at 8:10 P.M.

MOTION #17-209 WILLIAMS/BLAKE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next regular meeting of Council will be scheduled to coincide with the transition of Councils.

Confirmed:

Terry Barnes, Mayor

Mike Saccary, CAO/Town Clerk

DATE:

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