

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town of Harbour Grace Council, held in the Town Hall,
November 6, 2018 at 7:01 PM.

<i>Members Present</i>	Mayor	Don Coombs
	Deputy Mayor	Sonia Williams
	Councillors:	Lyda Byrne
		Kathy Tetford
		Paul Fitzgerald
		Shawn Vaters
<i>Staff Present</i>	Kevin Williams	
	Michael Saccary	
	Nancy Pike	
	Pat Hearn	

Minutes: Regular meeting minutes of October 22, 2018 were adopted as presented.

Regular Meeting
October 22, 2018

MOTION #18-260 **CLR. VATERS/CLR. WILLIAMS**
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Farm Animals Update	Mayor Coombs advised that there have been no updates to present to Council.
Crown Land Update	Mayor Coombs advised that anything that the Town has received has been replied to and that the Town has not received anything further.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kiwanis Club of Carbonear	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Kiwanis Club of Carbonear requesting sponsorship for the 2019 Regional Music Festival. Referred to Finance.
Heritage NL	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Heritage NL inviting anyone with an interest in Harbour Grace's history, heritage and its future to attend the People, Places & Culture Workshop on November 10 at the Danny Cleary Harbour Grace Community Centre.
Royal Canadian Legion	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Royal Canadian Legion Branch #15 requesting a donation for their annual Poppy Campaign. Referred to Finance.
ICLEI, Climate Change Project	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Christine Schwantes, Climate Change Project Coordinator to attend the Livable Cities Forum on Thursday, November 15, 2018.
Carbonear Collegiate	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Carbonear Collegiate inviting Council to attend their annual Remembrance Day Assembly. Mayor Coombs advised that any members of Council are welcome to attend and asked anyone interested RSVP to Ms. Doyle at the school.
Splash Centre	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Maggie Snow, Executive Director of the Splash Centre requesting a meeting with Council. CAO to set up a meeting with Mrs. Snow.

CORRESPONDENCE

Conception Bay Museum Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Patrick Collins, Chair of the Conception Bay Regional Museum requesting the Town to renew their 2017 contribution. These funds are used to employ a curator. Referred to Finance.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Coombs commented on the event held to commemorate and celebrate the Immaculate Conception Church, thanking Councillors for taking time to attend and congratulating Mrs. Lee, Mr. Rose, and Mr. Blackmore for organizing the event. Mayor Coombs remarked that it was a great day for the Town of Harbour Grace and noted that Mr. Flynn and Ms. O'Reilly look forward to working with the Council.

Mayor Coombs advised that Mr. Crocker revealed that the province has requested expressions of interest for the Court House.

Mayor Coombs met with the Local RCMP Detachment Commander and the Provincial Commander. It was requested to have a meeting with Council, there is a need for more resources in the area. Mayor Coombs feels that more police presence would help.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE No report

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Kiwanis Club of Carbonear Clr. Tetford deferred the request submitted by the Kiwanis Club of Carbonear for sponsorship, the request will be included in 2019 budget.

Museum Wage Subsidy Clr. Tetford deferred the request submitted by the Conception Bay Regional Museum until the 2019 budget is complete.

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

117 Lady Lake Rd-Bldg. App Motioned to approve the application for building permit as submitted by Ed & Ruby Murphy to construct a 28' x 34' residential dwelling located at 117 Lady Lake Road subject to:

1. All Town Development Standards

**MOTION #18-261 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. VATERS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

200 Harvey St-Bldg App Motioned to approve the application for building permit as submitted by Mr. William Smith to construct a 16' x 10' shed located at 200 Harvey Street subject to:

1. All Town Development Standards.

**MOTION #18-262 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. VATERS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

16 Mt Pleasant Rd - Bldg. App Motioned to approve the application for building permit as submitted by Mr. John Pike to construct a 24' x 16' shed located at 16 Mount Pleasant Road subject to:

1. All Town Development Standards.

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

16 Mt Pleasant Rd - Bldg. App **MOTION #18-263** **DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. VATERS**
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

59 Water St - Bldg. App Motioned to approve the business application as submitted by Mr. Tom Lambert and Mrs. Paula Young to operate a soup and sandwich diner located at 59 Water Street subject to:

1. All Town Development Standards.
2. Applicant obtaining all necessary permits and/or licences required by Government Agencies.

MOTION #18-264 **DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. VATERS**
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM/HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Clr. Williams advised Council that the Heritage and Redevelopment Committee met with Mayor Coombs, the CAO, EDO and himself to bring Council up to date. There was some discussion on the committee's role and authority when applying for and spending grants. Mayor Coombs advised that the CAO is to attend all of the committee's meetings, all grants will go through the EDO, the committee must obtain approval for any and all expenditures, and that all decisions made will be done through Council.

HUMAN RESOURCES/PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE No report

FIRE DEPT. LIAISON Deputy Mayor Williams spoke about the bonfire held on Thicket Road and questioned why nothing was done when it had been reported to the Council office. A lengthy discussion followed about the content of the debris being burned, size of the pile, danger to nearby residences (from the fire & toxins emitted) and the possibility of a ban on open fires. Mayor Coombs would like the current regulations reviewed and requested the Deputy Mayor meet with the Fire Brigade about the possibility of issuing permits which would allow for an explanation to be given to applicants of what is and is not able to be burned.

The Fire Brigade held its Annual Fire Fighter's Ball on November 3, 2018 celebrating their 188th year. Bill Ryan and Ray Verge were recognized for 25 years of service. Brian Dwyer, Dave Earle, Dave Green and Doug Taylor were recognized for 20 years of service.

The Annual Santa Claus Parade is scheduled for December 1, 2018. Council is invited to attend breakfast at Kay's on Parade Day at 7:00am.

COMMUNITY CENTRE LIAISON Tabled

CIVIC EVENTS LIAISON Clr. Vaters thanked the committee for hosting the annual bonfire and announced that the annual Tree Lighting will take place on December 2nd, 2018 at 6:30pm.

JOINT COUNCIL LIAISON Clr. Williams advised that the last meeting of the Joint Council took place on October 25. The RCMP noted that there have been 215 recent calls in the Harbour Grace area with 2889 year to date. There has been no spike in calls

JOINT COUNCIL LIAISON due to cannabis. The Veteran’s Memorial Highway is closed for upgrades from Monday to Friday. Brad Power reminded communities to complete the attractions package. The package for Harbour Grace is done, Clr. Williams congratulated Matthew McCarthy on his work completing the package. There was discussion on plans to have an express train travelling to and from St. John’s.

CAO/TOWN CLERK REPORT Tabled
The interim audit started on Monday.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT Tabled
2019 Celebrate Canada funding has been applied for. Heritage NL’s workshop is Saturday November 10, 2018 at the DCHGCC.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT Tabled

COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER’S REPORT Tabled

MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT Tabled

COUNCILLOR’S SUGGESTIONS/CONCERNS

Email Clr. Byrne advised that she is not receiving emails on her Town account, the CAO asked her to call in for assistance. Deputy Mayor Williams advised that she has not been able to send emails from her account for over 6 months.

Paving Deputy Mayor Williams inquired about the paving of Dove’s Road and Stevenson’s Road. The drain that was across the road is gone and water is holding up on both sides of the road and now running onto other properties. If committing to doing a road, it should be done completely. The Public Works Superintendent advised that all scheduled work has been completed with the exception of Verge’s Road.

Miss NL Pageant Clr. Tetford spoke about the recent Miss Newfoundland and Labrador Pageant and how it has become much more than a beauty pageant. The contestants are fine outstanding women whose intelligence and presentation made it very difficult to pick a winner. Tammy Oliver-Snook was crowned the 60th Miss Newfoundland and Labrador. MHA Pam Parsons who was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening has invited the committee to be introduced at the House of Assembly for their promotion of young women.

Bonfire Clr. Williams advised that he attended the Town bonfire with his family and that he was approached by a resident about the bonfire in the Thicket. He was not aware of the situation and suggested that they call the fire department. The conversation escalated and Clr. Williams did not like the manner in which the conversation took place. Mayor Coombs stated that Councillors should not be talked to in that manner.

Parson’s Road Clr. Williams asked for clarification on the signage for Parson’s Road. It was his understanding that it was to be one-way traffic. CAO to check with the RCMP to clarify the wording on the sign.

Service Award Mayor Coombs presented Clr. Tetford with an award from Municipal Affairs recognizing her for 12 years of service as a Councillor and a Deputy Mayor.

Adjournment Motioned to adjourn regular meeting of Council at 7:50 PM.

**MOTION #18-265 CLR. VATERS/CLR. BYRNE
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Next regular meeting of Council is Monday November 19th, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Confirmed:

Don Coombs, Mayor

DATE:

Np

Mike Saccary, CAO/Town Clerk

Regular Meeting of Council reopened at 8:45 PM.

Tom & Bridget Rose

Council requested the CAO to write letter to Mr. & Mrs. Rose advising them that their issue with Mr. Tom Harris was addressed by Council and that Mr. and Mrs. Rose must deal with Mr. Harris themselves.

Union Negotiations

Motioned to accept the counter union proposal of the Danny Cleary Harbour Grace Community Centre as recommended by the Council Negotiating Committee.

**MOTION #18-266 CLR. TETFORD/CLR. VATERS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Crown Land-Water St.

Motioned to reject the application as submitted by Mr. Ross Green to purchase Crown Land on Water Street, between the Tourist Chalet and the Otterbury Schoolhouse. The Town of Harbour Grace wishes to purchase the land for future tourism development.

**MOTION #18-267 CLR. BYRNE/CLR. TETFORD
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Cabins

Motioned to advise Mr. Raymond Mercer that he has 30 days to remove the cabin built in the Town of Harbour Grace water shed area. No permits were issued for this cabin to be erected on this site.

**MOTION #18-268 CLR. VATERS/CLR. BYRNE
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motioned to advise Mr. Tom Rose and Mr. David Humber that they have 30 days to remove the cabin built in the Town of Harbour Grace water shed area. No permits were issued for this cabin to be erected on this site.

**MOTION #18-269 CLR. VATERS/CLR. BYRNE
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Private Burial Site

Motioned to write a letter to Mr. Douglas Moores, representing Mr. Patrick G. McCormick, property owner at Bristol's Hope that Council is not able to give direction to allow or disallow a private burial/interment site on his land in Bristol's Hope.

**MOTION #18-270 CLR. VATERS/CLR. TETFORD
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Pro Shop Motioned to accept the business proposal from Mercer’s Elite Sports to operate a pro shop/skate sharpening operation at the Danny Cleary Harbour Grace Community Centre.

**MOTION #18-271 CLR. TETFORD/CLR. BYRNE
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Adjournment Motioned to adjourn regular meeting of Council at 9:00 PM.

**MOTION #18-272 CLR. VATERS/CLR. TETFORD
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Confirmed:

Don Coombs, Mayor
DATE:

Mike Saccary, CAO/Town Clerk