

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town of Harbour Grace Council, held in the Town Hall,
March 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

<i>Members Present</i>	Mayor	Don Coombs
	Deputy Mayor	Sonia Williams
	Councillors:	Kathy Tetford
		Shawn Vaters
<i>Members Absent</i>	Councillors:	Kevin Williams
		Lyda Byrne
		Paul Fitzgerald
<i>Staff Present</i>	CAO/Town Clerk	Michael Saccary
	Admin Assistant-A/R Clerk	Nancy Pike

Mayor Coombs called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes:
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2019

Regular meeting minutes of March 11, 2019 were adopted with the following errors, omissions and/or amendments:

1. Page 2 – Tom and Bridget Rose; Clr. Tetford noted that the meeting was open to all Councillors.

**MOTION #19-062 CLR. VATERS/CLR. TETFORD
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

RCMP PRESENTATION

Mayor Coombs welcomed Staff Sergeant Greg Hicks to the Council Meeting and thanked him for his support to the Town of Harbour Grace and its citizens. Staff Sgt. Hicks presented Council with a certificate of appreciation recognizing the Town's ongoing efforts to support the Harbour Grace RCMP's community policing efforts in the region. Staff Sgt. Hicks thanked the Town for all of their support of the detachment and specifically noted the Town's annual support of the RCMP Children's Wish Tree and the Charity High School hockey games.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Gas Tax-Renovations	Mayor Coombs asked the CAO if he inquired about using some gas tax funds to extend the Council Chambers. The CAO spoke with the gas tax secretariat and was informed that the money cannot be used for renovations unless they would be renovations making the building more energy efficient. Mayor Coombs suggested that the Town should explore any opportunities that may be available to expand the Council Chambers.
Meeting Re: Kitchen's Hill	Mayor Coombs asked for an update on the meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Rose and the Town's engineers. The CAO advised that the meeting took place on Friday March 22 at the DCHGCC. In attendance were Mr. & Mrs. Rose, three councillors and two representatives from Harris and Associates and the CAO. The purpose of the meeting was to give The Roses' a better understanding of the drawings, why it was done the way it was done and the accuracy of the drawings. Clr. Tetford suggested in future to hold a Town Hall meeting to show residents the proposed drawings of work to allow them to bring forward any concerns before the project actually starts.

CORRESPONDENCE

Fire and Emergency Services Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Fire and Emergency Services announcing the dates and location for the 2019 Fire and Emergency Services Training School. Mayor Coombs asked to have this information passed along to the Fire Department, Deputy Mayor Williams advised the department is aware.

Indoor Playground-DCHGCC Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Ms. Kristen Penney requesting the Town to consider adding an indoor playground to the Danny Cleary Community Centre. Referred to Parks and Recreation.

Clr. Tetford advised Council that she has had requests asking Council to look into a water park for children and noted that the Town would need to check with its insurance on liability and then see if there is money available to move forward or prepare for a water park. Referred to Parks and Recreation.

Easter Seals Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Easter Seals of Newfoundland and Labrador requesting a donation in support of their programs and services for persons of all ages with all disabilities. Referred to Finance.

70th Year of Confederation Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Gary Oliver of the Newfoundland Herald inviting the Town of Harbour Grace to participate in the celebration of Newfoundland’s 70th year of confederation by placing an ad in the Newfoundland Premiers Issue. Referred to Finance.

Volunteer Week 2019 Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Community Sector Council of Newfoundland and Labrador inviting the Town of Harbour Grace to make a proclamation recognizing April 7 – 13 as Volunteer Week. The Volunteer reception for the Town of Harbour Grace is set for Wednesday April 10th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Fire Hall.

Motioned to proclaim April 7th to April 13th, 2019 as Volunteer Week in the Town of Harbour Grace.

**MOTION #19-063 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. TETFORD
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE No report

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting Clr. Tetford advised that they are meeting with a resident on Thursday morning who requested a meeting at the last Council Meeting.

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

708 Harvey St.-Bldg App Motioned to approve in principle the application for building permit as submitted by Gerald Coombs and Kim McGrath to construct a 32’ x 20’ garage located at 708 Harvey Street subject to all Town Development Standards.

**MOTION #19-064 CLR. VATERS/CLR. WILLIAMS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

700 Harvey St-Bldg App Motioned to approve in principle the application for building permit as submitted by John and Madonna Kavanaugh to construct a 47’ x 46’ residential dwelling located at 700-706 Harvey Street subject to all Town Development Standards.

**MOTION #19-065 CLR. VATERS/CLR. WILLIAMS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE No report

TOURISM & HERITAGE COMMITTEE No report

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE No report

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Visitor Enhancement Project Motioned to advertise for hire under the Visitor Enhancement Project; one (1) foreman and eight (8) labourers for twelve (12) weeks related to the trail construction and landscaping.

**MOTION #19-066 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. VATERS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Railbed Trail Motioned to have the Economic Development Officer contact Greenleaf to complete the final report for the proposed railbed trail.

**MOTION #19-067 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. VATERS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Panel Boards Motioned to seek pricing and design in providing story boards located at Cathedral Street, Water Street, Bear’s Cove Trail, the Train Station and all information centres.

**MOTION #19-068 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. VATERS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Walking Trail Parking Motioned to have the Public Works Superintendent to look at the area near the walking trail near the brook on the west side of Water Street, there is an area that can be used for perpendicular parking in the area.

**MOTION #19-069 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. VATERS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Walking Trail Signage Motioned to replace the signs on the walking trail and place cameras in the area.

**MOTION #19-070 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. VATERS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Sports Hall of Fame Deputy Mayor Williams noted that the deadline for nominations for the athletic banquet is Friday March 29 and the banquet will be held at the stadium on May 23rd, 2019.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LIAISON

Deputy Mayor Williams noted that the school for Fire Fighters is in Clarendville from May 21st to May 25th and it is an application process which allows all Fire Fighters the opportunity to apply for any courses offered depending on their eligibility. Deputy Mayor Williams noted that the steak and eggs breakfast was a tremendous success and sold out. The charity dart

COUNCILLOR'S SUGGESTIONS/CONCERNS

- Softball Field Tender Deputy Mayor Williams asked if the tenders for the work to be done at the softball field had gone out. The CAO advised that they did not, the garbage collection tenders had to be redone from scratch along with staff absence caused a heavier than normal work load. He plans to get it done this week.
- Volunteer Luncheon Deputy Mayor Williams reminded everyone about the volunteer luncheon on Wednesday April 10th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Firehall.
- Ambulance Services Clr. Tetford is concerned about the base for the ambulance leaving Harbour Grace and would like to write Minister Haggie to voice the Town's concerns. Deputy Mayor Williams asked if she would be in conflict.

Deputy Mayor Williams left chambers at 7:30pm.

Motioned to email Minister Haggie and copy MHA Pam Parsons to ask the what is the status for April 6th, 2019 with regard to ambulance service in Harbour Grace and surrounding area.

**MOTION #19-072 CLR. TETFORD/CLR. WILLIAMS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Deputy Mayor Williams returned to chambers at 7:32pm.

- Adjournment Motioned to adjourn regular meeting of Council at 7:32 PM.
- MOTION #19-073 CLR. TETFORD/CLR. WILLIAMS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Next regular meeting of Council is Monday April 8th, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Confirmed:

Don Coombs, Mayor

DATE:

Np

Mike Saccary, CAO/Town Clerk