

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town of Harbour Grace Council, held in the Town Hall,
January 20th, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

<i>Members Present</i>	Mayor	Don Coombs
	Deputy Mayor	Sonia Williams
	Councillors:	Lyda Byrne
		Paul Fitzgerald
Shawn Vaters		
	Kevin Williams	
<i>Members Absent</i>		Kathy Tetford
<i>Staff Present</i>	Acting Town Clerk	Sean O'Brien
	Admin. Assistant-A/R Clerk	Nancy Pike
	Public Works Superintendent	Pat Hearn

Mayor Coombs called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Minutes: Regular meeting minutes of January 7th, 2020 were adopted as presented:
Regular Meeting
January 7, 2020

**MOTION #20-214 CLR. BYRNE/CLR. VATERS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Town Clerk Motioned to appoint Mr. Sean O'Brien as the acting Town Clerk.
**MOTION #20-215 CLR. VATERS/CLR. BYRNE
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Moment of Silence Mayor Coombs held a moment of silence for Harbour Grace residents, Mr. Albert (Bud) Chafe and Mr. Rupert Crocker who passed away during the recent storm.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Come Home Year Itinerary Mayor Coombs asked if anyone had an update on the Come Home Year activities.
Motioned to have information on the Come Home Year Itinerary for the next meeting of Council.
**MOTION #20-216 CLR. WILLIAMS/CLR. VATERS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Donation Policy There has not been a meeting to discuss the donation policy.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dept. of Municipal Affairs Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Municipal Affairs replying to Council's request to defer the Budget until January 20, 2020.
Motioned to contact the Department of Municipal Affairs to request to have the budget submission date extended to February 28, 2020.
**MOTION #20-217 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. VATERS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Public Health Agency of Canada Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Public Health Agency of Canada asking for help from municipalities to raise awareness about "The Chief Public Health Officer's Report on the State of Public Health in Canada 2019: Addressing Stigma: Towards a More Inclusive Health System".

Poseidon Swim Club Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Poseidon Swim Club announcing its 24th Annual Swim for Hope in support of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre. Mayor Coombs encouraged any available Councillors to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

- TAW Local Union 855 Mayor Coombs tabled a petition from Transport and Allied Workers Local Union 855 to address workplace issues for PCPs and EMRs.
Motioned to place the petition at the front counter of the Council Office and notify the public of its availability, if anyone wishes to sign it.
**MOTION #20-218 CLR. BYRNE/CLR. WILLIAMS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Kids Help Phone Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Kids Help Phone thanking Council for the recent donation.
- Ms. Susan Pike Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Ms. Susan Pike requesting to have Kelly's Lane added/returned to the Town's snow clearing list. Referred to Public Works to review and bring back a recommendation to Council.
- Mr. Jack Rose Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Mr. Jack Rose, Harbour Grace Board of Innovation, Culture and Business, requesting a letter of support concerning the restoration of the Kyle. Mayor Coombs advised that as was discussed at the last meeting the Kyle is owned by the Provincial Government and until they give approval, nothing can be done.
- Ms. Joy French-Coleman Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Ms. Joy French-Coleman requesting that the Town recognize the C.L.B. in conjunction with the Town's upcoming 75th Anniversary of incorporation. Clr. Byrne noted that the Sea Cadets [RCSCC 32 Beothic] is also a long time organization in Town who regularly help with Town events.
Motioned to refer the request by Ms. Joy French-Coleman to recognise the C.L.B., including RCSCC 32 Beothic to the Park and Recreation Committee to review and bring back a recommendation to Council.
**MOTION #20-219 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. VATERS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

COMMITTEE REPORTS**CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

- Clr. Fitzgerald thanked the Public Works Crews for going above and beyond during the past few days in adverse weather conditions, not only for clearing the roads but also responding to emergencies. Crews will be closing sections of roads during the coming days to widen and remove snow. Residents are asked to monitor the Town's website, Social Media and posted notices for updates.
- Outfall Collapse Clr. Fitzgerald advised that one of the Town's main outfalls collapsed, but while it has been temporarily fixed, a permanent repair must be in place before the start of the fishing season in early April.
Motioned to request a meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment, Derrick Bragg, along with MP Ken McDonald and MHA Pam Parsons to seek permission to repair the outfall to its original state and to seek funding to perform the repairs.
**MOTION #20-220 CLR. FITZGERALD/CLR. VATERS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Capital Works Clr. Fitzgerald said that he wanted to clear up any confusion about the Town's Capital Works Application and noted that it has been sent and has been received by Government.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Swim for Hope Motioned to donate \$50.00 to the Swim for Hope hosted by the Poseidon Swim Club.
**MOTION #20-221 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. BYRNE
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

Main Road, Bristol's Hope Motioned to approve in principle, the application for building permit as submitted by John O'Keefe to construct a 50' x 30' house and garage located on Main Road in Bristol's Hope subject to:

1. All Town Development Standards
2. Applicant must follow all Government regulations
3. Well and Septic Approval from Service NL
4. Driveway Access Approval by Transportation and Works
5. The house must be constructed before the garage.

**MOTION #20-222 CLR. VATERS/CLR. BYRNE
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE No report

TOURISM & HERITAGE COMMITTEE No report

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE No report

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Williams spoke about the motion to have applications for funding submitted and asked to ensure that they are being completed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LIAISON

Deputy Mayor Williams advised that it has been a stressful few days, with the Fire Department receiving five calls in five days, two of these were fatalities. The Fire Brigade doesn't normally get calls for codes, but they received two and members responded on Skidoos and quads due to the poor road conditions but were still able to get to the scene in 45 minutes. The brigade assisted with an injured worker on a vessel and also attended the wake and funeral for Mrs. Pauline Snow. Mayor Coombs extended gratitude to the Fire Brigade for all that they do, especially in these trying times.

COMMUNITY CENTRE LIAISON No report

CIVIC EVENTS LIAISON

Clr. Fitzgerald informed Council that the Civic Events Committee has set the dates for the Winter Carnival; the Carnival will take place from Saturday, February 15, 2020 to Sunday, February 23, 2020. Details to follow as they become available. Mayor Coombs asked for a schedule of events to be made available for Councillors as they may be able to offer ideas and support.

JOINT COUNCIL LIAISON No report

HARBOUR GRACE BCIB No report

CAO/TOWN CLERK REPORT No report

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT Tabled

Mayor Coombs advised that applications for funding should go through Council first.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT Tabled

Mayor Coombs noted that the Public Works Crews have been doing their best to clear the roads during and after the recent storm, he asks that residents remain patient as clean up is ongoing and will take time. The Town responded to some medical emergencies and also was down a piece equipment during the height of the storm.

DANNY CLEARY HARBOUR GRACE COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER’S REPORT

Tabled

Deputy Mayor Williams commented on the number of calls that she has received concerning the situation with the mic at the last CeeBee Stars game, where Dawson Mercer was recognized for his recent Gold Medal win at the World Juniors. Deputy Mayor Williams stated that someone needs to be responsible for the equipment being used and she also felt that the Town should have been notified about the plans for the opening ceremonies earlier than 4:00pm and any events that are happening in Town. She asked that a follow up be done with the Facility Manager concerning the equipment. Mayor Coombs remarked that he was embarrassed and also for the Mercer’s due to the malfunction of the mic. He was also unhappy that items [red carpet] were brought in the facility from outside without the Town’s consent or knowledge. The Community Centre does have its own carpet in the facility.

MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT

No report

COUNCILLOR’S SUGGESTIONS/CONCERNS

- Snow Clearing Clr. Byrne advised Council that she received a call from a resident concerning her neighbour hiring a contractor who blew all of the snow [from the neighbour] onto her fence and garbage box. Clr. Byrne said that the resident wondered if the Town could send a letter. Deferred to privileged meeting.
- CBC Interview Clr. Byrne remarked on the wonderful interview Mayor Coombs gave on CBC Radio about the losses of the Chafe and Crocker families during the storm.
- Public Works Deputy Mayor Williams thanked Mr. Pat Hearn and his crew on the exceptional job they have done over the last few days and asked Mr. Hearn to pass this along to his employees. She understands the concerns that residents have but also understands what Public Works had to face and continues to deal with. The workers have helped emergency crews get to scenes that they could not have reached otherwise.
- CBC Interview Deputy Mayor Williams also commended Mayor Coombs on his interview with CBC.
- Adjournment Motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 7:35 P.M.
MOTION #20-223 CLR. WILLIAMS/CLR. VATERS
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next regular meeting of Council is Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Confirmed:

Don Coombs, Mayor

Sean O’Brien, Acting Town Clerk

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