

Harvey Rural Community Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Harvey HMCC

Date: October 11, 2023

**Present: Mayor Corey, Deputy Mayor McLean, Councillors Chessie, Pepin, Little and Chase.
CAO/Clerk, Katherine Henry and Assistant Clerk Morgan Kotsovos.**

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Corey.
Adoption of the Agenda - The MOTION was made by Councillor Chase to adopt the Agenda. Seconded by Councillor Little. MOTION carried.
2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes - Council Meeting September 13th and September 25th CIC Meeting. **MOTION made by Councillor Little to approve the September 13th Council Meeting minutes and September 25th CIC Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Councillor Pepin. MOTION carried.**
3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest - None to report.
4. Public Input (15 min max) - None to report.
5. Presentation – Harvey High School Principal, Jeremy MacIver, presented to Council about the activities at the School. Mr. MacIver expressed an interest in collaborating with the Community on some items that would benefit the Community and the School. Mr. MacIver has recently reintroduced a variety of skilled trades in the school and the school is budgeting to ensure there is a variety of skilled trades for all. Digital Tech activities is another area that Mr. MacIver would like to see more of in the High School and is trying to revamp old computer labs, cnc routers, sewing machines and some robotics. Mr. MacIver’s focus is to provide opportunities for young people to try a new skill and to see if this is truly of interest to them. A large project would be to have the students construct a covered picnic area for families when they attend the community library and for students to have an outdoor classroom space. For this project the school is looking for funding support from the Community. Mayor Corey asked for a formal request for this funding to be provided to the CAO. Mr. MacIver discussed the importance of a crosswalk at the school to ensure safety for students when leaving for lunch or when walking to and from school. Council thanked Mr. MacIver for his presentation and look forward to collaborating in the future.
6. Correspondence – None to report
7. Mayor’s Comment- This month my municipal activities
 - Mayor Corey attended a meeting with the Honorable Richard Ames who is our MLA and the current Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, at his request. Mr. Ames was

accompanied by his Executive Assistants Blaine Nasson and Dustin Brownlow. The Deputy Mayor and the CAO also participated in the meeting.

- Mayor Corey met with Travis Webber, the new CEO of Kings Landing, to discuss opportunities for community support and collaborations. Mr. Webber will attend a Council meeting to discuss the new Strategic Plan for Kings Landing in the future.
- Mayor Corey had an inquiry from a concerned citizen regarding water levels on Harvey Lake. Mayor Corey contacted Natural Resources and Energy Development NB to discuss the process.
- Mayor Corey, Council and staff attended a Public Meeting at Kelly Farms. This was a very productive and enjoyable evening of discussion with Citizens.
- Mayor Corey attended a CRSC Board meeting.

8. Comments by Members of Council –

Ward 1 – Councillor Chase - Attended the last ACWA Hall Breakfast on September 30th. On Monday, October 9th Councillor Chase assisted in serving a Thanksgiving dinner at the St. Clements Church Hall. Councillor Chase reported receiving a call from residents regarding the lakes and water levels and who they can contact regarding these issues. Councillor Chase also has some residents raised concern about use of property in his area.

Ward 2 – Deputy Mayor McLean – Reported he had some conversations with residents who live on Harris Loop Road regarding their garbage not being collected. Deputy Mayor MacLean also reported this issue has been resolved. Tweedside Road is looking great and the work that has been done looks good. Deputy Mayor McLean suggested that private road owners need to do tree and bush trimming to ensure the fire trucks can reach their homes.

Ward 3 – Councillor Pepin reported the Community Development Committee through the RSC will be having another meeting in November. Councillor Pepin requested that more promotion of the event community calendar be done. Councillor Pepin stated there will be the third year UNB nursing students in the community until December. A Facebook post will be made regarding this information.

Ward 4 – Councillor Chessie discussed he enjoyed the Public Meeting and there was great conversation and thanked all who attended. Councillor Chessie has received some inquiries regarding highspeed internet within the rural communities. Councillor Chessie has also received some concerns regarding the vacant park and ride site and the garbage on that land.

Councillor at Large - Councillor Little relayed some concerns from a hauler regarding solid waste collection and a needing a bag limit. This will be discussed with the Solid Waste By-law approval.

9. CAO Updates

- a) Community Investment Fund - Tweedside – The CAO announced the the grant was received and that all windows and doors have been ordered. Delivery should be within the next couple of weeks. The completion of the job will be by end of year.
- b) Work Plan – The CAO presented the updated workplan and the events that have been moving forward and completed.
- c) Policy 2023-06 Recognitions in the Community – The CAO asked Council for an approval of the policy as presented. **The MOTION to approve Policy 2023-06 was made by Councillor Chase and seconded by Councillor Chessie. Amendments were recommended to the policy. The MOTION was amended to approve the policy as presented with the proposed changes made. MOTION carried.**
- d) Policy 2023-07 Compensation for Committee Members – The CAO asked Council for an approval of the policy 2023-07. **MOTION to approve the Policy 2023-07 was made by Councillor Chessie and seconded by Councillor Pepin. MOTION carried.**
- e) Policy 2023-04 Community Grants - The CAO asked Council for approval of the Policy 2023-08 Community Grants. **MOTION to adopt the Policy 2023-04 Community Grants made by Councillor Chessie. Seconded by Councillor McLean. MOTION Carried.**
- f) Dry Hydrants Contract - The CAO reported that the Dry Hydrants are on schedule and K-Line is moving forward with all three locations. The CAO stated that Harvey Rural Community received approval of the hydrant project from the provincial government.
- g) Budget Development Update- The CAO stated the budget updates were just released. The property assessment of our community increased by \$57,629,550 from a combination of increase value of existing properties and new homes being built.

10. Committee Reports

- a) Shop Local - Councillor Pepin a date has been confirmed for October 26th with 10 Local Businesses who wish to participate.
- b) EMO – Councillor MacLean stated the next meeting will be on October 12th the Fire Chief Jared Swan will be attending along with Regional EM Coordinator Regional 11 Daniel Dekleva.
- c) HAF - A meeting schedule will be resent out to Council to confirm a date.

11. Business Arising

- a) Solid Waste Collection and Disposal By-Law 2023-09 – Third Reading. **MOTION to read the By-Law 2023-09 Solid Waste Collection and Disposal By-Law made by Councillor Chessie. Seconded by Councillor Little. MOTION carried. MOTION to adopt the By-Law as read 2023-09 Solid Waste Collection and Disposal made by Councillor Chessie. Seconded by Councillor Pepin. MOTION to approve the amendments MOTION made by Councillor Chessie. Seconded by Councillor Pepin. MOTION carried.**

- b) Animal Control By-Law 2023-10 - First reading by title. **MOTION to request the reading of the Animal Control By-Law 2023-10 by Title Councillor Chessie. Seconded by Councillor Little. MOTION carried.**
- c) Council Report on Mission, Vision and Values draft – Mayor Corey read with Council the Mission, Vision and Values. **A MOTION was made to accept the Mission, Vision and Values made by Councillor Chessie. Seconded by Councillor Pepin. MOTION to approve the amendments made by Councillor Chessie. Seconded by Councillor Pepin. MOTION carried.**
- d) Lakeland Industries Board of Director Membership - Mayor Corey asked if a member of Council would like to join the committee as he has been unable to attend meetings.
- e) Recreation / Community Coordinator – The CAO presented an updated job description and included social media to be a responsibility. The request was to review this job description as it will have an impact on the 2024 budget if approved.

12. New Business

- a) Crosswalks – The subject of crosswalks was discussed for two locations: elementary school and high school. A document about Crosswalk installation from the GNB website was provided along with a cost estimate for a solar powered flashing light crosswalk marker posts. The high school should have the sidewalk extended to the crosswalk location before it can be safely used. The suggestion was made to investigate the use of CCBF grant money for this.
- b) Recreation Committee formation – Mayor Corey suggested to Council the agenda item 13(b) be tabled until November Council meeting. **MOTION to table agenda item 13 (b) made by Councillor Chessie. Seconded Councillor Little. MOTION carried.**
- c) Meeting Schedule for 2024 Budget Creation – Mayor Corey suggested moving our next Council in Committee meeting to allow for our first Budget Review meeting.
- d) Closed Session Under Section 68(1)(d) of the *Local Governance Act*. **MOTION to proceed to a closed session under section 68(1) (d) of the Local Governance Act. Made by Councillor Chessie. Seconded by Councillor Pepin. MOTION carried. MOTION to come out of closed session under section 68(1) (d) of the Local Governance Act made by Councillor Little. Seconded by Councillor Pepin. MOTION carried.**

13. Financial Reports

- a) Bank Balance Report – The CAO presented the current bank balances in the Community accounts. The CAO requested approval to obtain another Visa card for the office with a limit of three thousand dollars. **MOTION to approve a three-thousand-dollar Visa card was made by Councillor Pepin and seconded by Councillor Little. MOTION carried.**
- b) Transaction reports – The CAO presented the list of transactions through our General

Operating bank account.

- c) Income Statement – The CAO presented the Income Statement for the year to date showing actual expenditures against the budget. Some 4th quarter invoices have not been received but there seems to be available funds to complete the year. Expenditures related to Community Halls need to be considered for this year. **MOTION to approve the financial reports was made by Councillor Chessie and seconded by Councillor Chase. MOTION carried.**

14. Upcoming Activities – Fiddle Celebration – NO current date.

15. Budget Meeting October 23 @ 7pm – HMCC

16. Motion for Adjournment - **MOVED BY Councillor Chase to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councillor Little. MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Kotsovos
Assistant Clerk

Richard Corey
Mayor

Katherine Henry
CAO/Clerk