

Harvey Rural Community Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Harvey HMCC
Date: December 13, 2023

Present: Mayor Corey, Deputy Mayor McLean, Councillors Chessie, Pepin, Chase and Little and CAO Katherine Henry.

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Corey.
2. Adoption of the Agenda - The MOTION was made by Councillor Chessie to adopt the Agenda. Seconded by Councillor Little. MOTION carried.
3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a) **MOTION made by Councillor Chessie to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2023. Seconded by Councillor Chase. Motion carried.**
 - b) **MOTION made by Councillor Pepin to approve the November 15 Special Meeting minutes. Seconded by Councillor Little. MOTION carried.**
 - c) **MOTION made by Deputy Mayor McLean to approve the Special Meeting November 27 Minutes. Seconded by Councillor Chessie. MOTION carried.**
4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest - None to report.
5. Public Input – The Mayor explained how the Public Input section is conducted. It is an opportunity for the Public to address Council with concerns at a Council Meeting but it is not a Public Meeting. The comments will be recorded but will not be responded to in this meeting.
 - a) Patrick Potter – Patrick expressed concern that Council was not supporting the small business owners or the vulnerable residents in our community by awarding the garbage contract to a Fredericton company and not the local bidders. Patrick asked how his comments had been captured and staff replied that the comments have been recorded and the video will be available. He requested that Council meet with him to discuss the tendering process with the aim of making improvements and keeping jobs in our community and helping the vulnerable people in our community.
 - b) Rhys McKinney – Rhys stated that he had worked for one of the bidders and appreciated the opportunity to work for a local company. He does understand the tender process but was concerned that struggling people cannot get work locally. He requested that Council consider other options be considered for future.
 - c) Ryan Hood – Ryan was one of the bidders and expressed the opinion that jobs should be local, and that the money should be spent locally.
 - d) Brett Maybie- Brett asked why Council chose a cost-based evaluation instead of a points-based evaluation.
 - e) Dan Fletcher - Dan identified that he was there on behalf of the community volunteers

and leaders in the area of recreation and wellness and presented a letter to Council for their information. He suggested that his group would be open to a meeting with Council to discuss concerns and opportunities. They have concern that the Community is relying solely on volunteers to present opportunities for recreation and wellness services and that this model is not sustainable. Dan also presented a suggested job description and a term of reference for a possible committee to support that individual.

The Mayor thanked the public for attending and providing their comments and questions.

6. Presentation – No Presentation

7. Correspondence – None to report

8. Mayor’s Comment - The Mayor provided a recap of the first year as a Council. He also provided a forecast for 2024. He asked Councillors to also provide their feedback on what drives their vision and commitment for the Community.

9. Comments by Members of Council –

Ward 1 – Councillor Chase – Plans to do more to get information from the residents in his ward and to make good decisions that benefit the entire community.

Ward 2 – Councillor McLean – One of the big issues in his ward has been roads and there has been progress with significant drainage work done on the Tweedside Road and chip sealing planned for 2024. He wants to keep up engagement with the community through phone calls and public meetings. Goal is to increase community involvement.

Ward 3 – Councillor Pepin – Wanted to continue the community engagement and create opportunities to bring people together from all the communities in the municipality.

Ward 4 – Councillor Chessie – He reported that his area is pretty quiet. He is looking to focus on getting some work done on the list with bigger projects like a municipal building and staff recruitment. He expressed thanks that the public came to the meeting to share their opinions.

Councillor at Large – Councillor Little – He wanted to be part of Council to be part of the process to make a better community for his kids to grow up in and wanted to help as a life-long resident of several places in the Community. He sees some potential for future projects now that a lot of the foundation work of By-laws and policies have been completed and is looking forward to the next phase.

10. CAO Updates

a) Budget Decisions – The CAO presented the most recent draft of the budget which addressed the recommendations and decisions from the Special Meeting. The goal is to lower the tax rate for each sub-unit in 2024.

The CAO presented the pricing received from S. Riley & Sons for hauling the recycling for January to April. In May, Circular Materials will take over the recycling from Municipalities but their mandate is to continue existing recycling programs so if there isn’t one, they will not need to create one. The proposal keeps the recycling program in Manners Sutton and Harvey the same as it is now with one collection every four weeks and on the same days

as it is currently. Council agreed it was necessary to keep recycling in the community. The recycling programs Prince William, Dumfries and Kingsclear will remain as they are now with the contracts managed by the Fredericton Landfill and billed to the Harvey Rural Community monthly.

The MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor McLean to award the contract to S. Riley and sons for January to April. It was seconded by Councillor Little. Motion carried.

The motion was made by Councillor Chessie that the Harvey Rural Community adopt an operating budget for the Year 2024 for the total amount of \$3,177,369 of which the warrant to be raised is set at \$2,851,275. Residential Rates to be set at:

	Residential	Non-Residential
Village	1.1777	1.7666
Prince William	0.5298	0.7947
Kingsclear	0.4547	0.6821
Dumfries	0.5144	0.7716
Manners Sutton	0.6345	0.9518

Seconded by Councillor Little. Motion Carried.

- b) 2022 Budget for Wastewater Disposal Operating Fund

The motion was made by Councillor Chessie that the Harvey Rural Community adopt a budget for the Sewage Utility consisting of \$106,396 in revenues and total expenditures of \$106.396 for the Year 2024 and a user rate be set at an amount of \$200 per annum in the Village system and \$250 per annum on the Route 636 system and \$390 on the Charlie Little Road system. Seconded by Councillor Pepin. Motion carried.

11. Committee reports

- a) EMO - Deputy Mayor McLean presented the EM Committee Report for the meeting held on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023.
- b) CAO Recruitment – Councillor Pepin reported that a contract was entered into with JMC to conduct the recruitment. The job has been posted and to date, 61 applications have been received. They suggested the posting be up for two to three weeks. Screening of applicants would be done with a final decision by January 27, 2024. This would result in a start date of mid to late February.

12. Business Arising

- a) By-Law 2023-11 A By-Law Respecting Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Within Harvey Rural Community – This reading was postponed to the January 10, 2024 meeting.
- b) By-Law No. 2023-12 A By-law Respecting the Provision of Police Protection Service in Harvey Rural Community
 - i. Second Reading in Full – **The MOTION was made by Councillor Pepin to have Mayor Corey complete the second reading of the By-Law in full. It was seconded by Councillor Chase. Motion carried.** The By-Law was read in full by Mayor Corey.

The MOTION was made by Councillor Chase to accept the second reading of the By-Law with the change to Clause 4. Authority ad the change in effective date to Jan 1, 2024. It was seconded by Councillor Chessie. Motion carried.

Third reading by Title - **The MOTION was made by Councillor Little to have Mayor Corey complete the third reading of the By-Law by Title. It was seconded by Councillor Chase. Motion carried.** The By-Law received third reading by title by Mayor Corey.

The MOTION was made by Councillor Chessie to accept the third reading of the By-Law by title, thereby bringing it into law. It was seconded by Councillor Little. Motion carried.

c) By-Law No. 2023-10 A By-law Respecting Animal Control

- i. Second Reading in Full - – **The MOTION was made by Councillor Chessie to have Mayor Corey complete the second reading of the By-Law in full. It was seconded by Councillor Chase. Motion carried.** The By-Law was read in full by Mayor Corey. Some formatting changes were identified, and it was suggested that the municipal address be removed so that the By-Law will not have to be changed if the office moves. It was also suggested that Clause 3m) and 3n) be reworded and combined such that it will be owners can comply and it will be enforceable. These clauses are in reference to animals defecating on property which is not their own and the removal of feces on property which is also not their own.

The MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor McLean to accept the second reading of the By-Law with the change to Clause 3m) and 3n). It was seconded by Councillor Little. Motion carried.

- ii. Third reading by Title - **The MOTION was made by Councillor Chase to have Mayor Corey complete the third reading of the By-Law by Title. It was seconded by Councillor Chessie. Motion carried.** The By-Law received third reading by title by Mayor Corey.

The MOTION was made by Councillor Chase to accept the third reading of the By-Law by title thereby bringing it into law. It was seconded by Deputy Mayor McLean. Motion carried.

13. New Business

- a) Grant application from Harvey Station Lions Club – An application has been made by the Harvey Lionews for support of either funds to buy paper for 2024 or for a donation of paper. The Rural Community has the ability to purchase the paper at a reduced cost. Council agreed that the Lionews is very important to our community and needs to be maintained.

The MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor McLean to purchase the paper for the Harvey Lionews in 2024. It was seconded by Councillor Little. Motion carried.

- b) Grant application from York West Minor Hockey Association – The application is to provide funding to the YWMHA to eliminate the requirement for the members to pay an “Out-of-Town Fee to Nackawic-Millville of \$150 per player, up to a maximum amount of \$300 per family. Kids in Harvey must travel to arenas outside of the Harvey Rural Community because we do not have a reliable ice service here. The CAO suggested that Harvey may be able to enter into an agreement with Nackawic-Millville to pay an annual fee toward their arena which would allow all Harvey residents to participate in Nackawic-Millville arena activities as a “local”. The CAO was asked to follow up with Nackawic-Millville to see if their Council would be open to this idea. This could increase the number of participants in the York West program as the annual cost would be reduced.
- c) Grant application from Harvey Memorial Community Centre – Discussion on this application will be considered in 2024.
- d) Grant application from Harvey Memorial Community Centre for Assessment – The requested amount comes from an estimate in 2019 and needs to be updated. The CAO was requested to create an RFP for specifications and pricing on an assessment of all aspects of the building as well as cost estimates to address deficiencies.

14. Financial Reports

- a) Bank Balance Report – The Bank Balance Report was provided. **The MOTION was made by Councillor Chessie and seconded by Councillor Pepin to accept the report. Motion carried.**

15. Upcoming Activities

- 16. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting – Special Meeting to be held during the last week of December to approve year end transfers to Reserve Accounts for the General Operating and Utility Accounts. This will be done once the year end payroll allocations are completed.
- 17. Motion for Adjournment - MOVED BY Councillor Pepin to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Chase. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Henry
CAO/Clerk/Treasurer

Richard Corey
Mayor

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CAO/Clerk/Treasurer