Community Town Hall

Harvey Rural Community

February 2025

MAYOR'S GREETING

Agenda

01 Mayor’s Greeting

02 A New, United Community and Brand

03 Our New Strategic Plan, Recreation Study (RNA), and Rec Centre (HMCC) Discussion (MOU)

04 Property Tax, 2025 Budgets, Capital Plan

05 New Cherry Mountain Preservation & Future Subdivision Extension

06 King Charles III Commemorative Medal Awards

07 Council Meet & Greet

THANK YOU, HARVEY FIRE DEPARTMENT, 80 YEARS OF SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

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VISION

A thriving municipality exemplifying a beautiful, rural lifestyle surrounded by nature. Uniting people, partnerships, and possibilities for a strong and vibrant Harvey Rural Community.

MISSION

To serve, unify, preserve, and support the communities of Harvey Rural Community. Foster growth and build a strong, inclusive community. Provide a safe and opportunistic environment for the entire municipality through responsible government.

VALUES

Community, Communication, Collaboration, Future Focus

A NEW, UNITED COMMUNITY AND BRAND

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OUR NEW STRATGIC PLAN, RECREATION STUDY (RNA), AND REC CENTRE (HMCC) DISCUSSION (MOU)

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

RECREATION AND WELLNESS

- **What is it?** Recommendations and tactics to sustain and expand HRC's rural way of life, with recreation at the forefront
- **Keywords / subject areas:** Recreation, waterways, nature promotion, accessibility

A WELCOMING AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

- **What is it?** Recommendations and tactics to increase inclusion, attracting and retaining residents
- **Keywords / subject areas:** Community cohesion, newcomers, talent attraction and retention

GOOD GOVERNANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

- **What is it?** Recommendations and tactics to improve service efficiency, engagement, and understanding and to explore infrastructure processes and solutions
- **Keywords / subject areas:** Zoning, advocacy, understanding of municipal processes and training, development, housing transportation, childcare, land use, signage

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY

- **What is it?** Recommendations and tactics to increase small business attraction and retention, empowering local start-ups and entrepreneurs, and increasing awareness of existing supports
- **Keywords / subject areas:** Programming, Ignite partnerships, promotion, B2B communication

PROPERTY TAX, 2025 BUDGETS, CAPITAL PLAN

UNDERSTANDING HRC PROPERTY TAXES

MUNICIPAL BUDGET FUNDING

- Local government services such as firefighting, police, solid waste, and recreation infrastructure, are funded almost entirely by local property taxes.

NOT ALL PROPERTIES PAY THE SAME TAXES

- Primary homes only pay municipal taxes.
- All other types (apartments, businesses, second home and industrial) pay provincial property tax and municipal property tax.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS VS. TAX RATES

- Your home's assessed value is determined by Service New Brunswick. Municipal tax rates are set by local councils.
- If you own a more expensive home, you pay more in taxes, just like how people with higher incomes pay more in income tax. It distributes the cost of community services, ensuring that everyone contributes based on what they own.

2025 HRC TAX RATES HARMONIZED

- Village Rate ($1.0364) - This area has a slightly higher tax rate due to additional services like local streetlights, sidewalks, and stormwater infrastructure.
- All Other Areas Rate ($0.6015) - Prince William, Kingsclear, Dumfries, and Manners Sutton share a unified rate, covering services such as solid waste, policing, fire, and planning.

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5-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

Strategic Priority	Focus Areas
Recreation & Community Spaces	• New Park and Trail installments (Brockway, Prince William, RTE 640, Oromocto Lake) • Existing Park improvements (trails, playground, boat ramp, dog park) • Community building upgrades (energy efficiency, security, parking) • Long term Community Centre feasibility study
Infrastructure & Public Safety	• Stormwater system upgrades (RTE 636 & RTE 3) • Sidewalk & crosswalk installations (safer pedestrian routes near schools) • Fire service enhancements (new Brockway dry hydrant, Fire Hall improvements & fire service equipment)
Growth & Housing Development	• Pre-construction and infrastructure work for housing • Ditching and roadway development, sewer, water, and stormwater systems to support new housing • Strategic planning and asset management for sustainable growth
Environmental & Transportation	• Wastewater System (WWTP) Improvements enhancing service reliability for wastewater facilities • Reducing environmental impact through upgraded treatment systems

New CHERRY MOUNTAIN PRESERVATION & FUTURE SUBDIVISION EXTENSION

NEW PRESERVATION AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

This strategic land acquisition aligns with our goals of fostering community development with a future **Cherry Mountain Subdivision Extension** to increase housing supply while preserving valuable land resources with a beautiful **Cherry Mountain Land Preservation**

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KING CHARLES III COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL AWARD

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