



Harvey Rural Community
Council in Committee
Location: Harvey Rural Community Board Room
Date: June 23rd, 2025

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Present: Mayor Corey, Deputy Mayor McLean, Councillors Little, Pepin and Chase.
CAO Shawn Hawley and Clerk Morgan Kotsovos.

Absent: Councillor Chessie.

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by Mayor Corey.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion to Adopt the Agenda
- MOVED BY: Councillor Little
- SECONDED BY: Councillor Pepin
- *BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Harvey Rural Community adopt the agenda as presented.* Motion carried.

3. Disclosure of conflict of interest

- None to report.

4. Presentations

- Magaguadavic Lake Association (MLA) arrived 7:08
 - i. Council welcomed President John Waite and Secretary Annie Dow from the Magaguadavic Lake Association (MLA) who presented their concerns regarding the proposed Mountain Ash Wind Energy Project near Magaguadavic Lake. MLA is concerned of the environment, wildlife, protected areas, views and the inconsistent information they've received regarding the project from SWEB. MLA have reached out to other surrounding municipalities for support and had a productive meeting with Premier, Suan Holt. John Waite had concerns of the manufacturing location of the structures, property value decreasing, and the liability issues. MLA is asking for support from Harvey Rural Community Council. Councillors were happy with the presentation and appreciate the research and information MLA provided. Discussions if MLA have had any interactions with CEO of SWEB directly, if many members of MLA were able to attend the Community Event that SWEB held for a chance to further discuss their concerns with SWEB. MLA asks that Council pass a motion in support of the concerns raised. No decisions will be made in Committee. Council thanked the members of MLA.
MLA left the chambers 7:33pm.

5. Correspondence

- Council Invite to Harvey Lake Association AGM July 10th, PM
- Considerations of the potential impact of sharing HST revenue with Municipalities

6. CAO Update



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- **Event Reminder: Community Wildfire Prevention Evening Monday, July 7th, 7:00-8:00 PM, Lake George Campground**
 - i. CAO discussed with Council the event details.
- **Summer Administrative Updates**
 - ii. CAO discussed with Council that Assistant Clerk/Treasurer Amber Poirier has resigned from her position with Harvey Rural Community. Joseph Swan will fill in for the Assistant Treasurer position over the summer. Ruthie Bresson will join the team and fill in for the Recreation Director over the summer. Staffing considerations will be revisited later this year.
- **Cherry Mountain Housing Project CHIF Funding application process**
 - ii. CAO discussed the provincial application has been approved and the Federal application process is underway.
- **Tweedside Hall, Davis Park Upgrades (Community Investment Fund)**

CAO discussed HRC was approved for a five-thousand-dollar grant which allowed for Tweedside Hall to purchase new chairs and a heat pump later this year. HRC was also approved for a three thousand five-hundred-dollar grant for Davis Park that will be for updating the power this coming summer. MLA office contributed 100% of the funds to the municipality.
- **WWTP/ Lagoon Repairs Underway (Phase 1) –**

CAO discussed with Council that phase one improvement recommendations are underway.
- **Harvey ACTivate 2025 Team Assembled from HRC Business Community**

CAO discussed with Council that administration had applied for this grant, HRC was awarded for a fully paid expense trip to Newfoundland for local business owners. This training will help local business who are attending with economic development and share their knowledge throughout the business community.
- **Protecting HRC Waterways Public Safety HRC Website Improvements**

CAO discussed with Council that a new public safety page has been developed and is now live on the HRC website.
- **Lake George Family Campground Beach Volleyball Court Completed**

CAO discussed with Council the Volleyball Court has been completed and is in alignment with our MOU with Lake George Family Campground.
- **Establishing Community Walking Club at King's Landing**

CAO discussed that administration have been in discussion with King's Landing on formulating a walking club, with a possibility of a discount for Harvey Rural Community residents.

7. Discussion and Recommendation

- **Cherry Mountain Preservation Land Task Group Recommendations**

CAO discussed that Cox & Palmer recommends that Harvey use a conservation easement under the *Conservation Easement Act* to legally protect the land. This would let Harvey set



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long-term rules on how the land can be used—even if it's sold—and allow Harvey to keep managing it. They also suggest creating by-laws to stop the public from doing things that could harm the land, like damaging plants or dumping waste. Together, these tools offer strong, lasting protection and enforcement options. CAO stated HRC had our surveyor review the preliminary subdivision extension feasibility designs prepared by CBCL. Based on that review, a 20-meter setback is being proposed between the subdivision extension and the preserved land. This setback would serve as a public-use corridor—ideal for a walking trail in the summer and a snowmobile trail relocation in the winter—while also providing a natural buffer between the development and conservation areas. This will be brought forward to Council for a motion.

- **HMCC MOU Next Steps** – CAO discussed with Council that on December 19, 2024, Harvey Rural Community (HRC) and the HMCC Board entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore a potential transfer of ownership of the Harvey Memorial Community Centre.

As part of the MOU, HRC engaged Stiletto Consulting as a neutral third-party to lead a comprehensive Recreation Needs Analysis and facilitate community engagement. This process included four community-wide engagement sessions, each attended by members of the HMCC Board, HRC Council, and municipal administration. The sessions included focused discussions on the future of the HMCC facility. Findings were shared publicly at a well-attended town hall at Harvey High School in Q1 2025. In total, more than 200 residents participated in the engagement process including the town hall. Feedback from this process directly informed the development of HRC's "Hub and Spoke" Recreation Strategy, which aligns with Priority #1 of the municipality's 5-Year Strategic Plan (both found on our website). Over the past several months, Council has received regular monthly updates from administration on the potential transition of HMCC ownership. These have included:

March 24, 2025 – CIC Meeting: Presentation of financial findings and operational scenarios, including confirmation that steady-state core operations could be absorbed without requiring a tax increase.

April 23, 2025 – CIC Meeting: Review of public land use protection options and recommendations for applying remaining HMCC Board-held funds to facility operations.

May 12, 2025 – Council Meeting: Council endorsed preparation of a transition plan and authorized administration to begin negotiation planning. The HMCC Board met on June 18, 2025, to formally consider the proposed transfer of ownership of the HMCC facility to the Harvey Rural Community. Following discussion, the Board voted in support of the transfer of ownership from the HMCC Board to the municipality. This vote reflects a shared interest in ensuring stable management, expanded programming potential, and ongoing community benefit from the facility as the "Hub" for HRC recreation.

CAO is Recommending that with the decision of the HMCC Board now confirmed, administration recommends proceeding with the next phase of the transition. That Council direct administration to work with the HMCC Board to proceed with the transfer of



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ownership of the HMCC facility to the Harvey Rural Community, including closing arrangements, and other necessary steps.

Discussions of the progress and public consultation that was received and the positivity from residents regarding the transfer of the HMCC facility and the importance to keep recreation within the community. Timeline for the entire transfer process for a close date of approximately sixty days. This will be brought forward to Council for a motion.

Recreation MOU HRC x Fen's Lake George Location, Expanding Community Recreation in Prince William CAO discussed with Council that Harvey Rural Community (HRC) has identified a need to expand access to public recreation amenities across its subunits. In particular, the Prince William area currently lacks municipally supported recreation infrastructure.

As part of the 2025 Recreation Needs Assessment calls for the adoption of a **"Hub and Spoke" model**—with HMCC as the central hub and additional "spoke" sites throughout the community to ensure equitable access. Fen's Market, a service station and restaurant (Denny's) with property in Lake George, has expressed willingness to partner with the municipality by making land available for this purpose.

Strategic Alignment

This partnership represents a cost-effective way to expand recreational offerings without requiring HRC to acquire or lease land. It also builds on a private-sector relationship to strengthen the municipality's presence and impact in Prince William. By establishing the Lake George location as a new "spoke" site, this initiative aligns with broader municipal goals.

Recommendation

That Council authorize the administration to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Fen's Market for the development and maintenance of community recreation amenities. CCBF capital plan will allow financial backing on this project. This will be brought forward to Council for a motion.

Discussions if the MOU is an annual agreement, who will be maintaining the newly developed area and if the land were to sell what are the steps of the infrastructure that has been put in by the Municipality.

8. Motion for adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting

MOVED BY: Councillor Pepin

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chase

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting is adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.



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Respectfully submitted,

Clerk Morgan Kotsovos

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