



Harvey Rural Community
Council Meeting Minutes
Location: Harvey Rural Community Board Room
Date: August 11th 2025 @ 7:15PM

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

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor Corey.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to Adopt the Agenda

MOVED BY: Councillor Little

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chase

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Harvey Rural Community amend the agenda to include going into closed session under the Local Governance Act Section 68 (1) c in lieu of "6 Presentation". Mover Councillor Chessie and Seconder Deputy Mayor McLean approve the amendment.
Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY: Councillor Pepin

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chase

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Harvey Rural Community approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025, Council Meeting, June 23, 2025, CIC Meeting, June 23, 2025, Special Meeting of Council for Public Hearing and June 23, 2025 Special Meeting of Council.
Motion carried.

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

- None to report.

5. Public Input

- None to report.

6. Presentation

Motion to move into Closed Session 7:10PM

MOVED BY: Councillor Chessie

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chase

BE IT RESLOVE THAT the Council of Harvey Rural Community move into closed session under the Local Governance Act Section 68 (1) c.
Motion carried.

Motion to move out of Closed Session and into open session 7:18PM

MOVED BY: Councillor Chessie

SECONDED BY: Councillor Little

BE IT RESLOVED THAT the Council of Harvey Rural Community move out of Closed session under the Local Governance Act Section 68 (1) c and into open session.



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Motion carried.

7. Correspondence

- UNMB Annual Conference and AGM in St. John at the Hilton - Mayor Corey will be attending.

8. Mayor's Comments

- Mayor Corey discussed with Council that he attended many events, thanked all ParticipAction participants, visited with local businesses, attended local breakfasts, meetings with Lake Associations to discuss their concerns with Aquatic Invasive Species, attended the Fire Smart event at Lake George and participated in the Provincial Wildfire update that will continue if this weather situation exists. Mayor Corey stated it was another very successful Harvey Community Days and thanked all the volunteers that continue to make this happen. The leadership of the Harvey Community Network and the hours of volunteer work, before, during and after this event bring incredible benefits to our community. Mayor Corey thanked the sponsors that support the work of The Harvey Community Network.

9. Comments by Members of Council

- Ward 1 – Councillor Chase
 - i. Discussed with Council he has been volunteering at various events in the community. Some of the chipseal has been completed in Ward 1, there are still some areas that will need to be completed as residents have called to discuss their concerns with Councillor Chase.
- Ward 2- Deputy Mayor McLean
 - ii. Discussed with Council that Tweedside road is complete, in Brockway there has been some repairs to potholes, the Brockway sign repair is complete along with the new dry hydrant. Contacted the MLA and DTI regarding an issue in front of the old Firehall. Attended Lake George Association Meeting with the main issue being invasive species.
- Ward 3 – Councillor Pepin
 - iii. Discussed with Council what a great success Harvey Community Days were, as a member of the Harvey Community Days Committee they would like to thank the HRC staff and Public Works Team for their efforts towards the events.
- Ward 4 – Councillor Chessie
 - iv. Discussed with Council there was a fire out in the Smithfield/Newmarket area, and thankfully the Kingsclear Fire Department were there to assist with the fire. Watching the Community Days parade and seeing resources that the Harvey Fire Department have is amazing for our community.
- Councillor at Large
 - v. Discussed with Council fair days was a great success with a new Night Market event. There was a concern from a resident regarding dust control on Reynolds Road. Staff was quick to contact DTI to assist with the process and have it resolved leaving the resident very happy.

10. Monthly Department Reports



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- Fire Department – Chief, Jerrad Swan submitted to Council the monthly Fire Department report in writing. Deputy Mayor McLean would like to give a huge thanks to members and the Chief for their extra hours they have been putting in.
- Public Works – Manager, Tom MacDonald submitted to Council the monthly Public Works report in writing.

11. Committee Reports

- Land Task Group- Report was submitted to Council.
- HR Task Group- Report was submitted to Council.

12. CAO Updates

- *Mid- Year Project Updates* - CAO discussed with Council substantial progress delivering's on key recreation, housing, and economic development priorities outlined in the 5-year Strategic Plan.
- *2026 Budget Planning Process* – CAO discussed with Council the upcoming budget 2026 budget planning, there are several key considerations and structural changes that will impact our planning. Discussions of the Province of New Brunswick freezing assessment increases for 2026 as part of a broader review of the municipal funding model. This freeze removes the typical built-in inflationary buffer that helped offset year-over-year increases in service delivery costs. As a result, municipalities across the province, including ours, will face significant budget pressure in 2026. CAO discussed different upcoming dates that council will have to discuss the budget to ensure the anticipated November 1st submission deadline to GNB.
- *Planning for New Rural Plan* – CAO discussed we will be working on the new Rural Plans with Capital Region Service Commission starting later this year. Community Sessions will be available for residents to attend.
- *Additional Carboard Recycling Bin at HMCC* - CAO discussed there is an additional cardboard box is at the HMCC parking lot for residents to use.
- *Waterways Strategy Development* – CAO discussed with Council that the purpose is to seek Council's support for the administration to initiate the development of a coordinated municipal strategy for the stewardship, protection, and promotion of the community's waterways, in collaboration with local lake associations, the Province of New Brunswick (GNB), and the Capital Region Service Commission (CRSC).
Discussions of navigating promoting tourism within the community, residents who have a home on the lakes and trying to accommodate both safely.
- Motion to Begin Work on to Develop a Municipal Waterways Strategy Proposal
MOVED BY: Councillor Chessie
SECONDED BY: Councillor Little



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That Council direct the administration to begin work on the development of a municipal waterways strategy proposal, in collaboration with local lake associations, the Province of New Brunswick, and the CRSC, with the intent of bringing forward a draft plan and budget for Council's consideration.
Motion carried.

13. Business Arising

- Motion for By-law 2025-05, A By-law to Amend the Village of Harvey Rural Plan (By-law 2020-02) be read a third time by title
MOVED BY: Councillor Little
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chessie
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2025-05, A By-law to Amend the Village of Harvey Rural Plan (By-law 2020-02) be read a third time by title
Councillor Chessie was absent from the Public Hearing on June 23rd, 2025 and is therefore ineligible to vote.
Councillor Chase – Yes
Councillor Little – Yes
Councillor Pepin – Yes
Deputy Mayor McLean – Yes
Motion carried.
- Motion of Request for Letter of Support from Magaguadavic Lake Association regarding Mountain Ash Wind Energy Project to Facilitate Future Engagement
MOVED BY: Councillor Chase
SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor McLean
Council discussed helping play a role by fostering open communication between the parties involved, and that the current understanding is NB Power has not approved the initial design of the project.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Harvey Rural Community encourages continued dialogue between SWEB Development and residents and offers to support or facilitate follow-up engagement sessions focused on technical aspects and community concerns related to the Mountain Ash Wind Energy Project as the potential development is considered.
Motion carried.

14. New Business

- Motion for Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation Plan
MOVED BY: Councillor Chessie
SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor McLean
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Harvey- specific Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation Plan as required under our HAF agreement, at a cost of \$9,000 + HST to be fully funded through the Housing Acceleration Fund.
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15. Financial Reports

- Quarterly Financial Update – CAO discussed the quarterly financial update.
- Summer Building Permits were submitted to Council.

16. Upcoming Activities

- None to report.

17. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- Council in Committee Meeting, August 25th 2025 @ HMCC Boardroom at 7:00PM

18. Motion for Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting
MOVED BY: Councillor Little
SECONDED **BY**: Councillor Pepin
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting is adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk Morgan Kotsovos

Richard Corey
Mayor

Morgan Kotsovos
Clerk