



Harvey Rural Community
Council in Committee
Location: Harvey Rural Community Board Room
Date: August 25th, 2025

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

CAO Shawn Hawley and Clerk Morgan Kotsovos.

Councillor Chase arrived at 7:04 PM.

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm 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

- None to report.

5. Correspondence

- New Brunswick Crime Stoppers Invitation

6. CAO Update

- **HMCC Transition**
 - CAO discussed with Council the purchase agreement has been through several rounds of red line reviews with our lawyers. HMCC Board has identified their independent council and are targeting September 12, 2025, for a closing date. HRC will be looking to establish the new Recreation Committee in the coming months once the transaction closes.
- **CHIF Funding Application**
 - CAO discussed with Council this relates to the Cherry Mountain file and is currently in discussions with program underwriters.
- **Unightly Premises Notification**
 - CAO discussed with Council that there are multiple unsightly premises within the municipality, our current agreement with the Capital Region Service Commission handles the process of inspections, compliance notices, appeals and if necessary, remediation such as clean-up or demolition. Discussions of the financial impact of the provincial reimbursement cycle, adding this as a line item to the budget in the future and that the properties currently are vacant.
- **Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation Plan Next Steps**
 - CAO discussed with Council as part of our Housing Accelerator Fund Agreement with the Government of Canada, HRC is required to complete work under a Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation condition. GEMTEC being the consultant is responsible for the plan



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framework; they have confirmed availability to deliver the HRC-specific plan within the required HAF deadline. Discussions of an upcoming resident survey, Council, EMO committee and Lake Associations engagement.

- **Prince William Recreation Installation Planning**
 - CAO discussed with Council staff is planning to install the Pickleball court at Fens Lake George in September. CAO stated that owners of Fens Lake George are contributing ten thousand dollars to help the community with this project as part of our MOU.
- **Opening Day for the New Walking Club @ Kings Landing 9/02 @ 10:30AM** -- CAO discussed this is part of our MOU with King's Landing, Council invite has been sent out for this date and all HRC residents will receive a twenty-five percent discount on a seasonal pass.
- **Asset Management Plan** – CAO discussed with Council HRC now has its first Asset Management Plan prepared by Dillion Consulting and the plan is preliminary. The next ten years HRC will need to reinvest \$8.4 million into municipal assets just to maintain services and to re-invest roughly 3.14% of asset value each year. CAO discussed Fire fleet is the largest exposure, lagoon dredging and lift station upgrades are critical for compliance and to enable the Cherry Mountain subdivision, without them capacity is limited, roads and recreation needs are smaller in dollars but visible to residents. Discussions of HRC in the future may need to borrow from the Capital borrowing board to maintain its level of service and having an investment policy.

7. Discussion and Recommendation

- **2026 General Operating Budget Initial assumptions and Recommendations**
 - CAO discussed with Council different key components for the 2026 budget including a CPI recommendation to cover current inflation pressures, staff wage adjustment provided by JMC, taxation and utility rates, council remuneration that will align with AFMNB. Discussions on staff benchmarks, clarity on the technical aspect of the property assessment freeze for residents, CPI increases and remuneration for future council.
- **2026 Draft Utility Budget Preview**
 - CAO discussed with Council the proposed 2026 utility budget and the comparisons of the previous year. Discussions of increasing rates at five percent to assist with needed infrastructure repairs and inflation, a new strategy between capital and operation reserves, the utility rate increase last year was harmonized for all users and this year the rate adjustment will include a \$14 user rate increase to the year billing (\$7 per billing cycle). Additionally, there was discussion around the needed dredging of the Lagoon (Cell #1) that will cost ~\$250,000.00 and currently there isn't capital funds to perform this work. Administration also discussed sending users a fall notification letter in advance.
- **Draft Fire Prevention By-law**
 - CAO discussed staff have been working on a draft fire prevention bylaw and it will be brought forward to the EMO Committee and the Harvey Fire Department for review in September. Discussions of Urban vs Rural areas and how to make the law pragmatic for HRC.
- **Waterways Strategy Proposal**



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- CAO discussed with Council that administration is initiating the development of a coordinated municipal strategy for the stewardship, protection, and promotion of the community's waterways, in collaboration with the lake associations, the Province of New Brunswick and the CRSC. The waterway strategy would aim to prevent the spread of invasive species, establish consistent public education, develop a volunteer-based monitoring network, promote equitable access and recreational use and to align efforts across the four local lake associations, GNB departments and the CRSC. Plans are to include these costs in the 2026 General Operating Budget.

8. Motion for adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk Morgan Kotsovos

Richard Corey
Mayor

Morgan Kotsovos
Clerk