



Harvey Rural Community
Council Meeting Minutes
Location: Harvey Rural Community Board Room
Date: January 13th 2025

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58 Hanselacker Road,
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Present: Mayor Corey, Deputy Mayor McLean, Councillors Little, Chessie, and Pepin.

CAO/Clerk Shawn Hawley and Assistant Clerk Morgan Kotsovos

ZOOM: Councillor Chase.

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 8:19: pm by Mayor Corey.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- Moved by Councillor Chessie, seconded by Councillor Little to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes Motion

- Moved by Councillor Chessie, seconded by Councillor Pepin, to approve the minutes of the December 16th, 2024, Council Meeting. Motion carried.

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

- None to report.

5. Public Input

- None to report.

6. Presentation

- None to report.

7. Correspondence – None to report.

8. Mayor's Comments

- Mayor Corey discussed with Council the excitement with lots of new activities that are already planned for the year. The support and input of all citizens is critical to the success of each challenge and opportunity. Mayor Corey would like to remind citizens to participate within the events presented by the Municipality. Mayor Corey reminded residents that Facebook comments are not monitored by staff, but staff will respond to email or phone calls, per the municipal communication policy. Mayor Corey stated our branding strategy is now in place and is bringing changes to the way we reflect and promote the community.

9. Comments by Members of Council

- Ward 1 – Councillor Chase
 - i. Nothing to report.
- Ward 2 – Councillor McLean
 - i. Noting to report.
- Ward 3 – Councillor Pepin
 - i. Councillor Pepin reported to Council that public skating will be open and starting this Friday. Councillor Pepin wanted to thank all the volunteers who help prepare the rink to open. The Hospital Foundation has a Winter wellness week starting February 7th. Councillor Pepin has received many complaints regarding the new recycling transition within the community. CAO stated he's learned that Circular Materials is starting to enforce the new dual stream sorting guidelines resulting in some residents not having their materials collected. Staff is lobbying to obtain a bi-weekly (vs. monthly) pick up and



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a community cardboard depot location. Mayor Corey reminded all residents to refer to the website for recycling information or to contact Circular Materials.

- Ward 4 – Councillor Chessie
 - i. Nothing to report.
- Councillor at Large
 - i. Nothing to report.

10. Monthly Department Reports

- Fire Department – Chief Swan submitted to Council the monthly Fire Department report in writing. Moved by Councillor Little, seconded by Councillor Chessie:
That Council approve the Fire Chief's recommendation to appoint the selected candidate to the position of Deputy Fire Chief, in accordance with By-law 2023-08 Fire By-law. Motion carried.
- Public Works – Manager, Tom MacDonald submitted to Council the monthly Public Works report in writing.

11. CAO Updates

- None to report.

12. Committee Reports

- Land Task Group Report – January 9th, 2025 Land Task Group Report was submitted to Council in writing by CAO/Clerk Shawn Hawley. CAO read an update on the new Cherry Mountain Park and future Cherry Mountain Subdivision extension.

Background

As you are aware, the administration has been working on an initiative to obtain land at a discounted price through a combination of land donation for community preservation and purchasing parcels at market-appraised values for subdivision development to facilitate new housing. This was sourced with external funding, at no cost to HRC residents.

Land Details

Cherry Mountain Subdivision Extension

- We have acquired land on Cherry Mountain for new housing development at appraised current market value of \$43,000 using HAF funds (PID 01515329 identified as Lot #2).
- A smaller lot adjacent to this land was also purchased at the appraised current market value of \$8,000 via tax donation receipts in lieu dollars for the housing development (PID 75236240).
 - This area will become known as Cherry Mountain Subdivision Extension in the future

Cherry Mountain Park



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- As part of the purchase, we have also acquired additional land on Cherry Mountain at the appraised current market value of \$54,000 through tax donation receipts in lieu dollars for a land preservation (PID 01515329).
 - Like our community trails, this land is protected from development and will continue to be used by the community for generations to come.
 - This will become known as Cherry Mountain Park in the future.

With regards to the land acquisition the municipality was able to obtain this at \$0.40 (forty cents) on the dollar when compared to the appraised actual market value of the land. This was a generous act by two residents to the benefit of the community.

The negotiated land was sourced with external funding, at no cost to HRC residents.

Preconstruction (RDC) Funding:

We are pleased to share that we also secured external funding from the Regional Development Commission (RDC). RDC has granted us funding to cover 75% of the pre-construction costs of the subdivision, which is a significant achievement. Securing this grant required several meetings with external consultants and government officials. This timely accomplishment not only reduces our immediate financial burden, making our federal dollars go further, but also positions us favorably for future infrastructure funding opportunities to support housing.

We are currently undergoing two preconstruction activities:

1. Subdivision feasibility study funded by 75% RDC Funds and 25% HAF Funds.
2. Utility capacity and assessment study, also funded by 75% RDC Funds and 25% HAF Funds.

Like the land acquisition, these preconstruction activities are being done with no financial burden on HRC residents. The RDC pre-construction funding positions us at the forefront for their infrastructure fund this year to support housing development in smaller municipalities.

Conclusion:

This strategic land acquisition aligns with our goals of fostering community development while preserving valuable land resources for community use. The combined use of HAF and RDC agency funds maximizes our financial efficiency and strengthens our position for future funding opportunities. The successful securing of RDC funding—achieved through diligent effort and timely action—underscores our commitment to this project and enhances its viability.

Efforts are being made to have preliminary visuals to share at the Community Wide Town Hall on February 24th at Harvey High School. Keep an eye out for a save the date in the Lionews and our web and social media platforms.

13. Business Arising

- None to report.

14. New Business

- Motion to Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between HRC and King's Landing

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Moved by Councillor Chessie, seconded by Councillor Pepin:

That Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Harvey Rural Community and Kings Landing Corporation as presented and authorize the CAO to execute the agreement on behalf of the municipality. Motion carried.

- Motion to Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between HRC and Harvey Lions Club

Moved by Councillor Chessie, seconded by Councillor Little:

That Council approve a financial contribution of \$15,000 from HRC towards the Lion's Club Generator Project, direct staff to (1) be the central financial contact for purchasing and (2) draft and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Lions Club to formalize roles and responsibilities in accordance with HRC's EMO Plan. Motion carried.

- Motion to appoint KPMG as HRC Auditor for 2024, 2025 and 2026

Moved by Councillor Chessie, seconded by Deputy Mayor McLean:

Harvey Rural Community rescinds the April 2024 motion appointing Lenehan, McCain, & Associates as the auditor for the 2024 fiscal year.

Harvey Rural Community appoints KPMG as the municipal auditor for the 2024, 2025 and 2026 fiscal years. Motion carried.

15. Financial Reports

- Financial reports were submitted to Council.
- Building Permits for December were submitted to Council.

16. Upcoming Activities

- Recreation Needs Analysis - January 20th @10-11:30AM

17. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- January 27 @ 7:00 pm – Harvey Highschool

18. Motion for Adjournment

- Motion: Moved by Councillor Chessie to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councillor Little. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant Clerk Morgan Kotsovos



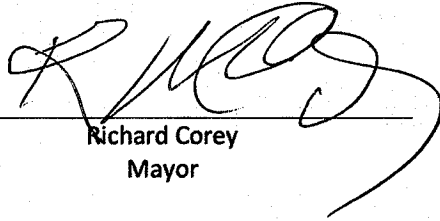
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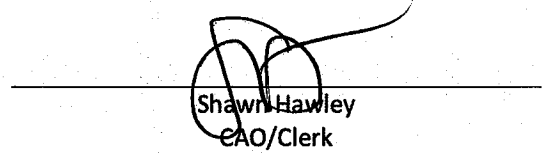
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