

Harvey Rural Community
Special Meeting of Council
October 28th, 2024

**ZOOM: Mayor Corey, Deputy Mayor McLean, Councillors Chase and Pepin.
CAO Shawn Hawley and Treasurer/Assistant Clerk Amber Poirier.
Absent: Councillor Chessie and Little.**

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Corey at 7:13 pm .
2. Adoption of Agenda – **Moved by Deputy Mayor McLean, seconded by Councillor Chase to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**
3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest - None to report.
4. Discussions and Recommendation
 - a) **Sewage Utility Budget & User Rate Harmonization**
A motion by Deputy Mayor McLean that Harvey Rural Community adopt a budget for the Sewage Utility consisting of \$105,417.00 (one hundred and five thousand, four hundred seventeen) in revenues and total expenditures of \$105,417.00 (one hundred and five thousand, four hundred seventeen) for the Year 2025 and a user rate be set at an amount of \$280.00 (two hundred and eighty) per annum on the Village system, Route 636 system, and on the Charlie Little Road system. Seconded by Councillor Chase. Motion carried.
 - b) **Tax Rate Harmonization**
A motion by Councillor Pepin that Harvey Rural Community adopt a General Operating Budget for the Year 2025 utilizing a residential harmonized tax rate in the Village, Prince William, Kingsclear, Dumfries, and Manners Sutton, and further that the Village rate increase from the harmonized rate based on services utilized only within the Village. Seconded by Deputy Mayor McLean. Motion Carried.
 - c) **Motion to Approve Municipal Staff Headcount for the 2025 Operating Budget**
A motion by Councillor Chase to approve the recommended municipal staff headcount for inclusion in the 2025 General Operating Budget to address key operational needs within the municipality in the following two categories:
 1. Public Works – Addition of one part-time/casual employee with an estimated annual cost of \$25,000.
 2. Community Recreation – Addition of one part-time/casual employee with an estimated annual cost of \$20,000. Seconded by Councillor Pepin. Motion carried.

d) **Motion to Adopt Recommended Municipal Staff Pay rates for the 2025 Budget**

A motion by Councillor Chase to approve the municipal staff pay rates as recommended by the external HR agency, JMC, for inclusion in the 2025 General Operating budget. Seconded by Councillor Pepin. Motion carried.

CAO, Shawn Hawley presented Mayor and Council with a Capital Investment Plan (CIP) Report for the 2024-2028 Canada Community Building Fund allocation. Various proposed Projects including improving Recreation and Wellness, Good Governance and Infrastructure Management, and Economic Growth and Opportunity were presented for consideration. Deputy Mayor McLean suggested the addition of a Project to create a public space in Brockway. A final CIP will be presented to Council for adoption in the near future.

5. Moved by Councillor Chase to adjourn the meeting. The motion was not seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Corey

Mayor



Shawn Hawley

CAO/Clerk

