

Harvey Rural Community

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Harvey HMCC

Date: November 8, 2023

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

Assistant Clerk Morgan Kotsovos.

Absent: Councillor Chase.

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Corey.
2. Adoption of the Agenda - **The MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor McLean to adopt the Agenda. Seconded by Councillor Little. MOTION carried.**
3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes – **MOTION made by Deputy Mayor McLean to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for October 11. Seconded by Councillor Little. Motion carried. MOTION made by Councillor Little to approve the October 23 CIC Meeting minutes. Seconded by Councillor Pepin. MOTION carried. MOTION made by Deputy Mayor McLean to approve the Special Meeting October 23 minutes. Seconded by Councillor Little. MOTION carried. MOTION made by Councillor Little to approve the amended Special Meeting Minutes of October 29. Seconded by Deputy Mayor McLean. MOTION carried.**
4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest - None to report.
5. Public Input (15 min max) - None to report.
6. Presentation – Vance Johnson Quad NB - Mr. Johnson discussed with Council that Quad NB is the official ATV Trail Manager as appointed by the Provincial government under the Off-Road Vehicle Act. Quad NB is the central voice and driving force representing 57 ATV Clubs comprised of 32000 members throughout the province. Mr. Johnson went into detail on the trails, different seasonal passes, and trails you can access throughout the province. Currently there are 13 trail heads around the province that consist of picnic tables, solar lights for place to rest while using the trails. Quad NB is working together with tourism to help promote Quad NB throughout the province and to help promote tourism within communities. Mr. Johnson stated for Harvey Rural Community to move forward with Quad NB the suggestion to review other By-laws from other Communities that have been previously accepted by Quad NB. Public Safety works together to approve the By-Laws which allow specifications per Municipalities. Mayor Corey suggested this is of interest to Harvey Rural Community moving forward. Council thanked Mr. Johnson for his time and presentation of Quad NB.
7. Correspondence – None to report
8. Mayor's Comment- This month my municipal activities

- October 17 CIC agenda meeting
- Zone 5 meeting New Maryland
- October 19 Solicitor re CAO Contract
- October 23 CRSC Oversight meeting
- CIC meeting
- October 24 CAO and Councillor Chessie RE: Contract
- October 25 CRSC Finance Committee meeting
- October 26 CRSC Special Board meeting
- October 27 CAO and Councillor Chessie re contract
- October 30 Meeting with CRSC CEO and COO regarding CRSC budget
- November 2 Agenda meeting RE: November Council meeting and the CRSC Finance Committee Meeting
- November 2 CRSC Governance Committee
- November 7 Workshop RE: Municipal meeting procedure led by Barbra Quigley
- CRSC Board Meeting - While this has been a busy and challenging month it does not come without rewards. We are well into the time when our budget process should be wrapping up, yet at this point it is difficult to determine all the challenges we may face. It is rewarding that information although not always what we would like to hear is moving. Our new assessment base has been received We are close to receiving final policing costs, the CAO and Fire Chief have arrived at an agreement on a proposed budget. The tenders for plowing and garbage on November 14th are moving forward. While the final CRSC budget will be delayed we are comfortable that no new increases will occur. This evening we will consider staff cost and discuss harmonization of some expenditures. Operational challenges have required us to reduce our office hours, but I am confident we will be back to regular hours very soon.

9. Comments by Members of Council –

Ward 1 – Councillor Chase – Was absent.

Ward 2 – Deputy Mayor McLean – Reported he had some conversations with residents regarding Cole Road and the ditch on this road. Residents would like to have it ditched out and this would be assistance with the road maintenance. Mayor Corey suggested contacting DTI to inquire if these roads moving forward could be part to the DTI gravel road program. Mayor Corey reported this would be good for these low traffic roads.

Ward 3 – Councillor Pepin reported the Community Development Committee through the RSC will be having a meeting on November 14 with a presentation from Greater Fredericton Social Innovation. Councillor Pepin assisted in the Shop Local Committee meeting on October 26. Councillor Pepin attended the Harvey Community Hospital Foundation meeting on November 7th. Councillor Pepin reported this committee is moving ahead with the development of Welcome postcards, the committee would like help with the promotion of the Community Calendar on the HRC website, there were concerns expressed around the need for a Wellness Coordination in the community and some correspondence with regards

to this from supporting community organizations. Councillor Pepin wanted to remind residents of the Winter Wellness Day to be held on February 11, 2024. Councillor Pepin provided a copy of the grant application to a member of the organizing committee for the HHS Bleacher Campaign and encouraged them to request support from HRC. Councillor Pepin participated in a tour of Nackawic's "Gathering Place" with a group of seniors from Harvey. This is a senior's drop-in centre located in the strip mall in Nackawic. Councillor Pepin discussed there is a keen interest from the group in Harvey to pursue something similar and to identify an appropriate space in the Community.

Ward 4 – Councillor Chessie discussed he attended the Library Board meeting in October. Councillor Chessie stated unfortunately, there hasn't been a huge attendance during these Board meetings. Councillor Chessie suggested to Library Manager, Matt to reach out to some younger parents to see if they would like to participate on the Board.

Councillor at Large - Councillor Little discussed his Shop Local meeting was a great turn out and was nice to see local businesses come together. Councillor Little reported there was great the conversation with all the businesses and a great brainstorming session.

10. CAO Updates

- a) Fire Budget - Mayor Corey stated that he spoke with Chief Swan regarding the fire budget. Mayor Corey stated Chief Swan is pleased with the budget negotiations to date. Chief Swan did ask for some increases that are required to meet minimum standards and compensate for increased cost.
- b) Policing Cost - Mayor Corey discussed with Council a notice was received from the Province regarding Policing with an increase of 3% and the Province will retain authority and develop the tax rate for another year. Mayor Corey states in ensuing discussion he was informed that Harvey Rural Community would need to create a policing By-law.
- c) Budget Decisions, Mayor Corey discussed staff salary increase within Harvey Rural Community. Mayor Corey states one option is to suggest a percentage increase while another is to limit it to the increase in Provincial CPI. Mayor Corey reported that a decision is needed on how to allocate the cost of Solid Waste and Fire. Each cost will differ slightly by area each of the services are provided equally to the community. Harmonizing the rate would better relate the actual cost.
- d) Dry Hydrants – Mayor Corey requested an update from K-Line, they are just completing the design stage and may have trouble completing the project if the WCAP are not approved. Mayor Corey spoke to ELG about the funding and while there is some possibility of carryover into January no carryover beyond that will happen. Mayor Corey noted the temperatures are changing quickly and is concerned if the completion can be completed in time.
- e) Webpage – Mayor Corey discussed the development and maintenance with David Watson on our current website. Currently Harvey Rural Community does not have a

formal service agreement, Mr. Watson will send a draft service agreement, and this should be considered during the budget process.

- f) Solid Waste Tender- Mayor Corey said the closing tender date is on November 14, 2023. Currently there was an error in the start dates included in the tender documents. The document referenced 2023 instead of 2024.

11. Committee Reports

- a) Shop Local - Councillor Pepin discussed the first meeting for Shop Local was on October 26th. Councillor Pepin stated seven local business owners attended. Councillor Pepin stated how great the discussion was and a great brainstorming session on ideas these business owners would like to see come to fruition.
- b) EMO – Deputy Mayor McLean stated the meeting was rescheduled to another date.

12. Business Arising

- a) Closed Session – Section 68 (1) (j) of the Local Governance Act

Closed Session Under Section 68(1)(d) of the *Local Governance Act*. **MOTION to proceed to a closed session under section 68(1) (d) of the Local Governance Act made by Councillor Chessie. Seconded by Councillor Little. MOTION carried.**

MOTION to come out of closed session under section 68(1) (d) of the Local Governance Act made by Councillor Little. Seconded by Deputy Mayor McLean. MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Councillor Chessie to move forward with reorganization of Harvey Rural Community staff. Seconded by Councillor Little. MOTION carried.

13. New Business

- a) Unsightly Premises By-law 2023-11 First Reading – **MOTION to request the reading of the Unsightly Premises By-law 2023-11 by Title made by Councillor Pepin. Seconded by Deputy Mayor McLean. MOTION carried.**
- b) Review Application for HMCC – Dan Fletcher presented documents to support the request for the grant from Harvey Rural Community to the Harvey Memorial Community Centre. **MOTION to support the \$30,000 dollars for 2023 to the HMCC made by Councillor Little. Seconded by Deputy Mayor McLean.**
MOTION made by Councillor Chessie to amend the motion to provide the HMCC \$46,476. Seconded by Councillor Pepin. MOTION carried.
- c) Review Application for York West Minor Hockey – Council was unable to confirm a decision on the documentation that was presented.

14. Financial Reports

- a) Bank Balance Report – No report.

- b) Transaction reports – No report.
- c) Income Statement – No report.

15. Upcoming Activities – Remembrance Day

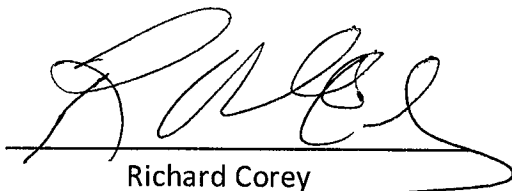
16. CIC Meeting November 23 @ 7pm HMCC

17. Motion for Adjournment - **MOVED BY Councillor Pepin to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deputy Mayor McLean. MOTION CARRIED.**

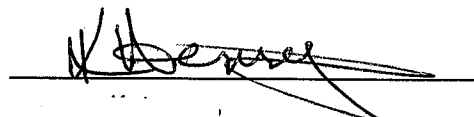
The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Kotsovos
Assistant Clerk



Richard Corey
Mayor



Clerk