



Harvey Rural Community
Council in Committee
Location: Harvey Rural Community Board Room
Date: February 10th, 2025

admin@harveyruralcommunity.ca

www.harveyruralcommunity.ca

506-366-6240

58 Hanselacker Road,
Harvey, New Brunswick, E6K 1A3

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

CAO/Clerk Shawn Hawley and Assistant Clerk Morgan Kotsovos

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Mayor Corey.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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

3. Disclosure of conflict of interest

- None to report.

4. Presentations

- Harvey Lake Association

Vice President Peter Birney of Harvey Lake Association and Harvey Lake resident, Steven Fox presented to Council their concerns regarding the bass tournaments at Harvey Lake. Concerns of when the tournaments are held, the number of tournaments, and the impact on fish populations. Mr. Birney states Harvey Lake is the only lake in New Brunswick with multiple (five) tournament dates. Councillor Chessie asked why does Harvey Lake host five tournaments a year and other lakes host one tournament. Mr. Birney replied that Harvey Lake has easy access to enter the parking lot and has a lot of parking. Councillor Chessie asked if having this many tournaments causes erosion. Mr. Birney stated that the erosion has increased over the years but wasn't the primary concern. Mayor Corey stated the municipality does not have jurisdiction over the lake; rather, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is responsible for overseeing activities on the lake and that no decision is made Council in Committee meetings. Harvey Lake Association has requested support from Council on two items:

- That Council recognize the concerns raised by the Harvey Lake Association and residents regarding the number of fishing tournaments on Harvey Lake and request that the Department of Natural Resources consider redistributing tournaments across other lakes to reduce pressure on Harvey Lake.
- For Mayor Corey to send a letter of support to the Department of Natural Resources outlining these concerns, including the potential impact on fish populations, invasive species risks, and community enjoyment of the lake.

The item was tabled for a future Council meeting for further discussion.

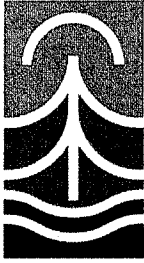
5. Correspondence

- New Brunswick Fiscal Reform Update
 - i. CAO shared with Council there is an update on the fiscal reform from the Minister of Local Government.

6. CAO Report

- Staff FAQ 2025 Tax Harmonization

Harvey
RURAL COMMUNITY

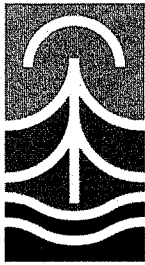


Harvey Rural Community
Council in Committee
Location: Harvey Rural Community Board Room
Date: February 10th, 2025

admin@harveyruralcommunity.ca
www.harveyruralcommunity.ca
506-366-6240
58 Hanselacker Road,
Harvey, New Brunswick, E6K 1A3

CAO reminded Council to use the training guides that the administration uses to assist when answering questions regarding the 2025 Tax Harmonization and the 2025 Utility Rate Harmonization. Councillor Chessie inquired if the previous year's tax rates are in the FAQ and suggested they be added to the website for residents to view and compare.

- Utility FAQ Reference Guide
 - i. CAO presented and reviewed to Council a training guide for staff regarding user rate harmonization. CAO advised Council to use this guide to help support residents with questions.
- School Speed Zones Safety Improvements
 - ii. CAO discussed with Council the new speed signs that have been installed in both school zones to help slow traffic. CAO stated Harvey Rural Community has committed funding within our five-year capital plan to address pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures near our schools.
- New Community Newsletter
 - iii. CAO discussed with Council in addition to our website, social media, community alert system, and the printed Lionews delivered to households, administration will begin publishing a new community newsletter. Residents will be able to subscribe to the newsletter via the municipal website. As per our communication policy, the website remains the primary source for municipal information.
- New Cherry Mountain Land Registration Completed
 - iv. CAO discussed with Council the newly acquired land on Cherry Mountain and is now officially registered in the municipal name.
- Lions Club MOU and Generator Project Progress Report
 - v. CAO updated Council on the partnership with the Lion's Club currently staff continue to price various aspects of the project and progress is ongoing.
- Lake George Family Campground 2024 Water Access Visitor Report
 - vi. CAO stated the first year of the MOU for the community water access at Lake George Family Campground was a great success, with 813 visitors taking advantage of the opportunity. Approximately half of the visitors were from the community, while the remainder came from various locations. The seasonal campers were excited to see the public out and using the facilities.
- York West Minor Association 2024-2025 Season HRC Usage Report
 - vii. CAO stated for the 2024-2025 season, York West Minor Hockey Association had 93 players, 44 of whom were from Harvey Rural Community. This is the first season where these families did not have to pay a non-resident fee to access ice time. CAO stated many families have expressed their appreciation to of this agreement to allow more youth to participate in recreation. Councillor Pepin asked if this number is on par with the number we were hoping for. CAO stated yes, it is. Councillor Chase



Harvey Rural Community
Council in Committee
Location: Harvey Rural Community Board Room
Date: February 10th, 2025

admin@harveyruralcommunity.ca
www.harveyruralcommunity.ca
506-366-6240
58 Hanselacker Road,
Harvey, New Brunswick, E6K 1A3

asked what geographical area within the municipality are the players from. CAO will contact York West Minor Hockey Association to inquire this request but that this data wasn't on file.

- **Recreation Needs Analysis (RNA) Progress Report**
 - viii. CAO discussed with Council the final community engagement session for the Recreation Needs Analysis has been completed, with approximately 100 residents who participated. Stiletto is now analyzing the data and will provide a report for Council to review in the next few months. CAO stated the HMCC Board has been actively involved in these community sessions as discussions continue regarding the potential transition of HMCC ownership.
- **HMCC MOU Progress Report**
 - ix. CAO reported as part of the MOU, the administration has been collaborating with cross-section of stakeholders to advance discussions on the facility's future.
- **Municipal Assessment Management Plans**
 - x. CAO stated as part of our five-year capital plan, Harvey Rural Community will develop an asset management plan. The administration is currently reviewing potential partners to assist with this process, which is critical for future planning. Councillor Chessie asked if this was funded as part of the budget planning process. CAO answered that yes it was as part of the 2025 planning process.
- **HRD Fire Truck Acquisition**
 - xi. CAO informed Council that Chief Swan was able to purchase a service personnel carrier with breathing apparatus capacity, heating, AC, generator backup power, and a diesel engine, with only twenty thousand km. CAO reminded Council that last year two aging fire trucks were retired and disposed of, and these funds were leveraged as part of the purchase process.
- **Brand Implementation Plan Report**
 - xii. CAO discussed with Council staff was able to update various items with the new brand and to watch for more to come.
- **McAdam "Mountain Ash" Wind Project Discussion with SWEB Development**
 - 7:45 Councillor Chessie left the chamber.
 - xiii. CAO met with Jason Parise, Director of Development at SWEB Development, to discuss concerns raised by the Magaguadavic Lake Association regarding the McAdam wind project. Mr. Parise confirmed that the project is outside of the Harvey Rural Community boundary. SWEB remains available to address any questions that residents may have.
 - 7:46 Councillor Chessie returned to the chamber.
- **Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Lagoon Condition Assessment**
 - xiv. CAO discussed with Council the wastewater treatment plant condition assessment findings and recommendation conducted by Englobe Corp. Next steps would include immediate maintenance work such as repairs to fencing, vegetation clearing, and



Harvey Rural Community
Council in Committee
Location: Harvey Rural Community Board Room
Date: February 10th, 2025

admin@harveyruralcommunity.ca
www.harveyruralcommunity.ca
506-366-6240
58 Hanselacker Road,
Harvey, New Brunswick, E6K 1A3

aeration system corrections. A longer-term plan is needed for the required sludge removal from cell 1, the outfall pipe replacement and gate valve – which will require \$270,000.00 in funding. Council was reminded that current capital reserves are less than half of what will be needed to address the sludge.

Councillor Chessie asked if Englobe suggested how to stop the dredging or is this something that we will need to plan for every ten years. CAO stated this will need to be maintained every ten years.

7. Business Arising

- Dial-a-ride MOU x HRC – view council report
 - a. CAO discussed with Council the MOU between Dial-a-ride and Harvey Rural Community. Dial-A-Ride has requested a five thousand dollars grant from Council to assist them with their program. Councillor McLean asked if this is a grant request or a line item on the Harvey Rural Community budget, as grants have been put on hold. CAO stated this is a MOU annual agreement rate vs a grant. Mayor Corey stated this is a line item on the budget model, collaborating with an MOU. Councillor Pepin asked if a portion of the funding goes to the drivers, if a portion goes to the administration and does some funding go to Harvey outreach. CAO answered speaking to the 400% increase in driver fees-based year over year, driven by distance and volume compared to only a 150% increase in overhead costs (e.g., dispatching, office, etc.). Councillor Chessie asked does this align with our Strategic Plan. CAO stated it likely falls under two categories of Welcoming Communities and Economic Development of the Strategic Plan enabling otherwise abled residents to remain in the community. The topic was tabled for further discussion once the grant program is unfrozen as Council currently isn't approving any new grants.
- February 24th Community Wide Town Hall at Harvey High School
 - b. CAO reviewed the final version of the presentation for the Community event on February 24th at Harvey Highschool. Council will each speak at the event, and each have a topic to discuss with the residents.

8. Discussion and Recommendation

- None to report.

9. Motion for adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Councillor Chessie seconded by Councillor Chase, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Harvey
RURAL COMMUNITY



Harvey Rural Community
Council in Committee
Location: Harvey Rural Community Board Room
Date: February 10th, 2025

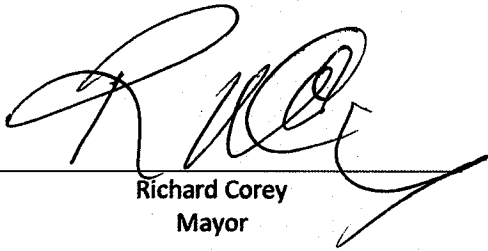
admin@harveyruralcommunity.ca

www.harveyruralcommunity.ca

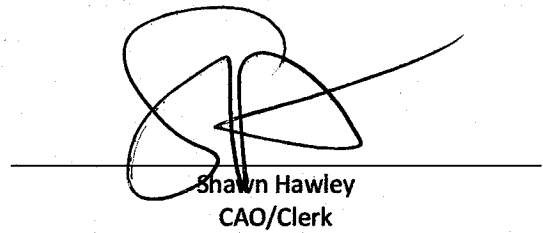
506-366-6240

58 Hanselacker Road,
Harvey, New Brunswick, E6K 1A3

Respectfully submitted,
Assistant Clerk Morgan Kotsovos



Richard Corey
Mayor



Shawn Hawley
CAO/Clerk

Harvey
RURAL COMMUNITY

Harvey
RURAL COMMUNITY