

Harvey Rural Community
Council Meeting Minutes
Location: Harvey Rural Community Board Room
Date: March 10th 2025

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

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

CAO/Clerk Shawn Hawley and Assistant Clerk Morgan Kotsovos.

Absent: Councillor Little.

1. Call to Order
 - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Corey.
2. Adoption of the Agenda
 - Moved by Councillor Chessie, seconded by Councillor Chase to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
 - Moved by Councillor Chessie, seconded by Councillor Chase to amend the agenda to add the presentation of King Charles the III Coronation Medal by MP Richard Bragdon. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes Motion
 - Moved by Councillor Chessie, seconded by Councillor Pepin to approve the minutes of the February 10th, 2025 Council Meeting, February 10th, 2025 CIC Meeting. Motion carried.
4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
 - None to report.
5. Public Input
 - None to report.
6. Presentation
 - MP Richard Bragdon presented a King Charles the III Coronation medal to a resident of Harvey Rural Community.
7. Correspondence
 - None to report.
8. Mayor's Comments
 - Mayor Corey discussed with Council he had attended various activities, events and meetings this month.
 - February 11 – HMCC Annual Meeting
 - February 20 – CRSC Governance Committee
 - February 24 – Community Town Hall
 - February 25 – Pre-Budget Housing Presentation GNB
 - March 4 – CRSC regular meeting
9. Comments by Members of Council
 - Ward 1 – Councillor Chase
 - i. Received emails regarding tax rate harmonization and thanked the staff for hosting the wonderful community event.
 - Ward 2- Deputy Mayor McLean
 - ii. Received emails regarding some issues in Ward two. Deputy Mayor apologized for being away for the Community Event on the February 24th but would like to thank staff and Council for their work making the event successful. Deputy Mayor McLean discussed that many roads in Ward two currently are not in great condition and asked for the CAO to contact DTI regarding the roads (DTI is scheduled in the coming months to come speak



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with Council). Deputy Mayor McLean attended the March 3rd EMO meeting and inquired who is responsible for sanding the parking lot at HMCC as it has become very icy.

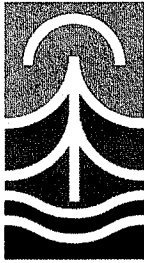
- Ward 3 – Councillor Pepin
 - iii. Received complaints regarding the ditches on Cherry Mountain and the water flow. Councillor Pepin stated the issue was addressed and handled fast by staff.
- Ward 4 – Councillor Chessie
 - iv. Handled correspondences with residents regarding tax rate harmonization and was grateful to assist residents with their concerns. Councillor Chessie thanked staff for organizing the Community Event and it was great to see many residents who attended the event.
- Councillor at Large
 - v. Absent.

10. Monthly Department Reports

- Fire Department – Chief, Jerrad Swan submitted to Council the monthly Fire Department report in writing.
- Public Works – Manager, Tom MacDonald submitted to Council the monthly Public Works report in writing.

11. CAO Updates

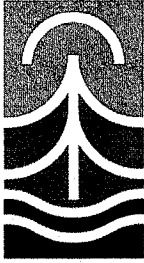
- New Community Recycling Depot
 - i. CAO reported the new community cardboard depot is available to all residents and is located outside the HMCC building. Reminder that Cole's bottle depot will also accept extra cardboard.
- HMCC MOU status
 - i. CAO reported progress continues defining the future processes around the HMCC facility booking and usage. We are in the final stages of reviewing HMCC's financial status, and a meeting of the HMCC Task Group will be scheduled this month to review findings and discuss next steps. Council will be updated in March or April CIC meeting.
- Recreation Needs Analysis
 - i. CAO reported the Recreation Needs Analysis is ongoing and anticipated to be presented to Council in April. Reminder this report will provide insights into existing recreation assets (including the HMCC MOU and public input), programming gaps, and strategic recommendations.
- Web Usability Enhancements (WWTP/Tourism)
 - ii. CAO reported the municipal website has been updated with a dedicated page for sewer/WWTP information, improving accessibility for residents seeking on information on wastewater treatment services. Tourism NB has also been added, highlighting HRC specific tourism offerings and new linkage between our respective pages.
- EMO Generator Project (Lion's Club MOU)
 - iii. CAO reported the MOU for the generator project has been finalized, and the generator has been ordered. A letter from RDC has been received confirming their portion of the funding. Installation is planned for early summer.
- Upcoming Bylaws (ATVs, 2023-03 Amendments)



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- iv. CAO reported in the coming months, a new ATV by-law will be introduced for Council review to regulate ATV use on the village roads. Amendments to by-law 2023-03 Code of Conduct will be brought forward to ensure compliance with the LG Regulation 2024-48.
 - Old HFD Ownership Transfer
 - v. CAO reported all trustees of the old fire hall have signed off on the property transfer to HRC. Harvey Rural Community is now the owner of this property.
 - Branding Implementation
 - vi. CAO reported the phase 2 of the community branding implementation plan is now underway. Further updates will be provided as we progress with the rollout.
 - Wildfire Community Preparedness Day 2025 Grant
 - vii. CAO reported the municipality has secured a Wildfire Community Preparedness Day 2025 grant of \$500 dollars to support a community education event along with a kit of Firesmart Canada goodies.
12. Committee Reports
- EMO Report
 - i. February 10th, 2025, Land Task Group Report was submitted to Council by the CAO.
 - ii. March 3rd, 2025, EMO Report was submitted to Council in writing by the Recreation Director. Deputy Mayor McLean stated the committee reviewed the updated HRC Emergency plan suggested by NBEMO and stated this will be brought forward to a future CIC meeting.
13. Business Arising
- Harvey Lake Association Letter of Support Request
 - i. Deputy Mayor McLean inquired if HLA knew why Harvey Lake was having more tournaments than other lakes and agrees that is a concern. Deputy Mayor McLean is concerned on how the tournaments are monitored and supports the HLA to have a set number of tournaments per year. Mayor Corey stated this is monitored by DNR and the municipality has no authority to end the tournaments.
 - Moved by Deputy Mayor McLean, seconded by Councillor Chessie
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 and Energy Development consider redistributing tournaments across other lakes to reduce pressure on Harvey Lake. Motion carried.
14. New Business
- None to report.
15. Financial Reports
- Financial reports were submitted to Council by the CAO. CAO noted the T4's are completed and mailed to all employees including the fire department members. Harvey Rural Community secured funding for two students through the SEED program which is 50 percent funded. The initial requested documentation and files have been given to KPMG to begin our 2024 audit.
 - February Building Permit - None to report.
16. Upcoming Activities
- CAO and Mayor Corey will be attending UNMB advocacy days.
17. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting



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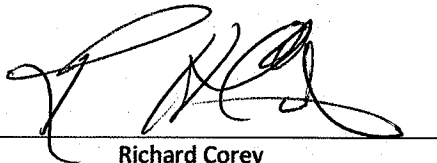
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- March 24th @ 7:00 pm – HMCC Boardroom
18. Motion for Adjournment
- Motion: Moved by Councillor Chessie to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councillor Chase. Motion Carried.

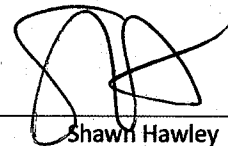
The meeting was adjourned at pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant Clerk Morgan Kotsovos



Richard Corey
Mayor



Shawn Hawley
CAO/Clerk