

Harvey Rural Community
Council in Committee
Location: Harvey Rural Community Board Room
Date: March 24th, 2025

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

ZOOM: Councillor Little

CAO/Clerk Shawn Hawley and Assistant Clerk Morgan Kotsovos

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Corey.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Chessie, seconded by Councillor Chase to adopt the agenda as presented. CAO asked to amend the agenda to add Tanker Truck Replacement under section 7) discussion and recommendation. Motion approved by mover and seconder. Motion carried.

3. Disclosure of conflict of interest

- None to report.

4. Presentations

- Harvey Heritage

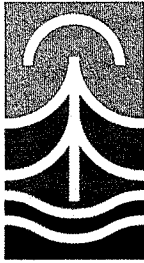
Harvey Heritage President Sheryl Bartlett and Vice President and Secretary Bill Ross presented to Council the purpose, preservation, dissemination and focus of Harvey Heritage. Harvey Heritage is a volunteer organization that was incorporated in 2019. The organization shared various projects, financial overview for 2024 and a budget forecast for 2025. Harvey Heritage is looking to build a stronger relationship with Harvey Rural Community with various joint projects such as to develop a map of Harvey with historical and current places, signage for historical spot, and a storytelling project featuring different community members. Councillor Chessie agreed making an illustrated map to include historical sites, waterfalls and local businesses would be an asset to the community. Councillor Pepin thanked Harvey Heritage for their presentation and agreed a collaboration would be valuable. Councillor Little agreed the importance to keep the heritage within the community. Deputy Mayor McLean thanked Harvey Heritage for their presentation. Mayor Corey thanked Harvey Heritage for their presentation and noted Council would be in touch.

5. Correspondence

- UNMB: 2025-2026 Provincial Budget Key Highlights
 - i. CAO shared with Council the UNMB: 2025-2026 Provincial Budget.

6. CAO Report

- Recreation needs Analysis (RNA) Staff FAQ 2025 Tax Harmonization
 - i. CAO discussed with Council the Recreation Needs Analysis has been underway and we anticipate presenting an initial report to Council in April. This report will provide insights into existing recreation assets, programming gaps, and strategic recommendations – as discussed in four different community engagement sessions with over 100 residents who attending the sessions.



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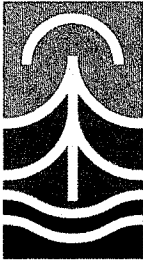
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- Harvey Community Library 2024 Annual Report
 - ii. CAO reviewed highlights of the library's strong engagement and service to the community over the past year. With 1,154 active members, the library saw 16,666 visits and circulated 10,837 items, while also achieving record program participation with 2,518 attendees at 277 events. The report emphasizes the library's role in providing access to a vast provincial collection and diverse lendable objects, as well as outlining shared responsibility between the province and municipality in funding and maintaining library services.
- Grant Secured for Accessibility Upgrades at HMCC
 - iii. CAO discussed with Council the Recreation Director applied for GNB inclusive Communities Recreation Infrastructure Grant and has received verbal approval for \$10,000 to support the installation of powered, accessible doors at the Harvey Memorial Community Centre (HMCC). This funding is a significant step toward removing barriers to recreation for seniors, individuals with mobility challenges, and all community members who rely on accessible infrastructure.
- Plan Amendments Dwelling Units
 - ii. CAO discussed with Council proposed amendments to rural plans for Dumfries, Kingsclear and Prince William to allow accessory dwellings units and secondary suites as a secondary use to single detached dwellings. These amendments will align these plans with existing provisions in the Village of Harvey Plan, which already permits garden suites and in-law/rental suites. CAO stated the amendment process will be in accordance with Section 111 of the Community Planning Act.
- Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Event

CAO discussed with Council the household hazardous waste event is set from 11am to 3pm on Saturday, May 31st at Fens, 1879 Route 3. Residents can drop off motor oil, gas, batteries and other common household hazardous waste to the depot. There is no charge for the drop off service.

8. Discussion and Recommendation

- HMCC Task Group Status Report
 - iii. Councillor Pepin gave an update from the HMCC Task Group regarding the ongoing Memorandum of Understanding period with the HMCC board, rental process and code of conduct. CAO gave Council a financial overview and operation costs. CAO discussed the terms of reference for the transition committee which defined future roles, responsibilities and governance structure for the transition period, if the transition of ownership was to proceed. It was noted a separate community recreation committee would be created later as the transition committee would have an end date. Councillor Chessie asked when there was an engineer report done for recommended HMCC short term improvements for the building. Councillor Chessie was concerned if other halls would not be receiving any funding if the focus is on HMCC. Councillor Chase asked if there would there be community public engagement sessions to assist with the decision of HMCC ownership.



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- Land Task Group Status Report
 - iv. Councillor Chase gave an update from the Land Task group where it was discussed having two files for Cherry Mountain Subdivision. File 1 - Land Preservation to protect key portions of the land through appropriate legal and regularity mechanism, ensuring long-term conservation for the community. This would allow Council to define the property boundary and establish a sufficient buffer zone between the future subdivision extension and preserved land. This buffer may include designated public use space, such as a walking trail or snowmobile route. File 2 – Subdivision Extension where the core housing infrastructure, including sewer, roads, ditches, and stormwater management systems, to ensure the land is ready for housing developers.
- Emergency Response Plan Amendments (ADU's and SSs)
 - v. Deputy Mayor McLean discussed and review with Council the updated draft EMO Plan. Feedback and engagement have happened with NBEMO and the EMO Committee to develop and enhance the community emergency preparedness. The Committee will next create response plans for each risk level above 70 points and once finalized the plan will be shared on the municipal website.
- 5-Year Strategic Plan & 2025 Work Plan Project Report
 - vi. Mayor Corey discussed with Council within our strategic plan, specifically, Economic Growth and Opportunity there is room for improvement and asked for Council to consider assisting in this area. Councillor Chessie agrees and believes there needs to be some assistance from council and make this a takeaway and revisit in the future.
- Tanker Truck Replacement
 - vii. CAO discussed with Council that Harvey Fire Department currently has a tanker truck #794 that has been under close monitoring due to emerging safety and mechanical concerns. The vehicle is near its upcoming inspection and two critical issues 1) frame damage and structural rust and 2) aluminum tank that is cracking. The Tanker trucks has reached a point where immediate attention is required. Chief Swan has been exploring alternative options to ensure continued service and delivery to maintain fire response capacity. Chief Swan has identified a viable and cost-effective replacement vehicle located in Manitoba for \$47,600 for both truck and tank. CAO stated the estimated disposal value of Tanker #794 is between \$35,000 and \$45,000, which would significantly offset the purchase cost. CAO updated Council now that the municipality assumed ownership of the old fire hall from the former trustees, this would be an appropriate time to close the Banty account and transfer its funds to the municipality general operating account. CAO has asked for a Special Meeting of Council for Tuesday March 25th to decide. Deputy Mayor McLean discussed the number of gallons the current tank truck holds compared to the new one and being compensated for forest fires depending on your tank size. A special meeting will be scheduled to discussed this file further.



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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 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant Clerk Morgan Kotsovos

Richard Corey
Mayor

Shawn Hawley
CAO/Clerk