

**Harvey Rural Community
Council Meeting Minutes
Location: Harvey HMCC
Date: April 10, 2024**

Present: Mayor Corey, Deputy Mayor McLean, Councillors Chase and Little, CAO Shawn Hawley and Assistant Clerk Morgan Kotsovos
Absent: Councillor Pepin and Councillor Chessie

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Corey.
2. Adoption of the Agenda – Mayor Corey announced two amendments to the agenda.
 - 1) Presentation – Lake George United Church Cemetery 2) Youth Soccer Grant Application will be moved to go after the Public Works Report.
The Motion was made by Councillor McLean to adopt the amended Agenda.
Seconded by Councillor Little.
Motion carried.
3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes -
Motion made by Councillor Chase to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for March 13th, 2024, and the Council and Committee Minutes for March 25th, 2024.
Seconded by Councillor McLean.
Motion carried.
4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest - None to report.
5. Public Input – None to report.
6. Presentation – Council welcomed Nancy Feren and members from Lake George Cemetery Restoration Committee. Members came to discuss with Council their concerns regarding the cemetery located at the Lake George United Church. Nancy presented current photos and explained the current state of the cemetery. Nancy informed Council that the United Church is for sale and once sold the cemetery will no longer be maintained. Council thanked the members for their presentation and Council will review the request at the next Council Meeting May 8th.
7. Correspondence – None to report.
8. Mayor's Comments – Mayor Corey commented on the accomplishments of the CAO and staff in the last 48 days. While our refreshed and expanded office space is a visual example, the direct work accomplishments and forward movement on all major files are the greatest evidence of a strong functional team. We are on the move. Thank you all.
 - March 15
 - Agenda preparation CIC meeting
 - Meeting with Lake George Cemetery representatives regarding a grant application
 - March 19
 - Weekly meeting with CAO
 - March 20, 21
 - UMNAB Advocacy Days with CAO
 - Focus on understanding Fiscal Reform, the next step in Local Government reform.
 - Presentations from all major political leaders, Premier and ELG Minister and Deputy

- Presentations from other provinces regarding examples of fiscal reform.

Note: Fiscal reform refers to the province transferring new tax space or revenue to Municipalities. This could be a portion of the double tax that the province now collects or a portion of other taxes such as PST, income tax etc. Should this reform move forward, Municipal Governments will be required to shoulder additional responsibility. In a Gleaner article recently the Premier and Minister of ELG made comments on Fiscal Reform. The Premier stated that he wants to overhaul the property tax system. That decision will without question impact our accountability or bottom line. The Minister has moved away from a fiscal Summit model to a broader consultation model. While fiscal reform can bring benefits, communities like Harvey with small tax bases will be challenged to add responsibility because overhead will consume a disproportional part of the transfer. One important consideration as these initiatives move forward will be to look to the CRSC members for partnerships that can provide the necessary economy of scale.

March 25

- Weekly meeting with CAO
- CIC Meeting and presentation from Soccer group

March 30

- Lions breakfast fund raiser to purchase a generator with Deputy Mayor Mclean and Councillor Chessie. Good crowd with lots of political support out provincially and federally.

April 2

- CRSC board AGM highlights
- Ignite strategy for 2024 and a review of 2023
- Fredericton Capital Region Tourism strategy 2024 and review 2023 (documents available)

- Community Development report
- Resolution by board supporting the concept of a Guaranteed basic income
- Regional Infrastructure Committee
- The committee discussed a cost sharing agreement model for the Regional Aquatic Center. The model reviewed is one that is a modification of the default provincial model. The discussion did not reach a conclusion and staff were directed to return to the table with 4 options. This decision has implications for Harvey Rural Community on several fronts, such as, being required to contribute to the operation of the center and on what basis, because this decision is the first major decision related to infrastructure cost sharing it has implications for future decisions.

- CRSC Annual Report
- Report is available
- Attendance and expenses of board member as committee members
- Building permit stats
- Auditors report

April 4 + 5

- Two-day event by invitation of the President's Office UNB "Shaping the Debate Housing Futures". A broad discussion on housing, homelessness, subsidized or non-market housing. The event concluded with a Mayor's round table discussion with The Mayors of Fredericton and Miramichi and the Deputy

Mayor of Saint John. The quote of the event for Mayor Corey was from the Mayor of Miramichi, Adam Lordon "our needs are simple, more people and more housing."

April 9

- Weekly meeting with CAO
- Meeting with Brenda Lee the Community Coordinator for Age Friendly NB. (follow up at May CIC)

April 11

- Mayor Corey and CAO will attend Vision 2030 Economic Summit presented by Ignite.

April 15

- The facilitated Management Committee will provide an opportunity to identify short-term actions and provide a backdrop for our strategic plan and the implementation of our Housing Accelerator Fund implementation.

9. Comments by Members of Council

Ward 1 – Councillor Chase reported there have been many phone calls from residents in the community. Residents are concerned with the neighbouring community's complex and its ability to continually be maintained or closure and how that will affect Harvey Rural Community. Residents are concerned of the dry hydrant in Dumfries that currently is in our region and will it be cleaned out. Mayor Corey stated this will be discussed between the CAO of Nackawic and Harvey Rural Community. Councillor Chase asked if staff could have an updated list of businesses on the website. CAO stated that this is possible if business owners provide their business details to staff, and we would gladly add to the Municipal Website. Councillor Chase would like to remind residents of the upcoming breakfast starting in June on Saturday mornings.

Ward 2 – Councillor McLean is happy to report the Bottle Depo was able to have their agreement updated and were able to re-open.

Ward 3 – Councillor Pepin – Absent.

Ward 4 – Councillor Chessie – Absent.

Councillor at Large – Councillor Little – Nothing to report.

10. Monthly Department Reports

- a) Fire Department – Chief Jerad Swan reported to Council his monthly report.
- b) Public Works – Manager Tom MacDonald reported to Council his monthly report.

11. CAO Updates

Week 1

- Second summer student SEED funding was approved; job posted to community. Application process is open.
- Follow up and new meetings with engineers and architecture firms regarding HMCC.
- Follow up and new meetings PR/Marketing partner for Branding workstream.

- Identified external facilitator to assist with Management Workshop: Stiletto
- Contracted office refresh and moved administration to remote support.
- Dry hydrant file obtained DTI approval and road access permitting, K-Line planning meetings continue, WAWA permits being submitted.
- Met with EMO on 3/27; Swanhaven letter was mailed on April 4th (no known email address)

Week 2

- End-of-year audit report and financial review (LMACA)
- Revisions with JMC on drafts of HR Package and COA PM tool.
- Coordination with the Lacrosse grant recipient to purchase equipment and save the taxes extending the grants reach.
- Agenda development for Management workshop
- We successfully negotiated a new land use agreement in Brockway at 4987 Route 3, Brockway for HFD usage, and we are discussing alternative designs and innovations, this new development provides the potential for increased levels of fire support for our residents of Brockway.
- Discovery work with Housing Assessment Resource Tools (HART) and obtained an offer for cost-free support as part of our HAF funding.
- Opened the refreshed municipal office!

Upcoming weeks...

- Continue to onboard and train the new administration and finalize office improvements.
- Management workshop
- Voyant Alert follow-up meeting to discuss implementation scheduled.
- Scoping Public Works projects and identifying best partner for file improvements
- Finalize PR/Marketing partner for Branding workstream agreement.
- Continue to draft new rubric for grant approvals.
- Go to market with final RFP for strategic plan.
- Site visit and measurements as part of a feasibility for Fire Department truck storage on Fredericton side of the tracks at the Public Works garage (re: EMO file).
- Continue work with JMC on final drafting and reviews of HR Package and COA PM tool.
- Spending field time with Public Works, the Fire Department (including attending weekly FD meeting) and touring around the greater HRC.
- Continue discovery work on HART capabilities.

PSA:

- The CRSC Public Safety Committee has asked if we have upcoming public events that we would like the RCMP in attendance. The deadline to request is 4/12.
- a) 2023 Audit Financial Reports –
Motion to accept the 2023 Audit Reports from Lenehan, McCain & Associates made by Councillor Chase.
Seconded by Councillor Little.
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Councillor Little to appoint Lenehan, McCain & Associates as the Auditor for the Harvey Rural Community for 2024.

Seconded by Councillor McLean.

Motion carried.

12. Committee Reports

a) EMO Committee

Motion to approve the EMO Committee Minutes made by Councillor Chase.

Seconded by Councillor Little.

Motion made.

The next EMO meeting will be held on April 17, 2024.

13. Business Arising

a) First and Second Reading EMO By-Law 2024-01

Motion to read the EMO By-Law 2024-01 made by Councillor Little.

Seconded By Councillor Chase.

Motion carried.

Motion to accept the EMO-By 2024-01 as read made by Councillor Little.

Seconded by Councillor Chase.

Motion carried.

Motion to read the EMO By-Law 2024-01 by title made by Councillor Chase.

Seconded by Councillor Little.

Motion carried.

Motion to receive the EMO By-Law 2024-1 as read made by Councillor Chase.

Seconded by Councillor Little.

Motion carried.

b) Purchase and Tendering Policy 2024-03

Motion to approve the Procurement and Tendering Policy 2024-03 as provided made by Councillor Little.

Seconded by Councillor Chase.

Motion carried.

c) First & Second Reading Council Meeting Cadence Change By-Law 2024-04

Motion to move forward with the amendments on section 4 (c,d,e) on By-Law 2024-04 made by Councillor Chase.

Seconded by Councillor McLean.

Motion carried.

Motion to move forward with the amended By-law 2024- 04 made by Councillor Chase.

Seconded by Councillor McLean.

Motion carried.

Motion to accept the amendments as read made by Councillor McLean.

Seconded by Councillor Chase.

Motion carried.

Motion to read By-Law 2024-04 by title made by Councillor Little.

Seconded by Councillor McLean.

Motion carried.

Motion to receive By-Law 2024-04 as read made by Councillor Chase.

Seconded by Councillor Little.

Motion carried.

- d) Final Reading – Rezoning (9 Maple/PID 01516301) By-Law 2024-03

Motion to read By-Law 2024-03 by title made by Councillor Chase.

Seconded by Councillor Little.

Motion carried.

Motion to receive the By-Law 2024-03 as read made by Councillor McLean.

Seconded by Councillor Little.

Motion carried.

14. New Business

- a) Youth Soccer

Motion to approve the request of 5000 dollars of the 10000 dollars requested by Councillor Little.

Seconded by Councillor McLean.

Motion carried.

- b) HR Committee

Motion to appoint Councillor Chase and Councillor Pepin to the HR committee made by Councillor McLean.

Seconded by Councillor Little.

Motion carried.

15. Financial Reports

Motion to accept the financial statements and bank balances provided made by Councillor Little.

Seconded by Councillor McLean.

Motion carried.

16. Upcoming Activities – Workshop for Council on April 15, 2024.

17. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting – Council Meeting May 8, 2024

18. Motion for Adjournment

Moved by Councillor McLean to adjourn the meeting.

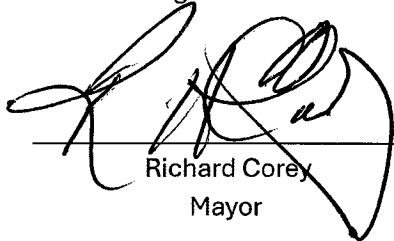
Seconded by Chase.

Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant Clerk Morgan Kotsovos



Richard Corey
Mayor



Shawn Hawley
CAO/Clerk

