

Harvey Rural Community
Council in Committee
Location: Harvey Rural Community Board Room
Date: April 28th, 2025

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Present: Mayor Corey, Councillors Little and Chessie.

ZOOM: Councillor Pepin.

CAO/Clerk Shawn Hawley and Assistant Clerk Morgan Kotsovos.

Absent: Councillor Chase and Deputy Mayor McLean.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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

3. Disclosure of conflict of interest

- None to report.

4. Presentations

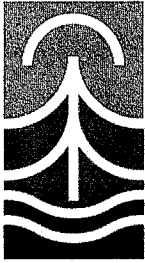
- Council welcomed S/Sgt. Geoffery Peters and Sgt. Scott MacKenzie both who are from RSC 10. RCMP distributed Q1 and Q2 reports regarding Harvey Rural Community. Sgt. Scott MacKenzie discussed the reporting boundaries, traffic unit and a neighbourhood/community watch. RCMP encouraged residents to call 1 800 506 RCMP for non-emergency complaints or use the online form <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/nb/online-crime-reporting>. RCMP stated most are officers will have body-worn cameras on as part of their uniform.

5. Correspondence

- None to report.

6. CAO Report

- HRC Tourism Promotion
 - i. CAO discussed with Council that our Tourism Department has developed a new visitor itinerary that showcases the diverse activities, dining options, and accommodations available throughout the Harvey Rural Community. CAO noted that this itinerary highlights how the Village of Harvey serves as a central hub for tourists looking to explore everything HRC and the surrounding region have to offer.
- Capital Allocation Strategy
 - ii. CAO discussed with Council currently the Municipality holds its reserve funds in a standard savings account, after reviewing available investment tools, there is an opportunity to significantly increase the returns by investing in 30-day Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GIC). CAO will be seeking a resolution of Council in the May Council meeting. Councillor Chessie noted that having money in an invested account for the municipality is wise.
- Financial Modernization



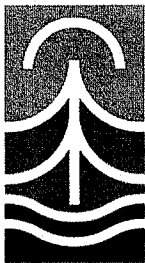
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- iii. CAO discussed with Council the administration is in the process of transitioning our financial system to a more modernize operations, improve access for staff and auditors, data security, and reduce reliance on desktop infrastructure.
- Administration Updates
 - iv. CAO discussed with Council currently the CAO is fulfilling the role of Clerk. This dual role has ensured continuity during the transition period post-restructuring; it is not a sustainable long-term model. Delegating the Clerk responsibilities to a fully appointed staff member allows for the CAO to focus more effectively strategic leadership, intergovernmental relations, and complex operational matters. For these reasons, staff respectfully request Council's support to formally appoint the Assistant Clerk as Clerk by resolution in the May Council meeting.
- Harvey Lake Beaver Management
 - v. CAO discussed with Council the ongoing concern of beaver overpopulation in and around Harvey Lake. It continues to cause elevated water levels, increasing the risk of flooding for surrounding properties and disrupting natural water flow into and out of Harvey Lake itself. Crown land between Harvey Lake and Second Harvey Lake, where the municipal access and intervention have been limited. Staff have been working alongside with the Department of Natural Resources and Harvey Lake Association (HLA) to formalize a long-term solution that would include both a multi-year Crown Land Use Agreement and the necessary Watercourse and Wetland Alteration permit. CAO stated this has been approved and management will be proceeding in the next few coming weeks. Councillor Little asked if this a responsibility of the municipality. CAO stated there is void in the system where we don't own the property however, we have residents' property that are at risk therefore, if the municipality can assist as an EMO risk prevention, then we will.

7. Discussion and Recommendation

- Updating Bylaw 2025-04
 - a) CAO discussed with Council the Province of New Brunswick filed Regulations 2024-48 under the Local Governance Act, formally titled the Code of Conduct Regulation. The new regulation provides standardized requirements for municipal councils across the province regarding the development, content and enforcement of Codes of Conduct for elected officials. Administration is recommending the repeal of the existing Code of Conduct by-law 2023-03 and the adoption of new by-law 2025-04. CAO will be seeking a resolution of Council in the May Council meeting.
- HMCC MOU Update
 - a) CAO discussed with Council the status of the HMCC MOU and noted a meeting was held by HMCC. Discussion of navigating the transition, two questions. Councillor Little asked what are the next steps, and how is this affecting the budget. CAO stated this wouldn't come affect the resident tax base, however – Councillor Chessie asked if there are any



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oppositions from community members or board members. CAO stated there's been no new inquiry or feedback since the four RNA meetings and Community Wide Town Hall.

- b) 8:16 Assistant clerk left the chamber
- c) 8:16 Assistant clerk returned to the chamber

- Summer Community Event

- b) CAO discussed with Council that with the success of our Q1 Community Town Hall event the administration is recommending a seasonal counterpart in the form of a Summer Community Event. This format continues our strategic focus on increasing community engagement with residents. The event would focus on fire safety education, in alignment with the findings of our recent EMO Plan risk assessment, which identified wildfire as the most significant threat facing our region. The key event features would include fire safety promotion/education, community BBQ, family-friendly activities and community showcasing Lake George family campground. Department of Natural Resources and Harvey Fire Department confirmed availability for the proposed date (s), and the campground has formally approved hosting the event on Monday July 7th, with the alternative dates of July 8th or 9th in case of inclement weather. This event would be in lieu of the July Council meetings and staff feel any new business can be effectively managed around the July window. Any urgent items that may arise, Council may call Special Meeting. Councillor Chessie asked about parking spaces at the Lake George Family Campground. Suggestions of structure for the event would be helpful and is a nice evening to engage with the community. Councillor Pepin suggested partnering with Harvey Community Days for the event if the opportunity presents itself.

- Strategic Plan Council Community Engagement Follow Up

- c) Mayor Corey discussed with Council that they could defer this discussion until May Council in Committee meeting when all of Council is present to follow up on this in greater detail.

8. Motion for adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Assistant Clerk Morgan Kotsovos



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