



Harvey Rural Community
Council Meeting Minutes
Location: Harvey Rural Community Board Room
Date: May 12th 2025

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

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 Chase, **SECONDED BY** Councillor Chessie to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

- **MOVED BY** Councillor Chessie, **SECONDED BY** Councillor Chase to approve the minutes of the April 6th, 2025 Special Meeting of Council, April 14th, 2025 Council Meeting and April 28th, 2025 Council in Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

- None to report.

5. Public Input

- **Public Hearing:** proposed amendment to the Prince William Local Service District Plan Regulation – Community Planning Act (13-PRW-028-00) amend the Dumfries Local Service District Rural Plan Regulation – Community Planning Act (13-DUM-053-00) and amend the Kingsclear Planning Area Rural Plan Regulation – Community Planning Act (06-KNG-041-00). Mayor Corey introduced CRSC planner Malinda Parks and asked her to move forward with her presentation which consisted of the amendments to the Rural plans of Dumfries, Kingsclear and Prince William.

Motion to Adjourn Public Hearing

MOVED BY: Councillor Chessie

SECONDED BY: Councillor Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for the amendment to the Prince William Local Service District Rural Plan, the Dumfries Local Service District Rural Plan, and the Kingsclear Planning Area Rural Plan be adjourned. Motion carried.

7:05 CRSC planners left the chambers.

6. Presentation

Mountain Ash Wind Project, SWEB Development

- 7:06 pm Jason Parise entered the chambers
Council welcomed Jason Parise Director of SWEB Director of Development- Wind Lead to the Council chamber to discuss the Mountain Ash Wind Energy Project. Mr. Parise stated some attributes for the project, although subject to change until the project is fully permitted and approved. Typical project tasks and timeline are 4-6 years for project development, 1-2 years project construction and project operations 25-30 years.
- 7:10pm Councillor Pepin left the chambers –she returned at 7:11pm



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- Discussions of road access to the location, who covers the liability, damage costs and job opportunities for local contractors to assist with the development.
- Mayor Corey stated that SWEB will be hosting a public event on June 4th at the Harvey Highschool from 4-8 pm all are welcome to attend, this is a good opportunity to ask SWEB any questions or concerns you may have regarding the possible project.
- Mr. Parise left the chamber at 7:26pm

7. Correspondence

- Harvey Community Network Appreciation Night.
- UMNFB Fiscal Reform Legislation

8. Mayor's Comments

- Mayor Corey discussed with Council many events he attended and some comments;
- April 23 Attended opening of 53rd Music Festival
- April 24 CRSC Oversight Committee and Finance Committee
- April 28 CIC
- April 29 Meeting with Operations Manager at FENs to introduce Community Strategic Plan
- April 30 Attended the IGNITE AGM
- May 3 Invasive species presentation
- May 6 CRSC Board Meeting 2024 Annual Report, Governance changes Finance Committee.
- May 8 Tourism Fredericton Spring review
- Highlights for this year emphasize Tourism growth in several areas, ones that are of particular interest to HRC are Kayaking and paddling, sport fishery and ATV travel. Our strategic plan clearly positions us to support our community in developing these opportunities.
- RECREATION AND WELLNESS • Recommendation 3: Enhance Water and Trail Access for Residents and Visitors, HRC is a region with an abundance of natural assets. When asked to provide open-ended recommendations, more than 20 participants of the resident survey highlighted the importance of trails in their day-to-day lives. References to trails included requests to make them accessible for various activities including biking, racing, running, and ATVs, and connecting trails to lakes and rivers to support access to other outdoor activities such as swimming and triathlon opportunities. Additionally, community residents requested making trails accessible for strollers and wheelchairs, which would require regular maintenance.
- Two decisions of Government in the last few weeks. Property Tax overhaul and Fiscal reform of Municipal Funding have been on the table for the last two years. Recently an increase of 75 million in Equalization funding for Municipalities in 2026 was announced. There is limited detail on the actual distribution of the funding model. Following that announcement, the province announced a freeze on property assessments for next year. That announcement will most likely eliminate any benefit HRC receives from the Fiscal Reform announcement next year.

9. Comments by Members of Council

- Ward 1 – Councillor Chase

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- i. Met with Magugadavic Lake Association (MLA) for a presentation regarding the wind farms and stated the MLA would like to present to council in the next coming months.
 - Ward 2- Deputy Mayor McLean
 - ii. Discussion with a resident in Brockway and sent the information to the CAO. Repairs to some of the potholes in Brockway are being patched. Tweedside hall breakfast begins Saturday May 17th all are welcome.
 - Ward 3 – Councillor Pepin
 - iii. Discussed municipal owned road conditions and road safety concerns from residents that were passed along to the CAO. Councillor Pepin would like to bring awareness to all residents to slowdown as more children are out playing with the nicer weather and suggestions of adding more signage for drivers as a reminder.
 - Ward 4 – Councillor Chessie
 - iv. No comments
 - Councillor at Large
 - v. Councillor Little stated there is a Lacrosse tournament this weekend at the Harvey Memorial Community Centre and all are welcome to come out to watch and cheer on the Harvey Highlanders.
10. Monthly Department Reports
- Fire Department – Chief, Jerrad Swan submitted to Council the monthly Fire Department report in writing.
 - Public Works – Director, Tom MacDonald submitted to Council the monthly Public Works report in writing.
11. Committee Reports
- EMO Committee Report
 - i. April 16th, 2025 was submitted to Council. Deputy Mayor McLean stated a final approval of the EMO plan will be reviewed at the next EMO meeting and will be brought forward to Council.
12. CAO Updates
- Reminders to Sign Up for Community Alert System and Monthly Newsletter.
 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on May 31st, located at FENS on Route 3.
 - UNB Empower Rural New Brunswick Communities Tech Program hired a summer student who will provide Tech Support to Harvey Rural Community at the Community Library.
 - Councillor Little suggested for the Voyent Alert to have an alert for Fire burning awareness. CAO will follow up with this item.
13. Business Arising
1. HMCC MOU
 - Motion to Support HMCC Board Transition Requests – Land Use Protections and Fund Allocation**
 - MOVED BY: Councillor Pepin**
 - SECONDED BY: Councillor Little**



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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby directs Administration to investigate and present options to Council regarding:

- The establishment of legal or regulatory mechanisms to restrict future use of the HMCC property to public recreation and community purposes; and
- The creation of mechanisms to ensure that any remaining HMCC financial assets at the time of ownership transfer are used exclusively for the improvement and maintenance of the HMCC facility and grounds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be shared with the HMCC Board as confirmation of Council's commitment to advancing these priorities in good faith as part of the ongoing transition discussions as part of the MOU period. **Motion carried.**

Deputy Mayor McLean asked would this restrict any other future Council to change the land ownership. CAO stated this will be discussed with the municipalities counsel.

14. New Business

1. Code of Conduct Bylaw

Motion for First Reading by Title

MOVED BY: Councillor Chessie

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor McLean

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2025-04, A By-law Establishing a Code of Conduct for Elected Officials, be read a first time by title." **Motion carried.**

Motion for Second Reading by Title

MOVED BY: Councillor Chessie

SECONDED BY: Councillor Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2025-04, A By-law Establishing a Code of Conduct for Elected Officials, be read a second time by title." **Motion carried.**

2. Administration Update

Motion to appoint the municipal Clerk in Accordance with Section 71 of the Local Governance Act

MOVED BY: Councillor Chessie

SECONDED BY: Councillor Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby rescinds the appointment of Shawn Hawley as Clerk, effective immediately upon the passage of this motion;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council hereby appoints Morgan Kotsovos to the position of Clerk for the Harvey Rural Community, effective immediately upon the passage of this motion, with all associated authorities and responsibilities under the *Local Governance Act* and municipal policies. **Motion carried.**

3. Capital Allocation Strategy

Motion for CAO to Manage GIC Transactions

MOVED BY: Councillor Chessie

SECONDED BY: Councillor Little

Mover and seconder approved the amendment to the motion to now state



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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to purchase and redeem cashable Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs) within the Municipality's reserve accounts, as needed for cash flow and financial management. **Motion carried.**

Councillor Chessie suggested looking into having an investment policy for the future.

15. Financial Reports

- Account Balance Report was submitted to Council.
 - April Building Report was submitted to Council.
- Councillor Little asked if the summer positions have been hired. CAO stated there was several applicants. The positions have all been filled via a strong talent pipeline.

16. Upcoming Activities

- Tweedside Hall Breakfast May 17
- Lacrosse Tournament at HMCC May 16-18
- Ash Windmill Community Event – June 4th, 2025 @ Harvey Highschool from 4-8pm

17. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- Council in Committee Meeting May 26th @ 7:00 pm @HMCC Boardroom

18. Motion for Adjournment

- Motion: MOVED BY Councillor Chessie to adjourn the meeting, SECONDED BY Councillor Little.
Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk, Morgan Kotsovos

Richard Corey
Mayor

Morgan Kotsovos
Clerk