

**Harvey Rural Community
Council Meeting Minutes
Location: Harvey Rural Community Boardroom
Date: July 8th, 2024**

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

Absent: Councillor Pepin. Late: Councillor Little arrived late 7:07pm.

CAO/Clerk Shawn Hawley and Assistant Clerk Morgan Kotsovos.

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1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Corey.
 2. Adoption of the Agenda – **Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Councillor Chase. Seconded by Councillor McLean. Motion carried.**
 3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes
Motion made by Councillor Chessie to approve the Council Meeting Minutes June 10th, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes June 24th, 2024, and CIC minutes June 24th, 2024 Seconded by Councillor Chase.
Motion carried.
 4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest – None to report.
 5. Public Input – None to report.
 6. Presentation – None to report.
 7. Correspondence – Spotlight on Seniors - July 22nd from 2-4 pm @ Harvey Lions Club.
 8. Mayor's Comments – Mayor Corey shared with Council various local events he attended over the month.
 - These are very busy times in Harvey Rural community.
 - The development of a Branding Strategy is coming to completion.
 - We have 4 students working. Two helping move our administrative office issues forward and two assisting with beautification and maintenance.
 - The Participaction Challenge went very well placing in the top 50 communities from across Canada is an incredible achievement. Thanks to all the groups that participated. The organizers will complete a finalist submission form explaining why we should be named Canada's Most Active Community. Winners will be announced the week of July 22nd, 2024.
 - Strategic Planning is ramping up, a process to guide and support our decision making for the next five years.
 - The review of The Harvey Memorial Community Center is well underway, we will soon be receiving reports.
 - We are starting to plan for next years budget.
 - We have moved past the challenge of dealing with the Regional Aquatic Center. Mayor Corey is looking forward to continuing to build regional collaboration and developing regional strategies that work for all.

- We are moving forward and making great progress on building for the future of the Community. We are privileged to have a strong administrative group keeping all this moving forward. Thank you to each of you for helping us achieve our vision.

9. Comments by Members of Council

Ward 1 – Councillor Chase reported he assisted at the ACW All Saints breakfast where 105 residents attended, along with our MLA and Mayor Corey. Residents were inquiring about self-defense classes to be held within the community to better protect themselves.

Ward 2 – Councillor McLean reported that he has received some emails regarding the complaint of a rooster By-law. Councillor McLean and residents are excited to see the construction on the Tweedside road.

Ward 3 – Councillor Pepin – Absent.

Ward 4 – Councillor Chessie reported that residents had some questions and concerns regarding the rooster By-law. Councillor Chessie did receive some questions regarding bushes and ditching along the highway.

Councillor at Large – Councillor Little reported a resident reached out regarding the reciprocal agreement between the school and the municipality and their concerns.

10. Monthly Department Reports

- a) Fire Department – CAO reported to Council the monthly Fire Department report.

Motion to accept the Fire Department report made by Councillor Little.

Seconded by Councillor McLean.

Motion Carried.

- b) Public Works – CAO reported to Council the monthly Public Works report.

Motion to accept the Public Works report made by Councillor Chessie.

Seconded by Councillor Little.

Motion Carried.

11. CAO Updates - CAO reported to Council various events and projects he has been working on

Strategic Plan

- **Resident Survey Reminder** – we've had 100+ residents provide input via the community survey. This is a reminder to encourage everyone to participate and provide Council with feedback in the plan for the next five years.

As discussed in CIC, to enrich our strategic planning, we have scheduled two targeted Focus Group sessions, specifically tailored for our local associations' executives and business owners. These targeted sessions are an integral part of our community engagement strategy and will be facilitated by the team from Stiletto. The details of the sessions are as follows:

Associations Focus Group

- **Date:** Wednesday, July 17th

- **Time:** 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
- **Location:** HMCC Gymnasium
- **Participants:** Executives from Harvey Community Network, Harvey Hospital Foundation, Harvey Improvement Association, HMCC, Harvey Curling Club, among others.

Business Owners Focus Group

- **Date:** Wednesday, July 17th
- **Time:** 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- **Location:** Big Fiddle Still
- **Participants:** Owners from Fen's Market, Black's, Briggs & Little, Marwood, and more.

We believe that Councils insights and contributions would be extremely valuable, and I would like to personally invite you to participate in either of the sessions as your schedule permits.

Please note that these targeted sessions are in addition to the ongoing resident survey, which continues to gather broader community input.

Lake George Family Campground Beach is **Now Open for Public Access** – we've received positive feedback regarding the new water access for the community at LGFC that went live on Canada Day. We did encounter an issue in the MOU follow up discussion regarding an additional washroom/change area. We thought our spare washroom from the lakeshore would work but isn't viable. We've put a toilet for 30 days at Lake George for (\$450.00) to help with the facilities but would like Council approval for the season (3-months) and for the administration to help LGFC apply for funding to build additional change faculties on site.

Lake George Family Campground

Motion to approve the season (3 months) and for the administration to help Lake George Family Campground apply for funding to build additional change facilities made by Councillor Chessie.

Seconded by Chase.

Motion carried.

Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) Preliminary Milestone Report Complete - Jean-Francois Thibeault, who's our CMHC contact, to review our preliminary milestone report without issue. All our permitting improvements are on track with the regional service commission. We will submit a status report in August at the 6-month mark of receiving our funding and anticipate no issues. We did learn there might be an opportunity for additional funds at year-end if we decide to propose new projects and milestones. We will remain in contact with our CMHC contacts and keep our ears to the ground.

Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) via Housing Assessment Resource Tools (HART) Group Status Update – the administration has been partnering with the Regional Service Commission to pull historical permit data. The HART research team fold this permit data

into an analysis in the report. We've included for reference another housing needs assessment for Grande Prairie, Alberta, as an example of what we can expect from HART.

Community Branding File Update: The administration has a positioning meeting tomorrow and will be following up with the marketing agency Ginger on delivery timeline.

On June 26th we finished advance alert system training with the municipal administration and the fire department, with this we officially moved the new alert system into production, as part of the EMO file. Call to Action: **Sign Up and Join Local Emergency Alert System** - be advised when there's a local emergency and stay in the loop on local municipal updates. Stay tuned for an upcoming enrollment contest that may or may not include the giveaway of composters, so please sign up!

In June's Council Meeting Council approved funding for a Community Library gazebo project along with having the administration apply for funding for the project to help offset some of the costs. I'm happy to report **RCD approved our request for the gazebo in full with external funds.**

As part of the **Land File** update a business case justifying our request for the sale of the **200 Murray Road** for \$1.00 to HRC from GNB has been submitted. When meeting to discuss other files with DTI the indication was favorable in response to our submission. Will have a status update by CIC.

12. Committee Reports - None to report.

13. Business Arising

- a) Updating Community Public Library Memorandum of Understanding
Motion to approve the updated Community Public Library Memorandum of Understanding made by Councillor Chessie.
Seconded by Councillor Little.
Motion carried.
- b) Reciprocal Agreement for Community Access of School Facilities
Motion to accept the Reciprocal Agreement for Community Access of School Facilities made by Councillor McLean.
Seconded by Councillor Chase.
Motion carried.
- c) HMCC task Group Terms of Reference
Motion to approve the HMCC terms of reference made by Councillor Chessie.
Seconded by Councillor Little.
Motion carried.

- d) Q4 Meeting Review and Recommendation

Motion to approve the Q4 Council meeting and CIC meetings made by Councillor McLean.

Seconded by Councillor Chase.

Motion carried.

- e) Annual Report

Motion to approve the Harvey Rural Community annual report for the year of 2023 as presented made by Councillor Chessie.

Seconded by Councillor Chase.

Motion carried.

14. New Business

None to report.

15. Financial Reports

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

Seconded by Councillor Chase.

Motion carried.

Motion to accept the Q1'24 assessment review adjustments report made by Councillor Chase.

Seconded by Councillor McLean.

Motion carried.

Rescinded Motion:

A resolution that the following motion of Council made in regular session dated May 8th, 2024, be rescinded made by Councillor Chessie.

Seconded by Councillor Little.

Motion carried.

Utility Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure Transfer – Charlie Little Road Generator

Be it resolved that Harvey Rural Community transfer \$20,460.42 (twenty thousand four hundred sixty and forty-two cents) as per quote Q-225 from M.E. Master Electric Ltd. from the Utility Capital Reserve Fund to the General Operating Fund.

Motion made by Councillor Chessie.

Seconded by Councillor Little.

Motion carried.

New Resolution

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Motion made by Councillor Chase.

Seconded by Councillor McLean.

Motion carried.

16. Upcoming Activities – None to report.

17. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting – Council in Committee Meeting July 22nd, 2024.

18. Motion for Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Chessie to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

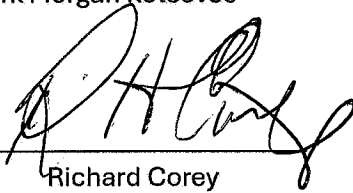
Seconded by Councillor Chase.

Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

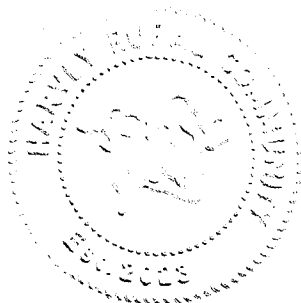
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