

Harvey Rural Community

Council in Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Harvey Rural Community Boardroom

Date: July 22nd, 2024

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

ZOOM: Councillor Chessie.

CAO Shawn Hawley, 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 – **Motion made by Councillor Chase to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Councillor Little. Motion carried.**
3. Disclosure of conflict of interest – None to report.
4. Presentations –
 - a) RCMP – Sgt. Scott MacKenzie of RSC 11 and Staff Sgt. Geoff Peters discussed with Council the detachments that serve Harvey Rural Community and the quarterly report. Sgt. MacKenzie would like to encourage all residents to call the non-emergency number at 1-888-506-RCMP or www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/nb/online-crime-reporting - regarding any issues they would like to have clarified.
 - b) Branding Agency – Council welcomed Ginger Agency President Sarah Martell and Account Director/Social Strategy Lead, Heather Stewart. There have been many community engagement sessions throughout the community to allow residents to bring forward their thoughts, stories and feelings of what makes Harvey Rural Community, the community it is. The team at Ginger have gathered key information from residents from the community engagement sessions and presented to Council their material thus far. Mrs. Martell discussed with Council that a brand is a narrative that we build, and that people talk, feel and reiterate. Martell stated six key messages that collectively came through in all sessions from residents in the community who chose to participate were: **Community Spirit, Natural Beauty, Living Heritage, Quality of Life, Outdoor Adventures and Entrepreneurial Drive.** Council and Mayor Corey appreciated the presentation from Ginger, recognised these findings and insights from their participation in the community engagement sessions, offered their feedback and are looking forward to the next step for the new branding launch before the end of the year.
5. Correspondence – NBEMO - Tropical Cyclone Season.
6. CAO Report -
 - a) **Preliminary talks regarding HRC resident access to Nackawic-Melville Ice Rink** – CAO discussed with Council that last year 44 of 75 hockey players were from Harvey Rural Community and were required to pay a non-resident fee to play hockey in Nackawic-Milville. CAO reported the first draft of a draft

Memorandum of Understanding between the two communities has been started.

- b) **Q2 Management Meeting Progress Update** – CAO reported the Municipal Strategic Plan Status Updates Resident Survey has concluded and was highly engaged. The comparison benchmarks from our agency were blown away in community engagement with over 140+ resident responses. CAO states that the Focus Groups with five Community Associations and 19 Local Business Owners happened July 17th and were highly attended and engaged. Stiletto COO, Jenna Evans will be joining us at our council meeting August 12th, for a presentation and status report. As a reminder we are aiming to have the Strategic Plan done by early Q4. There are several land files underway regarding acquisition including the opening of Lake George Family Campground for new water access in time for Canada Day, which was a success.

- c) **HMCC Assessment** – CAO discussed the first meeting between the HMCC Assessment Task Group and the HMCC Board. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the ongoing assessment process, preview potential next steps, and review the Terms of Reference that govern the Task Group's activities. CAO reported the meeting was productive, with robust discussions that reinforced the collaborative efforts between the HMCC Board and the HMCC Assessment Task Group. CAO stated our focus will remain on transparency, accountability, and the proactive engagement of all stakeholders.

- d) **Dry Hydrant Installation Update** – CAO reported that the two parts needed to move forward with the installation are planned to arrive the week of 7/22 and work will commence on the first hydrant. RTE 640/Hanwell dry hydrant has been completed and RTE 645/Yorkmills dry hydrant will be completed by the end of July. The HFD will be testing the installs afterwards to confirm proper functionality.

- e) **Mick Mack Traylor Club Lake George Micmac Cemetery Grant Request for Repairs** – CAO reminded Council that our grant fund is on-hold until Strategic Plan is completed. President Vernon Cliff and CAO and the Assistant Clerk met with Project Coordinator Harold Moore on site to tour this historic location and understand the goals. Mr. Moore has been informed that the grant fund is currently frozen and Council will not be accepting new requests. CAO assured Mr. Moore that Council would be made aware of the need in lieu of an open request process.

7. Discussion regarding Housing Development Support Principles – in advance of HNA and Strategic Plan – CAO discussed with Council that Harvey Rural Community is pleased to be the receipt of external Federal funding through the Housing Accelerator Fund. This funding is intended to help accelerate development and home growth within our community. This Federal support is greatly appreciated, it is important to recognize that the available dollars and annual disbursements are limited (\$210,000.00/yearly over 4 years). Allocating these funds as straight forward subsidies or per-home development grants would result in minimal impact and reach. CAO discussed with Council the memo primer presented is intended to create some discussion regarding housing development support principles in advance of HNA and Strategic Plan. The municipality is developing a consideration framework that aligns with our upcoming Housing Needs Analysis and the New Municipal Strategic Plan, both under development.

8. Discussion and Recommendation

a) TOR Updates

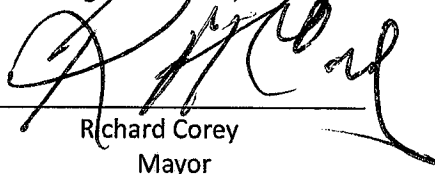
- Land Task Group – Mayor Corey discussed with Council that moving forward each Task Groups will have a chair for efficiency. These task groups will have a published agenda on the municipal website and are open to the public.
- Land Task Group - Councillor Chase volunteered to Chair the Land Task Group.
- HMCC Assessment Task Group - Councillor Pepin volunteered to Chair the HMCC Assessment Task Group.

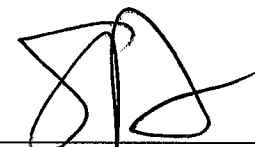
b) 8:32 pm Closed Session under the Local Governance Act Section 68 (1) d
Motion to move into Closed Session under the Local Governance Act Section 68 (1) d made by Councillor McLean.
Seconded by Councillor Chessie.
Motion carried.

8:58 pm Motion to move out of Closed Session under the Local Governance Act Section 68 (1) d and into open session made by Councillor Chase.
Seconded by Councillor Pepin.
Motion carried.

8. **Motion for adjournment at 9:00pm made by Councillor McLean.**
Seconded by Councillor Chase.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Morgan Kotsovos, Assistant Clerk


Richard Corey
Mayor


Shawn Hawley
CAO