

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town of Harbour Grace Council, held in the Town Hall via Zoom,
September 18, 2023, at 7:00 PM

<i>Members Present</i>	Mayor	Don Coombs
	Deputy Mayor	Keith Skinner
	Councillors	Terry Barnes
		Brendan Chafe
		Lee Rogers
		Gordon Stone
		Randy Wrice
<i>Staff Present</i>	Town Clerk/Manager	Amy Dwyer
	Admin. Assistant	Sherrie Best
	Economic Development Officer	Matthew McCarthy
	Mayor Coombs called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.	
Minutes:	Mayor Coombs called for a motion to adopt the regular council meeting minutes of August 14, 2023.	
Regular Meeting August 14, 2023	Motioned to adopt the regular council meeting minutes of August 14, 2023, as presented.	

MOTION #23 – 266

DM SKINNER/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Land Tax Sale	Mayor Coombs referred the update on the land tax sale to Finance. Councillor Stone noted that the sale signs are now ready for placement on the properties and for those who are interested in those properties to contact the town manager to discuss the details. Mayor Coombs added that as per a previous motion of council, surveys and legal costs are at the buyer's expense.
1 Harvey Street	Mayor Coombs referred the update to the Fire Department Liaison. Councillor Chafe decided to give his update at the present time. He advised that correspondence was received from the Commissioner's Office and the Commissioner is very willing to visit the site with the fire chief and Town Manager.
CVFSA	Mayor Coombs advised that an update is available from the Fire Department. Referred to the Fire Department Liaison.
Bannerman Bridge	Mayor Coombs referred the update to Public Works Committee.
Luke Reynolds	Mayor Coombs referred the update to the Public Works Committee.
Strategic Plan	Mayor Coombs referred the update to the Business and Economic Development Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

RCMP	Mayor Coombs advised he has received calls from citizens regarding the illegal activities taking place within the Town. Mayor Coombs met with Sargent Ken Maher, and he emphasized to the mayor, councilors, and the public to report to the RCMP or Crime Stoppers any suspicious and illegal activity. It will be documented and placed on record.
ERSB	Mayor Coombs advised that a successful meeting was held with ERSB, and an update will be provided by Housing/Zoning.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dept. of Fisheries, Forestry & Agriculture	Mayor Coombs tabled an approval letter from the Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture regarding application #161087 for crown land at Jamie's Way. Referred to Finance.
Municipalities NL	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Municipalities NL advising of a CRA Workshop for office staff.

CORRESPONDENCE cont'd

Disability Policy Office Gov. NL	Mayor Coombs table correspondence from the Disability Policy Office advising of the Accessibility Plan Information Session being held on Thursday, September 28, 2023.
Municipalities NL	Mayor Coombs tables an information circular from Municipalities NL.
Building Permits	Mayor Coombs tabled the following building application permits: a) 35' x 25' garage - #4 Connors Valley. b) 60' x 52' house - Main Road, Bristol's Hope. c) 24' x 6' shed and 12' x 12' deck – 12-22 Water Street East. d) 24' x 16' garage and a 24' x 36' house - 69-71 Lady Lake Road. e) 16' x 10' extension to existing shed – 6 Griffin's Lane. Referred to Housing/Zoning.
ERSB	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from the Eastern Regional Service Board informing municipalities of applications for funding through Multi Materials Stewardship Board under its Community Waste Diversion Fund. Referred to office staff.
Dept. of Environment & Climate Change	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Environment and Climate Change advising of the Fall 2023 Water and Wastewater System Operators Course schedule. Referred to Public Works and the Town Manager.
Dept. of Justice & Public Safety	Mayor Coombs tabled an approval letter from the Department of Justice and Public Safety for the purchase of a new firefighting vehicle, project No. FES-NL230007. Referred to Fire Department Liaison.
Tony McCarthy	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from Mr. Tony McCarthy regarding the re-zoning process of his property at 339-349 Water Street. Referred to Housing/Zoning.
MPA	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Manipal and Provincial Affairs regarding the Municipal Plan Amendment No. 5, 2023 and Development Regulations No. 6, 2023. Referred to Housing/Zoning.
DCHGCC	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from user groups at the DCHGCC requesting a half hour time change for ice rental at the Centre. Mayor Coombs advised a meeting is scheduled with the representatives of each group on Wednesday, Sept 20, 2023, at 7:00 pm.
RCMP	Mayor Coombs tabled a flyer from the RCMP advising the public and municipalities of a Community BBQ and Family Fun Day being held at the St. Francis Field on September 23, 2023, at 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.
Dept. of Transportation & Infrastructure.	Mayor Coombs tabled a memo from the department of Transportation and Infrastructure reminding municipalities of contract obligations and payments to contractors.
Municipalities NL	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Municipalities NL advising municipalities of the deadline to submit resolutions for the 2023 Annual General Meeting. Mayor Coombs noted that Council sent a resolution to Municipalities NL to allow towns in the province to clean up on properties and take a lien on those properties. He hopes the resolution will be tabled at the Annual General Meeting.
434 Water Street	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from a resident requesting the replacement of a culvert near the property. Referred to Public Works.
Municipalities NL	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Municipalities NL notifying of voting on the revised set of bylaws to take place at the 2023 AGM.
PMA	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Provincial Municipalities Association advising of upcoming training opportunities for fall 2023.
Ken McDonald MP	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Mr. Ken McDonald, MP advising that the New Horizons for Seniors Funding program is now open for applications. Referred to Finance.
MMSB	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the MMSB advising that they are accepting applications for Community Waste Diversion Fund for the year 2023/2024.
Allnorth Consultants	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from Allnorth Consultants advising that they offer assistance with MCW Applications.

CORRESPONDENCE cont'd

87 Water Street	Mayor Coombs tabled a motion to rescind Motion #23-253 for an Airbnb. Referred to Housing/Zoning.
Community Garden	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from the Community Garden Committee requesting maintenance to the boxes at the Community Garden. Referred to Finance.
MPA	Mayor Coombs tabled a memo from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs reminding of the Mandatory Training Deadline.
Municipalities NL	Mayor Coombs tables an Information Circular from Municipalities NL.
TCP Health Foundation	Mayor Coombs tabled a donation request letter from the TCP Health Foundation for the 34 th Annual TCP Health Foundation Telethon. Referred to Finance.
Par ID BISH001	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from Par ID #BISH001 advising of cease of operation of the business and requesting tax relief. Referred to Finance.
MPA	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs reminding of the extension of Community Collaboration Grants.
Dept. of Trans. & Infrastructure	Mayor Coombs tabled the revised Capital Works Contingency Allowance Policy from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.
Health Canada	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Health Canada advising of online consultation, available until Sept. 21, 2023, on the development of safe long-term care.
Municipalities NL	Mayor Coombs table correspondence from MNL informing of a virtual info session with Professional Engineers and Geoscientists Newfoundland and Labrador that was held on Sept. 13, 2023.
CSCNL	Mayor Coombs table a letter from CSCNL outlining updates and insights.
The New Horizon's for Seniors Program	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the New Horizons for Seniors Program notifying that the extension for the NHSP 2023 – 2024 call for proposals is now Sept 28, 2023.
343 Water Street	Mayor Coombs table a letter from the owners of 343 Water Street requesting a meeting to discuss the re-zoning of the property. Referred to Housing/Zoning.
NL Power	Mayor Coombs tabled a proclamation from NL Power advising that Energy Efficiency Week is Sept 23 – 29, 2023. This proclamation will be signed at 10:00 am, September 25, 2023, in Council Chambers at the Town Hall.
Baccalieu SPCA	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from the Baccalieu SPCA requesting a donation and advising of SPCA first Radiothon on Nov. 4, 2023. Referred to Finance.
Municipalities NL	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from municipalities NL asking for Sponsorship for MNL Conference Hospitality Night.
Municipalities NL	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Municipalities NL regarding the small town's virtual roundtable invite for Wednesday, Sept 27, 2023.
Ground Force Training	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Ground Force Training advising of an online snowplough operation course on Sept. 19, 2023
Dept. of Trans. & Infrastructure	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure advising of status update of submitted applications and reminding that Sept. 29, 2023 is the deadline to submit.
Dept. of Municipal & Provincial Affairs	Mayor Coombs tabled the Capital Investment Plan Approval letter for road upgrades for Rogers Lane, Cathedral Street, Old Water Street, and Water Street from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs. Referred to Public Works.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Bannerman Lake Bridge	Deputy Mayor Skinner advised that the Committee is still waiting to hear back from the parties of Government to set up a date for a meeting to discuss the problem and a solution with Bannerman Lake Bridge. Mayor Coombs noted that the Town Manager is actively pursuing to schedule a meeting.
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CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE cont'd

Luke Reynolds Deputy Mayor Skinner advised that the Committee and the Town Manager met with Mr. Reynolds to discuss his concerns with global warming. However, the Town must get funding from government to tackle most of his concerns. It was determined that more people, including both the provincial and federal governments, should work with the Town to fund money to make this happen.

434 Water Street Deputy Mayor Skinner advised that the culvert replacement has been completed by the Public Works Department.

Mayor Coombs left council chambers at 7:19 pm.

TCP Health Foundation Motioned to donate \$500.00 to the 34th Annual TCP Health Foundation Telethon as per previous years.

MOTION #23 – 267

DM SKINNER/CLR. ROGERS

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Coombs returned to the chambers at 7:21 pm.

Ground Force Training Deputy Mayor Skinner informed that the Public Works Department has several people that are well trained in snow clearing and there is no need to avail themselves of this training. Motioned to designate Mayor Don Coombs as the head of Public Body for the Town of Harbour Grace for the purpose of Section 109 of ATIPPA 2015

MOTION #23 – 268

DM SKINNER/CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned to designate Mrs. Amy Dwyer, Town Clerk/Manager, as the ATIPP Coordinator for the Town of Harbour Grace for the purpose of Section 109 of ATIPPA 2015.

MOTION #23 – 269

DM SKINNER/CLR. ROGERS

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Mayor Skinner, Clr. Wrice, and Clr. Chafe left the meeting at 7:23 pm.

Re-Zoning Be it resolved that the Town of Harbour Grace adopt Municipal Plan Amendment No. 5, 2023 and Development Amendment Regulation No. 6, 2023 as established under Section 17 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000.

MOTION #23 – 270

CLR. ROGERS/CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Rogers clarified to the public that this amendment concerned a piece of property on Water Street that had to be rezoned from Industrial Zone to Town Zone.

Deputy Mayor Skinner, Clr. Wrice, and Clr. Chafe returned to the meeting at 7:26 pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor Stone reported that the monthly Finance Committee meeting was held on August 24, 2023 and he informed that due to maintenance issues, the DCHGCC showed a loss of \$14,579.77 which had to come from the GIC to pay down the deficit. He added that July showed a deficit of \$23,007.00 and up to August 24, the deficit was \$23,000.00 totaling approximately \$60,000.00. Councillor Stone noted that with the upcoming 2024 Budget, there will be much discussion on how Council will proceed to address the issue to reduce the deficit at the facility on behalf of the citizens of the Town.

Councillor Stone advised that the Committee has received a report from the Town Manager on delinquent business tax groups that showed a success of collecting \$10,000.00 and payment arrangements were made with other businesses that are in arrears. A report was also received from the EDO regarding the Strategic Plan that states four out of five infrastructure issues have been completed up to date this year. Going forward into 2024, other issues will be put in place to keep the Strategic Plan growing throughout its 10-year duration. Councillor Stone mentioned that the Committee is currently doing proactive work on the 2024 budget and will have it ready for December's deadline. He also noted that he hopes to include in the budget, financial support that was requested by the Community Garden Committee to help with maintenance to the garden. This depends on the success of the organization of the 2024 Budget.

FINANCE COMMITTEE cont'd

Motioned that Council have the EDO submit a New Horizons for Seniors Program 2024 Application to the Federal Government by the deadline of September 28, 2023.

MOTION #23 – 271

CLR. STONE/CLR. WRICE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PAR ID# BISH001

Motioned that Council accept the request from Par ID # BISH001 regarding ceasing business operation on January 27, 2019 and adjust taxes according to Town Policy.

MOTION #23 – 272

CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Mayor Skinner left the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Phase 1 Hr. Grace South

Water/Sewer

Councillor Stone advised the next infrastructure priority of the Town is Phase 1, Harbour Grace South Water and Sewer. The Town's auditor has advised the Town to reconsider, but to meet the deadline to submit of September 29, 2023 and have it approved by Government for 2024-25, a motion is needed by Council to continue the submission as this project is part of the Town's Strategic Plan infrastructure priority for 2024-25.

Motioned that the Town hire Tom Harris Engineering to prepare an estimate of the cost for Phase 1, Harbour Grace South Water and Sewer, the 2024-2025 Town Infrastructure Priority, and have it submitted to 2024-2025 Municipal Capital Works of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure by the deadline of September 29, 2023.

MOTION #23 – 273

CLR. STONE/CLR. ROGERS

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Mayor Skinner returned to the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Motioned that the Town Council install video cameras at the Council Office and DCHGCC, and that the lowest bidder, Snow Security, be hired to do that job.

MOTION #23 – 274

CLR. STONE/CLR. WRICE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned to accept Pam Edwards request to have her Airbnb be recognized as a "New Business" and that the Town's Tax Policy on new business starts be applied.

MOTION #23 – 275

CLR. STONE/CLR. BARNES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned to accept Terry and Melanie Mercer's request to have their Airbnb be recognized as a "New Business" and that the Town's Tax Policy on new business starts be applied.

MOTION #23 – 276

CLR. STONE/CLR. BARNES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Mayor Skinner left the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Councillor Stone advised that tenders for the Gas Tax Paving were opened at Harris & Associates on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 12:00 pm. The bids received are as follows:

Concord Paving Ltd.	\$ 93,776.75
Farrell's Excavating Ltd.	\$ 161,204.13
Parson's Paving	No Response
Mercer's Paving	No Response
Construction costs	\$ 81,545.00
HST Construction	\$ 12,231.75
Engineering	\$ 11,800.00
HST Engineering	\$ 1,770.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 107,346.75</u>

Motioned that a contract in the amount of \$93,776.75 be awarded to Concord Paving Ltd. as recommended by Harris & Associates, the Town's engineer

MOTION #23 – 277

CLR. STONE/CLR. ROGERS

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Mayor Skinner returned to the Meeting at 7:43 pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE cont'd

Deputy Mayor Skinner left the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Mayor Coombs advised that the Town has received a Capital Investment Plan Approval letter on Sept 14, 2023, from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs stating that the Canada Community Building Fund Committee has accepted the project listed on the Town's Capital Investment Plan as Road Upgrades – Rogers Lane, Cathedral Street, Old Water Street, Water Street, Project #107-2023-8044 for \$104,761.00.

Motioned to accept the Capital Investment Plan Approval as presented.

MOTION #23 – 278

CLR. STONE/CLR. BARNES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Mayor Skinner returned to the meeting at 7:45 pm.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL No Report

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor Rogers provided Council with a committee report noting that the EDO has submitted the final report on the Canada Summer Jobs Student Program, and the JCP Project for the Otterbury Schoolhouse will start on September 25, 2023. A celebratory event will take place at the Conservatory Area on September 21 at the Tourist Chalet where interpretation from the Stewardship Association will be featured, and the new boardwalk signage will be revealed. The Community Garden had its best garden competition and received eight nominees with six winners.

Crown Land #E-161087

Motioned that the Town write to the Provincial Government thanking them for their quick response and to advise them that the Town of Harbour Grace, at this time, cannot afford \$300,300.00 plus HST to pay for the Crown Land next to Jamie's Way.

MOTION #23 – 279

CLR. ROGERS/CLR. BARNES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned that the EDO attend the SAM (Secretary Association of Municipalities) meetings being held in Bay Roberts on October 20-22, 2023.

MOTION #23 – 280

CLR. STONE/CLR. WRICE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

ERSB Meeting

Councillor Chafe reported that a successful and positive meeting was held with Steve Tessier and Lynn Tucker of the ERSB regarding the continuing issues with the site and the surrounding area. Some of the topics discussed and resolutions were:

1. The illegal dumping of building materials & household items such as demolition materials, toilets, furniture, and appliances around the side of the road at the site entrance. Several resolutions to this problem were discussed and resolutions are as follows:
 - Better signage at the entrance of the road.
 - Install a locked gate in the same area where the old gate was for the Incinerator Road.
 - The installation of surveillance cameras when power is available to the site.
2. The site being properly fenced. Council was informed that the company has not discussed that yet. The focus is the prevention of the illegal dumping because council do not want building materials, etc. ending up in the surrounding area and Lady Lake.
3. What party is responsible for the clean up of the area. It was decided that on Sept 21, if the town employees were not busy with a water break, for example, ERSB would allow the Town to clean up the estimated 15 truck loads of debris and transport it inside the site.

Councillor Chafe added a lot was accomplished at the meeting with positive outcomes and the Town is pleased to have a good working relationship with the Eastern Regional Service Board. Councillor Chafe thanked all that was able to attend the meeting.

MMSB

Councillor Chafe noted that funding is available for \$25,000.00 through Multi Materials Stewardship Board under its Community Waste Diversion Fund and Council should take

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE cont'd

advantage of this opportunity as a woodchipper is needed and the deadline to apply is October 27, 2023. Mayor Coombs agreed and asked the Town Clerk/Manager and the EDO to explore this opportunity and have a presentation ready to make to council at the next scheduled council meeting.

Building Permits

- 4 Connors Valley - 4.5-A Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Luke and Robyn Penney for a 35' x 25' garage located at #4 Connor's Valley following all Town Development Standards and all necessary Government permits/regulations. The owner must apply to the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure for driveway access. This motion must follow the stipulation that the homeowner must make a \$5,000.00 down payment to build the garage prior to construction which will be refunded after the foundation is constructed within a two-year time frame.

MOTION #23 – 281**CLR. CHAFE/CLR. WRICE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****Main Rd, Bristol's Hope**

- 4.5-B Motion to approve the building application submitted by Daniel Pike for a 60' x 53' house located at Main Road, Bristol's Hope following all Town Development Standards and all necessary Government permits and regulations. An approved well and septic design from Service NL and a driveway approval from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure. Council in this motion, must invoke its discretionary authority under regulation 11.

MOTION #23 – 282**CLR. CHAFE/DM SKINNER.****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****12 – 22 Water St. East**

- 4.5-C Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Barry Clarke for a 24' x 6' shed and a 12' x 12' deck located at 12 – 22 Water Street East following all Town Development Standards and all necessary Government permits/regulations and must follow DFO requirements.

MOTION #23 – 283**CLR. CHAFE/CLR. BARNES****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****69 – 71 Lady Lake Rd.**

- 4.5-D Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Clyde Carter for a 24' x 16' garage located at 69 – 71 Lady Lake Road following all Town Development Standards and all necessary Government permits/regulations with the following stipulation that the garage must be moved back five feet to align with the front of the house and a \$5000.00 down payment prior to construction will be refunded after the foundation of the house is constructed within a two -year time frame.

MOTION #23 – 284**CLR. CHAFE/CLR. WRICE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Clyde Carter for a 24' x 36' house located at 69 -71 Lady Lake Road following all Town Development Standards and all necessary Government permits/regulations. The cost of the Water and sewer hookup is at the owner's expense.

MOTION #23 – 285**CLR. CHAFE/CLR. BARNES****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 4.5-E Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Raymond Verge for a 16' x 10' extension to an existing shed located at 6 Griffins Lane following all Town Development Standards and all necessary Government permits/regulations.

MOTION #23 – 286**CLR. CHAFE/CLR. WRICE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****87 Water Street**

Councillor Chafe explained that a business permit was approved for an Airbnb before the discretionary use was advertised by the owner. Therefore, the motion must be rescinded, and a new motion made for the business.

Motioned to rescind motion #23 – 253 for an Airbnb located at 87 Water Street.

MOTION #23 – 287**CLR. CHAFE/DM SKINNER****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE cont'd

Councillor Chafe noted that the two-week discretionary notice is completed, and no complaints were received.

Motioned to approve the Airbnb located at 87 Water Street following all Town Development Standards and Government permits/regulations.

MOTION #23 – 288

CLR. CHAFE/CLR. WRICE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOURISM & HERITAGE

No Report

PARKS & RECREATION

Councillor Barnes reported that there will be a meeting with the Chalet group Friday, September 22. He added that sealant has been purchased for the tennis courts and that one of the bleachers is in need of replacement. He noted that people are becoming more interest in tennis, and it would be a shame to allow the facility to run down.

FALL FAIR LIAISON

Councillor Rogers reported that this year's Fall Fair was a tremendous success. There were 12 entries in the Blue-Ribbon Vegetable competition and entries were on display all weekend. The petting farm and honeybee observation took place on Saturday and helped raise funds for New Life Rescue. Councillor Rogers thanked the many volunteers including Julia Parsons, Baccalieu Trail Honeybees, and Ashley and Aaron Janes for helping in making the fair a success.

DCHGCC LIAISON

Councillor Barnes reported that 40 venders took part in the Craft Show at the Fall Fair which brought in \$2800.00, and Thomas Amusements were set up on the facilities parking lot which was enjoyed by young and old alike. The next craft fair is the Third Annual Christmas in the Harbour scheduled for December 2 – 3, 2023. Councillor Barnes also thanked Ashley Janes, as she is involved with many of the town's committees.

CIVIC EVENTS LIASON

Councillor Wrice reported that on September 9, the Civic Events Committee partnered with the Town of Harbour Grace and hosted a successful outdoor movie night, on Saturday, September 23, the Committee will host its second "Kettle's On" event at the fire brigade's social building, and in late October, the Committee will have its first Trunk or Treat.

JOINT COUNCIL LIASON

No Report

FIRE DEPT. LIASON

Councillor Chafe advised that all eligible recipients' names for the CVFSA are provided to Council. Council has recommended the Finance Committee and the Fire Department Liaison to have a presentation ready for the next council meeting to see how those members will be recognized. Councillor Chafe advised that on September 13, the Harbour Grace Volunteer Fire Department hosted a gathering at the HGVFD Social Building to announce Trades NL's awarding a cheque for \$7000.00 under the Trades NL Health Wellness Grant to replace the Brigade's PPE gear. He added that full-time training operations have resumed as well as regular weekly meetings and the Annual Muscular Dystrophy Fire Truck Pull is Sept. 30.

Dept. of Justice and
Public Safety

Councillor Chafe reported that an event was held on September 12, 2023, at the HGVFD Social Building, to announce the funding of \$100,000.00 from the Provincial Government as their portion in a cost share project with the Brigade to purchase the tactical vehicle for high angle and water rescue. Councillor Chafe noted the remaining portion of the cost for this vehicle was done through fundraising methods by the HGVFD. In attendance were Premier Andrew Furey, MP Pam Parsons, Elvis Loveless MHA, Mayor Coombs, Council members, the Fire Commissioner, most of the Brigade members, and guests from the towns in the region.

Motioned that the Harbour Grace Town Council approve funding in the amount of \$100,000 from the Provincial Government's fixed contribution for 2032-24 Fire Protection Infrastructure Program Project No. FES-NL-230007.

MOTION #23 – 289

CLR. CHAFE/CLR. ROGERS

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BRISTOL'S HOPE LIAISON

Deputy Mayor Skinner congratulated the Bristol's Hope Committee on the well planned and successful event at the old schoolhouse. Deputy Mayor Skinner added that he had the privilege and honor, on behalf of the Town, to attend the retirement party of Reverend Don Martin and wished him the best in his retirement from his ministry with the people of Saint Paul's and Saint Peter's Parish.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT	Tabled Motioned to adopt the Town Clerk's Financial Report as presented. MOTION #23 - 290	CLR.STONE/CLR. WRICE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
EDO REPORT	Tabled Motioned to adopt the Economic Development Officer's Report as presented. MOTION #23 - 291	CLR. ROGERS/CLR. CHAFE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
PUBLIC WORKS REPORT	Tabled Motioned to adopt the Public Works Superintendent's Report as presented. MOTION #23 - 292	DM SKINNER/CLR. ROGERS MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
DCHGCC MANAGER'S REPORT	Tabled Motioned to adopt the Danny Cleary Harbour Grace Community Centre's Report as presented. MOTION #23 - 293	CLR.WRICE/CLR. BARNES MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
COUNCILLORS SUGGESTIONS/CONCERNS		
Councillor Stone mentioned that the Board of Cultural Innovation Business Inc. held a meeting recently and thanked all the volunteer groups in the Town for helping during Festival Week in July and he then referred to the 2024 Budget by explaining that the Town will do everything it can to support the volunteer groups in their activities. Councillor Barnes advised the residents of Harbour Grace to be careful driving in the town at night due to ATV's racing up and down the streets with no lights on and requested for more police presence in the town during the night. Councillor Barnes also informed the public that the OWL is delayed being used until the TV screen arrives. Mayor Coombs informed that once the OWL is up and running for meetings, only eight people are permitted in the chambers along with Council, due to fire regulations. He added Zoom will continue as it reaches out to more people in the town. Mayor Coombs advised the public that council meetings are back on regular schedule. He thanked Rick and Christina Hearn for offering the Seniors Technology Course again and requested for the Town/Clerk manager to reach out to the RC Parish to discuss the St. Francis field.		
ADJOURNMENT	Motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 8:28 pm. MOTION #23 - 294	CLR.ROGERS/CLR. BARNES MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next regular meeting of Council is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, October 16, 2023.

Confirmed:

Don Coombs, Mayor
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Amy Dwyer, Town Clerk/Manager