

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town of Harbour Grace Council, held in the Town Hall via Zoom,

October 17, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Members Present	Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillors	Don Coombs Keith Skinner Brendan Chafe Lee Rogers Gordon Stone
Members Absent		Terry Barnes Randy Wrice
Staff Present	Town Clerk/Manager Admin. Assistant Economic Development Officer	Amy Dwyer Sherrie Best Matthew McCarthy
	Mayor Coombs called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Mayor Coombs advised that meetings are now open to the public and as per Fire Safety Regulations, the Town Hall’s capacity for the viewing gallery is 8 individuals. He noted that the last public meeting held within chambers was March 2020.	
Minutes:	Mayor Coombs called for a motion to adopt the regular council meeting minutes of September 18, 2023.	
Regular Meeting September 18, 2023	Motioned to adopt the regular council meeting minutes of September 18, 2023, as presented. MOTION #23 – 297 DM SKINNER/CLR. STONE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY Mayor Coombs announced regrets from Councillor Terry Barnes and Councillor Randy Wrice and passed on condolences on behalf of the Town of Harbour Grace to the family of the late Roger Pike.	
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES		
Land Tax Sale	Mayor Coombs said he was pleased with the outcome of the Land Tax Sale as it has been ongoing for two years. Mayor Coombs thanked the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs for permitting the Town to proceed with the sale. The chairperson of Finance will give an update at the next council meeting and will write to the Minister asking if the Town can sell the properties that did not sell for a lesser amount.	
1 Harvey Street	Mayor Coombs referred the update to Councillor Chafe and said it ties into correspondence 4.26. He hopes that the resolution is brought forward at the MNL Annual General Meeting as it is important to Municipalities of the Province to be able to clean up dilapidated properties and in return be compensated for the cost of the cleanup.	
CVFSA	Mayor Coombs referred the update to the Fire Department Liaison.	
Bannerman Bridge	Mayor Coombs referred the update to Public Works Committee.	
RCMP	Mayor Coombs thanked the RCMP for holding their Community BBQ at the St. Francis Soccer Field.	
St. Francis Field	Mayor Coombs advised that due to recent vandalism that has occurred at St. Francis Field, causing severe damage to soccer nets and the building, the Town will be looking at installing video cameras at the field. Referred to Housing/Zoning.	
Community Waste Diversion Fund	Mayor Coombs advised that Councillor Chafe has a report to give to the EDO regarding the funding that is available from that fund.	
NEW BUSINESS		
St. Francis Committee	Mayor Coombs requested a meeting with Mr. Pembroke and the Parish Committee to finalize the outcome of the St. Francis Field.	

CORRESPONDENCE

HGBCIB Inc.	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from the Harbour Grace Board of Culture, Innovation and Business Inc. requesting assistance with receipting to donors for income tax purposes.
PMA	Mayor Coombs tabled the October member bulletin from the Professional Municipal Administrators.
MAA	Mayor Coombs tabled the 2024 Assessment Service Fee from the Municipal Assessment Agency.
MMSB	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence regarding the Community Waste Diversion Fund that is being offered by the Multi Materials Stewardship Board.
MNL	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Municipalities NL regarding information and voting instructions for MNL AGM voting delegates.
MNL	Mayor Coombs tabled a media release issued by MNL regarding municipal infrastructure and the need for a long-term plan.
MNL	Mayor Coombs tabled an Info Note for October month from Municipalities NL.
Tiny Home & Mobile Homes	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Mr. Reginald Garland regarding tiny homes/mobile homes. Referred to Housing/Zoning.
Miles for Smiles Foundation	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from the Miles for Smiles Foundation requesting that October be proclaimed National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Referred to Finance.
Heather Forbes	Mayor Coombs tabled a Letter from Heather Forbes complaining of dog feces left on sidewalks throughout the Town.
Priyam Saxena	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from Priyam Saxena of MUN seeking help through communities for PhD research paper. Referred Housing/Zoning.
JW Consulting Associates	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from JW Consulting Associates offering training on the Accessibility Plan. Referred to Finance.
Harris & Associates Ltd.	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Harris & Associates advising that the following change orders and holdback claims need the town's approval and signature. 1). Change order No. 5 Harvey Street Phase 5 –17-GI-21-00054 (PN-20-107), - \$3933.01 2). PCA Amendment #2 Harvey St. Phase 5 -- 17-GI-21-00054, - \$4657.50 3). Holdback Claim # 10B Harvey St. Phase 5 - 17WCW-00015, - \$38,368.96 4). Holdback Claim # 9A Harvey St. Phase 5 – 17-GI-21 00054, - \$18,112.49 5). Change order No. 1 Sanitary Storm Sewer Outfall - 17-GI-22-00090, - \$40,032.08. Referred to Public Works & Finance
Business Applications	Mayor Coombs tabled the following business applications: A) 2 Cathedral Street – a small Inn/Room rental. B) 165 Water Street - an Airbnb. C) 193-199 Water Street - an Airbnb. D) 150 Gully Path Road - Application for a Hobby sawmill. Referred to Housing/Zoning.
Building Applications	Mayor Coombs tabled the following building applications: A) 150 gully Path Road -a for 20' x16' garage B) 69-71 Lady Lake Road - a 28' x 16' garage C) 31 Downing Street - a 22' x 15' ext. to existing shed. D) 24 Pikes - an application to lift house 6 feet and install new knee wall to create a full basement & 5.5' x 17.5' addition for internal staircase. E) 412 Southside Road a 32' x 24' garage Referred to Housing/Zoning.

CORRESPONDENCE cont'd

Dept. of Transportation & Infrastructure	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding Consultant Bids for the LeMarchant Street project. Deferred to next council meeting.
Elizabeth Ann Parsons	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from Elizabeth Anne Parsons promoting Salty Dog, the Pirate and booking for festivals & events being held in the town. Referred to Civic Events.
Sabrina Jenkins, Co-Ord., TC Pageant	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from Sabrina Jenkins advising of booking Junior Miss NL and Miss Teen Trinity Conception for future festivals, events, or celebrations in the town. Referred to Civic Events.
MRON	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from MRON advising that October is Disability Employment Awareness Month, and they will be hosting activities throughout the month.
CSCNL	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Community Sector Council of NL advising of a free zoom webinar on October 25 th at 2:30 pm.
MNL	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Municipalities NL regarding the housing crisis in Newfoundland and Labrador.
JCCBN	Mayor Coombs tabled the agenda for the JCCBN meeting that was held September 28, 2023.
PMA	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence advising that the PMA & Memorial University scholarship applications are now open.
Susan Pike	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from Susan Pike requesting Council to address the issues with Kelly's Lane. Councillor Chafe addressed the fact that Ms. Pike and her neighbour are in dispute over a parcel of land that they both have legal documents stating they own the land. Mayor Coombs informed that the Town does not get involved with disputes between neighbours.
TRIO Benefits	Mayor Coombs tabled an invitation from TRIO Benefits to attend the Fall Caucus Meeting being held on October 26, 2023.
MPA	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from Municipal and Provincial Affairs regarding the dilapidated property located at 1-5 Harvey Street.
Dept. of Trans. & Infrastructure	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure reminding to submit Municipal Capital Works application for the 2024-2025 on Municipal Capital Works Program and submission deadline.
Conception Bay Museum	Mayor Coombs tabled the 2023 Tourist Season Report from the Conception Bay Museum and their request for financial assistance in 2024 Budget. Referred to Finance.
MNL	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Municipalities NL asking for support to encourage youth interest in local government.
MNL	Mayor Coombs tabled an Info note from Municipalities NL advising that the agenda for the 2023 MNL Conference, Trade Show and AGM is available online.
MNL	Mayor Coombs tabled a Memo from Municipalities NL regarding options for municipalities to ensure future sustainability.
Dept. of Trans. & Infrastructure	Mayor Coombs tabled an approval letter from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to enter into a contract with consultant services for the 17-GI-24-00068 – LeMarchant Street Water & Sewer Upgrading. Referred to Housing, Environment & Sanitation.
Amendments	Mayor Coombs tabled the Municipal Plan Amendment No. 5, 2023, "Industrial" to "Town" and Development Regulations Amendment No. 6, 2023, "Industrial (IND)" to "Town (TN)" at 343 Water Street West. Referred to Housing/Zoning.
MNL	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Municipalities NL regarding MNL Board of Directors elections information.
MNL	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Municipalities NL regarding the Leadership Summit for women and gender-diverse individuals.

Dept. Fisheries, Forestry
and Agriculture

Mayor Coombs tabled an approval letter for Crown Land Application No. 161139. Referred to Councillor Chafe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Consultant Bids Deputy Mayor Skinner advised that consultant bids for the LeMarchant Street project are on the agenda for the next Public Works meeting and it will be brought forward to council at the next council meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Miles for Smiles Motioned to hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 to be National Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Town of Harbour Grace and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

MOTION #23 – 298

CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DCHGCC Manager Councillor Stone advised that the Finance Committee has reviewed the DCHGCC manager's travel claim as was presented last September.

Motioned that Council pay the claim as it meets the terms of the contract.

MOTION #23 – 299

CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SPCA Councillor Stone advised that a letter was received from the SPCA Baccalieu Trail requesting a donation. However, as per Town Policy on donations, only one donation can be made to a local groups per year and a donation was already given to the SPCA in April 2023.

Motioned to write to the SPCA Baccalieu Trail advising them that the Town of Harbour Grace has already contributed to their campaign this year and as per Town Policy, we can only contribute to groups once a year. The Town looks forward to supporting the SPCA in the future.

MOTION #23 – 300

CLR. STONE/CLR. ROGERS/

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wage Increase Councillor Stone spoke on the increase of the minimum wage to \$15.00 by the provincial government. The Finance Committee did a review of the town employees that resulted in the need to change the policy in terms of the rate of pay.

Motioned that all "permanent" employees of the Town of Harbour Grace shall be paid a "minimum" of one dollar (\$1) above the minimum wage of Newfoundland and Labrador effective the date of this motion October 17, 2023

MOTION #23 – 301

CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DCHGCC Councillor Stone advised that there were issues at the DCHGCC that need addressing resulting in the following motion.

Motioned that when DCHGCC users exchange their hours with other users, the new users shall pay the ice rental rate associated with their user designation and the original users shall have the responsibility of consulting with the manager before the changes are made.

MOTION #23 – 302

CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Tax Sale Councillor Stone explained that the Procurement Act must be followed regarding the vacant land tax sale that took place on October 13, 2023. He said the Finance Committee has reviewed the paperwork involved in the sale and has ensured that the rules were followed. The committee is comfortable with its findings and recommends that staff move forward and complete the process of the bids on land that were made. He emphasized that the money received from vacant land sales would be used towards economic development in the town.

Motioned that Council direct the Town Manager, Ms. Amy Dwyer, to place the Vacant Land Sales Income into a separate account branded "Reserved for Town's Payment Share of Economic Development Funding Partnerships" such as Federal and Provincial Governments.

MOTION #23 – 303

CLR. STONE/CLR. ROGERS

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE COMMITTEE cont'd

Motioned that the Town Council donate \$50.00 to the Harbour Grace Volunteer Fire Brigades Truck Pull in aid of Multiple Sclerosis

MOTION #23 – 304

CLR. STONE/CLR. ROGERS

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned to accept the offer of assistance under ACOA's Innovative Communities Fund for the Phase 1 of the Heritage District Developments Project in the amount of \$517,897.00.

MOTION #23 – 305

CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Stone reminded that a grant for this project was received from the provincial government that was approved in a previous council meeting and the Town's 10% will also be added. He hopes to see the start of the project by construction season of 2024.

Councillor Stone announced that a funding idea is being worked on for the DCHGCC in relation to seats in the facility. Further details will be brought before Council for discussion at the next Council Meeting.

Councillor Stone advised that the Finance Committee, as directed by Council, will be putting the old loader up on tender.

Motioned that the Town of Harbour Grace take delivery of its new John Deere Loader and snow clearing equipment on October 31, 2023.

MOTION #23 – 306

CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Stone advised that Thursday, October 19, 2023, the finance committee will be starting its budget sessions and plans to have it ready for submission on time in December 2023.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

No Report. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, at 10:30 am.

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor Rogers reported that the EDO is currently working with the Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor to apply for an Active NL Grant for purchasing new soccer nets to replace the nets that were vandalized last week. He advised that the Committee is excited on receiving the \$517,000 from ACOA to get the heritage walk started and the Community Garden received \$750.00 from the Community Garden Support Program to help fund activities and supplies for 2024. Councillor Rogers announced that the celebration event for the new conservation area that was held on Sept. 21, 2023, the Geocache Challenge 2023 is running now till October 31, 2023, and an application has been submitted to the New Horizons 2024 program for the Earhart 50+ Club. He also informed that signs have been developed and sent to a printing company for the new Municipal Heritage Site Designation Program and when completed, will be installed in the designated areas.

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE**Business Applications**

2 Cathedral Street

Motioned to approve the business application submitted by Craig Flynn for a small Inn/Room Rental at 2 Cathedral Street following all town standards and government guidelines.

MOTION #23 – 307

CLR. CHAFE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Coombs noted that this application does not require a discretionary use as it is in a Heritage district and meets all regulation.

165 Water Street

Motioned that the business application submitted by Craig Flynn for an Airbnb at 165 Water Street to be advertised for two weeks in a public newspaper for **Discretionary Use** at the owner's expense.

MOTION #23 – 308

CLR. CHAFE/CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE cont'd

- 193 – 199 Water Street Motioned that the business application submitted by Craig Flynn for an Airbnb at 193-199 Water Street to be advertised for two weeks in a public newspaper for **Discretionary Use** at the owner's expense.
MOTION #23 – 309 **CLR. CHAFE/CLR. ROGERS**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 150 Gully Path Road Motioned to approve the application submitted by Lorne Petten Jr for a Hobby Sawmill located at 150 Gully Path Road as per the following stipulations:
 1. Cost of permit is \$25.00 and must be renewed annually at the discretion of council if no complaints have been received.
 2. Noise and nuisance regulations are followed.
 3. Area where saw is being used is kept clean.
 4. The saw is stored inside a structure after use.
MOTION #23 – 310 **CLR. ROGERS/CLR. STONE**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Building Applications
 150 Gully Path Road Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Lorne Petten Jr. for a for a 20' x 16' garage located at 150 Gully Path Road following all Town Development Standards and all necessary Government permits/regulations.
MOTION #23 – 311 **CLR. ROGERS/CLR. CHAFE**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 69 – 71 Lady Lake Road Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Clyde Carter for a 28' x 16' garage located at 69 – 71 Lady Lake Road following all Town Development Standards and all necessary Government permits /regulations.
MOTION #23 – 312 **CLR. ROGERS/DM SKINNER.**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Councillor Chafe left the chambers at 7:47 pm.*
- 31 Downing Street Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Harold Chafe for a 22' x 15' garage extension located at 31 Downing Street following all Town Development Standards and all necessary Government permits/regulations.
MOTION #23 – 313 **CLR. ROGERS/CLR. STONE**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Councillor Chafe returned to the chambers at 7:48 pm.*
- 24 Pike's Road Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Stehpen Earle to lift a house 6 feet and install a new knee wall to create a full basement and build a 5.5' x 17.5' extension for an internal staircase at 24 Pike's Road following all Town Development Standards and all necessary Government permits/regulations.
MOTION #23 – 314 **CLR. CHAFE/CLR. ROGERS**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 412 Southside Road Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Jerome Power for a 32' x 24' garage located at 412 Southside Road following all Town Development Standards and all necessary Government permits/regulations.
MOTION #23 – 315 **CLR. CHAFE/CLR. STONE**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Dilapidated Property Councillor Chafe noted that 2.2 and 4.26 of the agenda are both related to dilapidated properties, which has been an ongoing issue for years within the Town and other municipalities. He stated that it is deplorable how the removal of such buildings is at the expense of the town and expressed how important it would be if a resolution for this matter would be on the agenda for the 2023 MNL Conference and Annual General Meeting.
- CVFSA Councillor Chafe explained that the Community Volunteer Fireman Service Awards are for a municipality to show recognition for the years of service for members of their fire brigade. The Brigade provided to Council the names of members that have been a volunteer firefighter for up to 40 years. Council has decided that it will recognize these members and make it an annual event separate from the fireman's ball.

Priyam Saxena Councillor Chafe advised that the Housing/Environment/Sanitation Committee will be reviewing Priyam Saxena's letter requesting support in a research paper on how waste dumps may be affecting our coastal ecosystems in Newfoundland and Labrador and will contact the MUN student to advise of our support.

Crown Lands
Application #161139

Motioned to enter a 5-year agreement as presented from Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture that includes a fee of \$300.00 for Application No. 161139.

MOTION #23 – 316

CLR. CHAFE/CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Chafe left the chambers at 7:56 pm.

Be it resolved that the Town Council of Harbour Grace approves Municipal Plan Amendment No. 5, 2023 and Development Regulations Amendment No.6. 2023, as established under Section 17 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000*.

MOTION #23 – 317

CLR. CHAFE/CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion Adopted. 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Councillor Chafe returned to the chambers at 7:57 pm.

Deputy Mayor Skinner left the chambers at 7:57 pm.

Harris & Associates Ltd.
Change Orders

Motioned to ratify, giving authority to the Town Manager, to approve the enclosed change orders, release of holdbacks, and contract payments as per the agenda.

MOTION #23 – 318

CLR. ROGERS/CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Stone requested for each change order and holdback to be read out individually.

Motioned to approve Change Order No. 5, Harvey Street Phase 5 – 17-GI-21-00054 for \$3933.01.

MOTION #23 – 319

CLR. ROGERS/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned to approve PCA Amendment No.2 Harvey Street Phase 5 – 17-GI-21-00054 for \$4657.50.

MOTION #23 – 320

CLR. ROGERS/CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned to approve Holdback Claim No. 10B Harvey Street Phase 5 – 17WCW-00015 for \$38,368.96.

MOTION #23 – 321

CLR. ROGERS/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned to approve Holdback Claim No. 9A, Harvey Street Phase 5 – 17-GI-21-00054 for \$18,112.49.

MOTION #23 – 322

CLR. ROGERS/CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned to approve Change Order No. 1 Sanitary Storm Sewer Outfall – 17-GI-22-00090 for \$40,032.08.

MOTION #23 – 323

CLR. ROGERS/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to give the Town Manager the authority to approve change orders, release of holdbacks, and contract payments on a go forth basis.

****MOTION #23 – 324**

CLR. ROGERS/CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Stone suggested that Deputy Mayor Skinner return to the chambers to take part in this motion as he is not in conflict with this part.

Deputy Mayor Skinner returned to the chambers at 8:03 pm.

****Mayor Coombs asked Councillor Rogers to repeat the motion again.**

Motion Repeated

Motion was repeated to allow Deputy Mayor Skinner to participate in the vote.

Motion to give the Town Manager the authority to approve change orders, release of holdbacks, and contract payments on a go forth basis.

****MOTION #23 – 324**

CLR. ROGERS/CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOURISM & HERITAGE

No Report.

PARKS & RECREATION

No Report.

FALL FAIR LIAISON

No Report

DCHGCC LIAISON

Councillor Rogers advised that this upcoming weekend is the home opener game for the Senior Cee Bees and the 3rd Annual Christmas in the Harbour Craft Fair will take place at the Arena on December 2 and 3, 2023.

CIVIC EVENTS LIAISON

Councillor Rogers reported that the Committee is having a busy fall and noted the following events. Fall displays are set up in the parks throughout the town with a photo contest coinciding with the displays, they are assisting the Regatta Committee with a Trunk or Treat on October 29, hosting a Pumpkin Walk in aid of the Newfoundland Make a Wish Foundation at 6:30 pm on November 1, at the SW Moore's Memorial Park, Bonfire Night is November 5 at 6:30 pm, and plans are ongoing for the Christmas Dinner, Christmas tree lighting and Sparkle parade. Councillor Rogers thanked all the people on the Civic Events Committee for their hard work and dedication to the citizens of Harbour Grace.

JOINT COUNCIL LIAISON

No Report,

FIRE DEPT. LIAISON

Councillor Chafe reported that regular weekly training is ongoing, the Annual Truck Pull for Muscular Dystrophy was a huge success, with the winning team being the Harbour Grace Volunteer Fire Brigade, and all funds raised will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, and he announced that the Fire Brigade will be doing a rubber duck race on December 9, 2023 as a fundraiser towards the purchase of the new truck. Tickets are \$5.00 each, which can be purchased from any brigade member and the winning prize is \$1000.00.

Councillor Chafe advised that a motion was missed regarding the application to avail for funding for the woodchipper through the Community Waste Diversion Fund and the deadline for application is October 31, 2023.

Motioned to make an application up to \$25,000.00 to the Community Waste Diversion Fund for the purchase of a woodchipper and other tools associated with waste management for the Town of Harbour Grace.

MOTION #23 - 325

CLR. CHAFE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BRISTOL'S HOPE LIAISON No Report

TOWN MANAGER REPORT Tabled

Motioned to adopt the Town Clerk's Financial Report as presented.

MOTION #23 - 326

CLR.STONE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EDO REPORT

Tabled

Motioned to adopt the Economic Development Officer's Report as presented.

MOTION #23 - 327

CLR. CHAFE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DCHGCC MANAGER'S REPORT Tabled

Motioned to adopt the Danny Cleary Harbour Grace Community Centre's Report as presented.

MOTION #23 - 328

CLR.CHAFE/CLR. ROGERS

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Tabled

Motioned to adopt the Public Works Superintendent's Report as presented.

MOTION #23 - 329

DM SKINNER/CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLORS SUGGESTIONS/CONCERNS

Councillor Rogers passed along congratulations to Ashley and Arron Janes of Home-Grown Farms for winning the 2023 Excellence in Agriculture Distinction Award from the CBDC.

Councillor Chafe briefly talked on the 2024 Budget and wanted the public to know that Council is working hard and diligently on the budget to make it a fair one for the citizens of Harbour Grace. He reminded the public of the Harbour Grace Haunted Hike, sponsored by the Conception Bay Museum, which starts at St. Paul's Church at 7:30 pm on October 26, 2023.

Councill Stone advised that he had missed giving the expense report on the DCHGCC during the Finance Committee Report and reported that the deficit to present is approximately \$84,000.00 and further elaborated on the facility's expenses year to date. Councillor Stone also said another frustrated resident contacted him regarding the nuisance of nighttime ATVs on the Town's roads. He passed along to the resident the process suggested by the RCMP to follow. He advised that Council or the RCMP is not ignoring residents' concerns, but this is one issue that will be hard to find a solution that will work.

Mayor Coombs also spoke on the vandalism that took place recently at the St. Francis Soccer Field. He advised residents if they witness anything suspicious, to take pictures and write down information, then pass it on to the RCMP and they will build a file.

Mayor Coombs passed along condolences to Roger Pikes family. Mr. Pike was a major supporter of the Town of Harbour Grace with his generosity, time, and efforts. Mayor Coombs also wished Mrs. Ruth McCarthy a Happy 90th Birthday.

Next regular meeting of Council is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, November 6, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 8:20 pm.

MOTION #23 - 330

DM SKINNER/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Confirmed:

Don Coombs, Mayor

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Amy Dwyer, Town Clerk/Manager