

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

Minutes of a special public meeting of the Town of Harbour Grace Council, held in the Town Hall & via Zoom.
December 6, 2023, at 10:00 am.

Members Present

Mayor Don Coombs
Deputy Mayor Keith Skinner
Councillors Brendan Chafe
Gordon Stone
Randy Wrice

Members Absent

Lee Rogers
Terry Barnes

Staff Present

Town Clerk/Manager Amy Dwyer
Admin. Assistant Sherrie Best
Economic Development Officer Matthew McCarthy

Mayor Coombs called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Mayor Coombs announced regrets from Councillor Rogers and Councilor Barnes.

Mayor Coombs advised that this Special Meeting of Council is being held to award tender for the fire rescue truck that was designed by Fire Fighter, Jim Barnes. Tenders were opened November 30, 2023, at 2:00 pm in the Town Hall for a new Fire Rescue Truck for the Harbour Grace Volunteer Fire Department. He noted the attendees that were present, himself, Town Manager Amy Dwyer, Firefighter Jim Barnes, Assistant Fire Chief Paul Ash, Councillor Terry Barnes, Councillor Randy Wrice, EDO Matthew McCarthy, and Ralph Evans from Cabot Ford Lincoln Sales Ltd.

Bids were as follows:

Cabot Ford Lincoln Sales Limited	\$139,020.00 + \$20,853.00 (HST) = \$159, 873.00
Hickman Motors Limited	\$124,202.00 + \$18,630.30 (HST) = \$142,832.30

Mayor Coombs noted that Hickman Motors Limited also had a second bid, but it was declined, and all specs were reviewed by Linus Tremblet from the Fire Commissioner's office

Motioned to award the tender to Cabot Ford Lincoln Sales Limited in the amount of \$159,873.00 as they meet all specifications for the new Fire Rescue Truck.

MOTION #23 – 356

CLR. CHAFE/DM SKINNER.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Chafe advised that even though Hickman Motors Ltd. submitted a lower bid than Cabot Lincoln Sales Ltd., their bid did not meet all the specifications that were required.

Councillor Stone motioned that the Town of Harbour Grace borrow from Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce an amount not exceeding \$14,894.60 to cover the cost of the HST rebate portion with a variable term of one year and amortized up to one year for the purchase of a new Fire Rescue Truck.

MOTION #23 – 357

CLR. STONE/CLR. WRICE.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned to advise the Town Manager to contact Mr. Ralph Evans, at Cabot Ford Lincoln Sales Limited to advise the award for tender and to follow up in writing.

MOTION #23 – 358

CLR. WRICE/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Coombs thanked the Fire Chief Dave Earle and several members of the Harbour Grace Fire Brigade for attending this special meeting of council and thanked the MHA, Ms. Pam Parsons for helping to expediate this matter through the Commissioner's Office.

Deputy Mayor Skinner questioned as to how long it will take before the truck will be delivered to the Town of Harbour Grace Fire Brigade. Mayor Coombs said it will take up to 18 months.

Adjournment

Motioned to adjourn the Special Meeting of Council at 10:06 am.

MOTION #23 – 359

DM SKINNER/CLR. WRICE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Don Coombs, Mayor
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Amy Dwyer, Town Clerk/Manager