

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

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

May 13, 2024, at 7:00 PM

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Lee Rogers

Staff Present

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 April 15, 2024.

Deputy Mayor Skinner advised of an error in the report he gave regarding Kane's Road. It reads as follows, "He informed the residents and council that the necessary repairs would be done this spring to bring the road to good condition, the culvert will be examined for repairs, and the gas tax money will be used for paving the road." It should read, "and the gas tax money will be used for paving the roads, not road."

Regular Meeting
April 15, 2024

Motioned to adopt the regular council meeting minutes of April 15, 2024, as presented.

MOTION #24 -111

DM SKINNER/CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regrets

Mayor Coombs announced regrets from Councillor Rogers due to work obligations.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Softball Field

Mayor Coombs advised that the update is referred to Parks/Recreation.

Dental/Airbnb

Mayor Coombs advised the correspondence received from Andrew and Pam Short regarding the business tax rates in the town is referred to the Finance Committee

Bill 54

Mayor Coombs advised that the Town Manager has written a letter to the Minister of Provincial and Municipal Affairs requesting that the Town of Harbour Grace be given the first lien on the property. He advised a meeting was held with the property owner, and an update on the status on 1 Harvey Street will be made by Housing/Zoning.

Volunteer Week

Mayor Coombs advised Volunteer Week was held from April 14 – April 20, 2024. A luncheon was held to recognize and thank the many volunteers in the town.

456 Southside Road

Mayor Coombs referred the update to Public Works.

7 – 11 Doyle's Road

Mayor Coombs referred the update to Housing/Zoning.

9 – 35 Cottage Lane

Mayor Coombs referred the update to Housing/Zoning.

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

Chris & Jennifer Sullivan

Mayor Coombs tabled a letter and a signed petition requesting road repair for Gully Path. Referred to Public Works.

BioMaxx Environmental

Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from BioMaxx Environmental regarding the Federal Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations. Referred to Public Works.

Movies in the Park

Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Audio Cine films Inc. regarding "Movies in the Park." Referred to Parks/Recreation & Civic Events. A brief discussion was held, and it was brought forward that the Splash Centre is already on the roster for doing movie events.

Door Install/Electric Opener HGVFB

Mayor Coombs tabled two quotes for the door installation and electronic opener at the HGVFB Social Building. Referred to Finance and Housing/Zoning. Councillor Chafe advised that the work has since been completed.

CORRESPONDENCE cont'd

Judy Ash	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from Judy Ash regarding lighting at the Spirit of Harbour Grace Park. Referred to Parks/Recreation.
Regetta Committee	Mayor Coombs table a letter from the Harbour Grace Regetta Committee requesting funding for the Harbour Grace Regetta. Referred to Finance.
Terry Crocker	Mayor Coombs table a letter of complaint from Terry Crocker regarding damage to his fence caused from snow clearing by neighbours. Referred to Public Works.
Dept. Health & Com. Services	
Tom Osbourne, MHA	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Honourable Tom Osbourne regarding an update on the ambulatory services which indicated that Harbour Grace is in good standings to offer this service.
Robert Thor	
Vinland Motorsports	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Vinland Motorsports requesting for the rental of DCHGCC parking lot. Referred to Parks/Recreation & Finance.
Heather Pumphrey	Mayor Coombs table a letter of complaint from Mrs. Heather Pumphrey regarding brown water in the lines on the evening of April 24, 2024. Mayor Coombs advised that this was caused by the HGVFB doing practice. The Town Manager has addressed the issue with the HGVFB, and the Brigade will give the Town three days notice to notify the residents in advance.
ReCreate Consulting	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from ReCreate Consulting regarding grant writing services. Referred to EDO.
Make a Wish Canada NL Chapter	Mayor Coombs tabled a donation request from Make a Wish Canada for the 29 th Annual Run the Rock on July 5 – 17 th 2024, in partnership with crew of the HMCS – St. John's. Referred to Finance.
Municipalities NL	Mayor Coombs tabled the following correspondence from Municipalities NL: A). InfoNote regarding several topics, dated April 23. B). InfoNote regarding several topics, dated May 7. C). Media release: Creative Home Mural and Artist Residency Project dated May 3. Mayor Coombs addressed an important topic from an InfoNote, "The First Responder Mental Health Supports", and offered congratulations to Assistant Fire Chief Paul Ash, who did an interview with CBC regarding mental health of firefighters.
Garda World	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Garda World, a company that provides municipal enforcement service to communities. Mayor Coombs noted that the Town has already entered into an agreement with the Town of Bay Roberts.
Bishop's Roadworks	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Bishop's Roadworks regarding the tender for road paving or road patching for the 2024 season. Referred to Public Works.
Municipal & Prov. Affairs	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs advising on the increase to Municipal Operating Grants, which is \$27,808.00 for the Town of Harbour Grace.
Grant Match	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Grant Match regarding the 2024 Federal Budget Highlights.
Dept. of Fisheries, Forestry, & Agriculture	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture regarding leasing a parcel of Crown Land. Referred to the Business/Economic Committee. Motioned to write the two gentlemen that assisted with providing the three options that are available to municipalities in the leasing of crown land for economic development and thank them for their support on behalf of the citizens of Harbour Grace.

MOTION #24 -112**CLR. STONE/CLR CHAFE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

CORRESPONDENCE cont'd**Building/Business Applications**

Mayor Coombs tabled the following applications:

- A). 60' x 30' Storage Garage at Lot #4, Connors Valley.
- B). 32' x 20' Shed at 32 Kildare Road.
- C). 30' x 36' House at 7-11 Doyle's Lane.
30' x 36' Garage at 7-11 Doyle's Lane.
- D). 32' x 48' House at 676 – 678 Harvey Street
30' x 24' Shed at 676 -678 Harvey Street
- E). 30' x 26' House at Bannerman Lake Road.
- F). 74' x 32' Duplex House at 410 Water Street.
- G). 36' fence that faces road & replace existing patio with 30' x 8' patio at 2 Munn Place.
- H). **Business Application** - Dog Boarding, Daycare, Grooming Facility. 9 – 35 Cottage Lane.
- I). **Business Application** - Coffee Shop/Garden at 60 – 64 Bannerman Lake Road.

Littlejohn's Plumbing
Heating & Electrical

Mayor Coombs tabled a letter of introduction from a new business in the area.

MAA

Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Municipal Assessment Agency announcing the 2024 Clar Simmons Scholarship

ACOA

Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from ACOA introducing the new EDO, Erin Kearsey.

CSCNL

Mayor Coombs tabled the CSCNL Newsletter dated May 1, 2024.

Business Application -

Mayor Coombs tabled a business application for Carriage House Apartments at 104 – 106 Water Street. Referred to Housing /Zoning.

Building Application

Mayor Coombs tabled a building application for a 26' x 35.5' extension on the existing building at 104 – 106 Water Street. Referred to Housing/Zoning.

Building Application

Mayor Coombs tabled a building application for a 28' x 20' garage at 68 Alberta Drive. Referred to Housing/Zoning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

456 Southside Road

Motioned that water and sewer for 456 Southside Road will be permitted to connect to the town services with the understanding it will be for normal household use only, not for filling swimming pools or watering lawns.

MOTION #24 -113

DM SKINNER/CLR. CHAFE
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chris & Jennifer Sullivan

Motioned that the letter received from Chris & Jennifer Sullivan be referred to the Public Works Superintendent, and the request for road repair for Gully Path will be included in the Town's annual road maintenance.

MOTION #24 -114

DM SKINNER/CLR. BARNES
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned to write a letter to Chris and Jennifer Sullivan advising them that the letter and signed petition requesting road repair for Gully Path was tabled at a regular meeting of council on May 13, 2024, and has been referred to the Public Works Department.

MOTION #24 -115

DM SKINNER/CLR. BARNES
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Wastewater Systems

Effluent Regulations

Motioned to cancel the monitoring of Harbour Grace #2 Outfall as the average daily flow (43.3m³/day) is below normal capacity (100m³/day).

MOTION #24 -116

DM SKINNER/CLR. STONE
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Terry Crocker

Motioned to write a letter to Mr. Terry Crocker advising him that the Town of Harbour Grace is not responsible for neighbors' actions on this matter.

MOTION #24 -117

DM SKINNER/CLR. STONE
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE cont'd

Motioned to write a letter to the neighbors of Terry Crocker advising them of the snow regulations in the Town of Harbour Grace and that these regulations will be enforced by the MEO when one is employed with the Town of Harbour Grace.

MOTION #24 -118

In Favor: 5

DM SKINNER/CLR. CHAFE**Mayor Coombs****Deputy Mayor Skinner****Clr. Stone****Clr. Barnes****Clr. Chafe**

Opposed: 1

Clr. Wrice

Deputy Mayor Skinner noted that the Public Works Committee is waiting to receive the current prices of pavement before they can select the roads that will be paved this coming season which will be done from the gas tax money.

FINANCE COMMITTEE**2011 Suburban Truck**

Councillor Stone informed that Council received one bid on the 2011 Suburban Truck of \$5001.00 from the Carmenville Fire Department. He stated that the fair market value of the truck is quoted as \$6962.00 and because the bid is lower than fair market value, the Town must contact the provincial government to get permission to sell it at that price.

Motioned that Council write to the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs to seek permission to accept the \$5001.00 bid for the 2011 Suburban truck.

MOTION #24 – 119**CLR. STONE/CLR. WRICE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****Sea Can**

Councillor Stone informed that Council received two bids on the Sea Can.

Adam Sheppard - \$4750.00

Wallace Pike - \$2500.00

Motioned that Council write to the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs to seek approval to sell the sea can for \$4,750.00 to the successful bidder, Mr. Adam Sheppard.

MOTION #24 – 120**CLR. STONE/CLR. WRICE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motioned to rescind Motion #24 - 086

MOTION #24 – 121**CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motioned that the June and September Supplementary Tax Assessments be prorated from and including the month on the Supplementary Assessments for both credits and charges. The New Policy will be retroactive to December, 2023 Assessment

MOTION #24 – 122**CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motioned that Council approve the following rental rates for Danny Cleary Harbour Grace Community Centre meeting room. All rates shall take place the date of this motion, but existing reservations shall be honoured:

Town sponsored/partnering committees and groups\$ 0.00

Parties with no ice time\$121.741 + HST

Parties with ice time.....\$240.00 + HST

Zumba\$30.00/hr. - No Change

For-profit users\$250.00/3 hrs. + HST

Other events Manager's Discretion

MOTION #24 – 123**CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

FINANCE COMMITTEE cont'd

Motioned that Council approve the following rental rates for all other Town buildings:

Town sponsored/partnering committees and groups \$ 0.00
 Parties/meeting..... \$50.00/ hr.
 For-profit users \$80.00/hr.

MOTION #24 – 124

CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned that Council approve the following policy for the use of the historic Otterbury School House effective the date of this motion as follows:

- Earhart's 50+ Club shall schedule all events for the schoolhouse in consultation with the Town Manager and the Economic Development Officer through the Town Calendar.
- Earhart's 50+ Club shall be provided a key to the building.
- Earhart's 50+ Club shall provide their key on a sign in/sign out basis to town groups/partners with \$0 rental rating only.
- Paying groups/individuals shall visit the Town Office to pay their rental charge and pick up the key on a sign in/sign out schedule once they have been given a reservation time by Earhart's 50+ Club.

MOTION #24 – 125

CLR. STONE/CLR. WRICE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PARCEL ID#083894

Motioned that the Council deny the request in the letter from Parcel ID #083894 regarding tax exemption since this would require a Tax Schedule 2024 revision affecting 2024 Budget.

MOTION #24 – 126

CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned that Council write a letter to Parcel ID 083894 and advise them that if they wish they can write a letter to council to request the new business tax revision for 2025 but the letter must be submitted to Council by September 30, 2024.

MOTION #24 – 127

CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Town Hall Tender

Councillor Stone advised that two bids were received on the call for tender for the installation of new windows and doors at the Town Hall and one late bid that was excluded. The bids were as follows:

Atlantic Enterprises Ltd. - \$57,271.15
 Exign Glazing and Aluminum - \$44,891.75

Motioned that the Town of Harbour Grace accept the bid from Exign Glazing and Aluminium in the amount of \$44,891.75.

MOTION #24 – 128

CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER

In Favour: 4

Mayor Coombs

Deputy Mayor Skinner

Clr. Stone

Clr. Chafe

Opposed: 2

Clr. Barnes

Clr. Wrice

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the replacement of the front doors of the Town Hall.

Regatta Committee

Motioned that Council grant the Harbour Grace Regatta Committee an extra \$1000.00 from the 2024 Budget (\$2000.00 total for 2024) to correct the accounting oversight of a \$1000.00 payment that should have been paid out in 2023 and that this money be taken from the MOG 2024 extra payment.

MOTION #24 – 129

CLR. STONE/CLR. BARNES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the annual grant process with community groups in the Town of Harbour Grace. It was clarified that if a community group requests this annual donation, it must be done in written form. Councillor Stone suggested that Council should

FINANCE COMMITTEE cont'd

request from these groups a financial statement showing how the grant money that was given in the previous year was used and should be put as policy for the 2025 Budget.

Make a Wish Canada Motioned that Council deny the donation request from Make a Wish Canada since Council has already donated locally to the Make a Wish Foundation as per the Town Donation Policy.

MOTION #24 – 130**CLR. STONE/CLR. WRICE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motioned that Council write a letter of congratulations to Nancy Robbins, ACOA, regarding her new appointment and thank her for all the support she has provided to the Town of Harbour Grace in the past.

MOTION #24 – 131**CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motioned that Council adopt the new Accessibility Plan 2024 as presented at the regular meeting of Council on April 15, 2024.

MOTION #24 – 132**CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

No Report

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Communities in Bloom Councillor Stone advised that after discussion with the EDO, it was decided to not participate in the Communities in Bloom Program 2024 due to the late planning for the program and will defer participating until 2025. He added that the Communities in Bloom Best Garden Selection competition will go ahead as planned.

Motion that Council defer the Town of Harbour Grace participating in the Communities in Bloom program until 2025 to allow Council to strategize and how to best organize the various expectations that are integral to the program.

MOTION #24 – 133**CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Strategic Plan Councillor Stone advised that the Strategic Plan is now ready to be brought before the Town Council again for necessary revisions such as, climate change, a new list of infrastructure priorities, along with an appendix of accomplishments with dates of completion, and the addition of the Accessibility Plan 2024. He added that a discussion will be needed at the next roundtable meeting of council and a motion will follow at the next meeting of Council.

Councillor Stone reported that the accessibility entrance ramp at the HGVB social building is installed, the Otterbury School House's renovation is fully completed with funding from the New Horizons program making this possible, and the Stewardship Association of Municipalities is in partnership with the Town of Harbour Grace on its conservation initiatives.

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

Bill 54/1 Harvey St. Councillor Chafe advised that a meeting was held with the owner of 1 Harvey Street to discuss and clarify Bill 54, and advise of the planned demolition and removal of the property that will be put forward in budget 2025. Councillor Chafe said the owner would proceed to clean up the property and repair some areas of the building. Councillor Chafe reiterated that the Town has a process and requirements it must follow for the citizens of the town with the state of dilapidated buildings and if there is no change or progress with this property by this coming fall, the Town will move forward with its plans in 2025.

Lot #4, Connor's Valley Motioned for Council to defer the building application, submitted by Mr. Luke Penney, until the next regular meeting of council and for the Town Manager to arrange a meeting between the Housing/Zoning committee and the applicant for clarification on the usage of the garage and if there will be a house built on that site.

MOTION #24 – 134**CLR. CHAFE/CLR. WRICE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE cont'd

32 Kildare Road	Motioned for Council to approve the building application submitted by Micheal Rossiter to build a 32' x 20' shed at 32 Kildare Road following all Town Development Standards. MOTION #24 – 135 CLR. CHAFE/CLR. WRICE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
7 – 11 Doyles Road	Motioned for Council to defer the building application submitted by Scott & Colleen Cleary as more information is needed. MOTION #24 – 136 CLR. CHAFE/CLR. WRICE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
676-678 Harvey Street	Motioned for Council to approve the building application submitted by Roger and Sharon Reeves for a 32' x 48' house and a 30' x 24' garage at 676-678 Harvey Street, as per the following: 1) All Town Development Standards. 2) All Government permits and/or regulations. 3) Owner must apply to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure for driveway access. 4) The house is to be built to meet the grade of the sewer to obtain sewer service in that area of Town. 5) The owner must pay for water/sewer hookup prior to water being activated. MOTION #24 – 137 CLR. CHAFE/CLR. WRICE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Bannerman Lake Rd.	Motioned for Council to defer the building application submitted by Alex Clifford Verge as more information is needed concerning the Newfoundland Power Easement running through the property. MOTION #24 – 138 CLR. CHAFE/CLR. WRICE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
411-413 Water Street	Motioned for Council to approve the building application, submitted by Paul Ash, for a 74' x 32' duplex house at 411-413 Water Street by invoking Regulation 11 of the Town of Harbour Grace Development Regulations and subject to the following: 1. All Town development standards. 2. All Government permits and/or regulations. 3. Connection to the Town's water and sewer supply is at the owner's expense. MOTION #24 – 139 CLR. CHAFE/CLR. WRICE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
2 Munn Place	Motioned for Council to approve the building application, submitted by Dee Anne Murphy, for a 30' x 8' patio at 2 Munne Place subject to: 1. All Town Development Standards. 2. If the deck must be removed due to sewer issues, it will be at the owner's expense. MOTION #24 – 140 CLR. CHAFE/CLR. BARNES MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
9-35 Cottage Lane	Councillor Chafe advised that the business application submitted by Terri-Lynn Meadus was placed in the Shoreline for two weeks at the applicant's expense and no complaints were received to council. Motioned for Council to approve the business application, submitted by Terri Lynn Meadus, for a dog boarding, daycare, & grooming facility at 9 – 35 Cottage Lane subject to: 1. All Town Development Standards 2. All necessary Government permits and/or regulations. MOTION #24 – 141 CLR. CHAFE/CLR. WRICE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
60 Bannerman Lake Rd	Motioned for Council to defer the business application submitted by Jamie Dart and Billy Sutton for a coffee/garden shop at 60 – 64 Bannerman Lake Road, until the next council meeting. A Discretionary Use notice is to be placed in The Shoreline for two weeks at the applicant's expense. MOTION #24 – 142 CLR. CHAFE/CLR. WRICE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE cont'd

104-106 Water Street Motioned for Council to approve the business application submitted by Phillip and Dianne Chaytor for Carriage House Apartments, a four-apartment complex, located at 104-106 Water Street subject to:

1. All Town Development Standards.
2. All necessary Government permits and/or regulations.

The building is in a Town Zoning area that allows apartment buildings; therefore, no Discretionary Notice is required.

MOTION #24 – 143

CLR. CHAFE/CLR.WRICE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned for Council to approve the building application, submitted by Phillip and Dianne Chaytor, to build a 26 x 35.5 extension onto the building at 104-106 Water Street subject to:

1. All Town Development Standards.
2. All Government permits and/or regulations.
3. The Town is to be provided with the construction/renovation stamped set of drawings from a professional engineer.
4. A scale plot plan showing the extension of the new and old construction along with the parking lot detail must be submitted to Council before construction starts.

MOTION #24 – 144

CLR. CHAFE/CLR.WRICE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

68 Alberta Drive Motioned for Council to approve the building application submitted by Mr. David and Kathy Bishop, for a 28' x 20' garage located at 68 Alberta Drive following all Town Development Standards.

MOTION #24 – 145

CLR. CHAFE/CLR.WRICE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOURISM & HERITAGE Councillor Wrice reported that an engineer is currently in the process of drawing up plans for an accessible ramp and canopy at the Otterbury School house using the remainder of funds from the New Horizon 2023/24 grant and the story board on the educational history of the Otterbury School House is to be erected before the opening celebrations. He added that the EDO attended a tourism session with regional partners in Hearts Content this past week.

PARKS & RECREATION Councillor Barnes advised that himself, Councillor Wrice, the Town Manager, the Parks and Recreation superintendent, and Mr. David Evans, visited the softball field and reported that it would take two years to repair the softball field. He added that the committee is waiting to receive three quotes on the cost of that repair. Councillor Barnes also noted that the Town of Harbour Grace being in partnership with the Town of Bay Roberts for Soccer in the upcoming Summer Games, the soccer field is also in need of some cosmetic work.

JOINT COUNCIL LIASON Councillor Barnes informed council that in the last 16 months he has been to three meetings due to cancellations.

DCHGCC LIAISON Councillor Barnes gave his report advising of the new walking track hours, both the hockey and figure skating seasons have ended and will resume in the fall, ball hockey has started, and upcoming events that include 50+ Club line dancing, the circus, and Vinland Motorsports.

CIVIC EVENTS Councillor Wrice advised that the Civic Events will be hosting a "Kettles On" Breakfast on May 25, 2024, at the HGVFB Social Building and are asking those that buy tickets to bring along a nonperishable food item in support of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

EARHART 50+ CLUB Councillor Stone congratulated the winners of the Spring Draw which were Gary Abbot and Ron Buckle. He advised that June is Senior's Month and the 50+ Club will be having an open house each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon during the month of June.

Councillor Chafe advised that before he starts his report, clarification was needed on the business applications in that government will be needing letters of support if a business requires government subsidizing.

Motioned that the Town Manager write a letter of support for Mr. Phillip Chaytor for his business application for Carriage House Apartments.

MOTION #24 – 146

CLR. CHAFE/CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned that the Town Manager write a letter of support for Terri Lynn Meadus for her business application for Doggy Daycare.

MOTION #24 – 147

CLR. CHAFE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FIRE DEPT. LIAISON

Councillor Chafe advised that three members of the HGVFB received the long-term Municipal Service Awards at the Annual Hall of Fame Awards, and those recipients were Dave Regular 45 years, Paul Ash 40 years, and Paul Snow 40 years. Councilor Chafe congratulated Assistant Fire Chief Paul Ash on the interview with CBC about mental health with first responders.

BRISTOL'S HOPE LIAISON No Report

COMMUNITY EVENTS LIAISON No Report

FALL FAIR LIAISON No Report

TOWN MANAGER REPORT Tabled

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

MOTION #24 - 148

CLR. STONE/CLR. WRICE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EDO REPORT Tabled

Motioned for Council to adopt the EDO report as presented.

MOTION #24 - 149

DM SKINNER/CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Tabled

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

MOTION #24 - 150

CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DCHGCC REPORT Tabled

Motioned for Council to adopt the DCHGCC report as presented.

MOTION #24 - 151

DM SKINNER/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLORS SUGGESTIONS/CONCERNS

Councillor Barnes expressed his concerns with the current situation of the harbour dredging.

Councillor Chafe reminded residents to enjoy the May 24 weekend, do not drink and drive, and stay safe.

Councillor Stone suggested finding ways to help senior citizens that may have mobility issues or transportation problems to get involved and socialize in community events.

Councillor Wrice asked residents to clean up garbage around their properties and to please clean up after their animals when walking their dogs. He also reiterated the need for volunteers.

Mayor Coombs brought forward the issue of Service NL moving from Harbour Grace to another area. He was notified by the owner of the building, Mr. Noseworthy, that he was never made aware of the tendering process, he had the contract for 25 years and it was always extended.

Next regular meeting of Council is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, June 10, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned for Council to adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 8:58 pm.

MOTION #24 - 152

CLR. CHAFE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Confirmed:

Don Coombs, Mayor

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Amy Dwyer, Town Clerk/Manager