

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

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

June 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM

Members Present

Mayor	Don Coombs
Deputy Mayor	Keith Skinner
Councillors	Brendan Chafe
	Terry Barnes
	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 May 13, 2024.

Regular Meeting

May 13, 2024

Motioned to adopt the regular council meeting minutes of May 13, 2024, as presented.

MOTION #24 -153

CLR. CHAFE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regrets

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Bill 54

Mayor Coombs advised that the Town Manager has written a letter to the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs requesting that the Town of Harbour Grace be given the first lien on the property at 1 Harvey Street as per Bill 54 and to date, the Town has not received any reply. He added that as per the agreement between the Town and the owner of 1 Harvey Street, cleanup has not started, and the Town will continue to monitor the situation.

Gas Tax

Mayor Coombs advised that the Public Works Committee will be giving an update on the road paving in the Town for 2024 which will fall under the gas tax allotments.

2011 Suburban Truck

Mayor Coombs advised that the Town has not received any response back from the Municipal and Provincial Affairs Department for approval to accept the bid of \$5001.00 from the Carmenville Fire Department.

Sea Can

Mayor Coombs advised that the Town has not received any response from the Municipal and Provincial Affairs Department for the approval to accept the bid of \$4750.00 from Mr. Adam Sheppard. Mayor Coombs noted that the process through correspondence with the department should be done much quicker.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Coombs advised that Council's meeting schedule for this Summer is as follows, July 22, August 19, and September 16, 2024. He noted that the swearing-in of the new councillor will take place on September 16, and the committees will be meeting throughout the summer as usual.

CORRESPONDENCE

Natalie & Jordan Austin

Mayor Coombs tabled a letter of complaint from Natalie and Jordan Austin concerning the ongoing nuisance issue at 69 Harvey Street. Referred to Housing/Zoning.

Municipalities NL

Mayor Coombs tabled the following correspondence from Municipalities NL.

- A. Info Note dated May 13 regarding several topics.
- B. Info Note dated May 21 regarding several topics.
- C. Memo dated May 23 advising that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Director's elections closed on May 25, 2024.
- D. Memo dated May 29 regarding 2024 MNL Conference, Trade Show, and AGM, on Nov. 7-9, 2024, in Gander.
- E. Info Note dated June 10 regarding several topics.
- F. Memo dated June 7 advising of the Federal Government's amended wastewater

CORRESPONDENCE cont'd

	systems effluent regulations.
	G. Memo dated June 12 regarding municipal input on policing service.
PMA	Mayor Coombs tabled the following correspondence from the Professional Municipal Administrators NL.
	A. PMA Member Bulletin dated May 17, 2024 regarding several topics.
	B. PMA Member Bulletin dated May 31, 2024 regarding several topics.
CSCNL	Mayor Coombs tabled the following correspondence from the Community Sector Council of NL.
	A. CSCNL Newsletter dated May 17, 2024 regarding several topics.
	B. CSCNL Newsletter dated June 12, 2024 regarding several topics.
Councillor Randy Wrice	Mayor Combs tabled a letter of resignation from Mr. Randy Wrice. All members of council expressed how sorry they were to see him leave and praised Mr. Wrice for his hard work ethic, dedication, and comradery as a member of council. They wished him the best of luck and hopes that in the future he can return to serve the residents of Harbour Grace.
By-election	Mayor Coombs called for a motion for the nomination date for the by-election to be July 30, 2024 and the by-election date to be on August 27, 2024.
	Motioned that the by-election be held on August 27, 2024.
	MOTION #24 -154
	CLR. STONE/CLR. BARNES
	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
	Motioned that the by-election nomination date be held on July 30, 2024.
	MOTION #24 -155
	CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER
	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
	Motioned that Nancy Pike be appointed the Alternate Returning Officer for the upcoming by-election.
	MOTION #24 -156
	CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE
	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
	Mayor Coombs advised that there will be no advanced pole for the by-election.
Otterbury School House	Mayor Coombs tabled three quotes that were received for the engineering drawing for a Barrier-Free Ramp at the Otterbury School House. Referred to Finance.
<i>Councillor Chafe left the chambers at 7:10 pm.</i>	
	Councillor Stone announced that under the New Horizon's Federal Program 2023, money was set aside to help finance an accessibility ramp at the Otterbury Schoolhouse. He informed that the following three bids were received.
	1. Gibbons Snow Architects Inc. \$5,400.00 + HST
	2. Welsh & Peters Architects Inc. \$11,500.00 + HST
	3. Paul Chafe Architecture & Design \$4,600.00 + HST
	Motioned that the Town of Harbour Grace accept the lowest bid from Paul Chafe Architecture & Design in the amount of \$4,600.00 plus HST.
	MOTION #24 -157
	CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER
	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
<i>Councillor Chafe returned to the chambers at 7:12 pm.</i>	
HGVFB Chief Dave Earle	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from Fire Chief Dave Earle regarding CISM program (Critical Incident Stress Management).
Dept. of MPA	Mayor Coombs tabled an approval letter to borrow from CIBC to finance the loan for a 2024
Ford	Super Duty F550 and Hydraulic Dump Box. Referred to Finance.
Dept. of MPA	Mayor Coombs tabled an approval letter to borrow from CIBC to finance the loan for a 2024
	Chevrolet Silverado 1500. Referred to Finance.
	Mayor Coombs expressed it was important to get the vehicles in place for the Public Works Department to use and remove the vehicles that are costing the Town money.
Building Applications	Mayor Coombs tabled the following building applications.
4.10-A	Building Application for a 22' x 26' Garage at 52 Main Rd., Bristol's Hope. Referred to Housing/Zoning.

Building Applications

- 4.10-B** Building Application for a 46' x 36' House at 24 Main Rd., Bristol's Hope. Referred to Housing/Zoning.
- 4.10-C** Building Application for a 9' x 14' extension to existing garage at 14 McNeil Place. Referred to Housing/Zoning.
- 4.10-D** Building Application for a 24' x 16' shed at 286 Harvey Street. Referred to Housing/Zoning.
- 4.10 E** Building Application for a 10' x 18' shed at 32 Kitchen's Hill. Referred to Housing/Zoning.

Conception Bay Museum Mayor Coombs tabled a thank you letter to the Town of Harbour Grace from the Conception Bay Museum Board of Directors.

Dept. of MPA Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of MPA advising that the CCBF Committee has accepted the project #107-2024-8232, Energy Efficiency Upgrades, for the Town Council Building.

Dept. of MPA Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of MPA advising that the Towns and Local Service Districts Act will be enforced on January 1, 2025.

Government of NL Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Provincial Radio Communications Office regarding province wide radio system for provincial fire departments.

CBN MEO Position Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Justin Parsons, Director of Protective Services, Town of Bay Roberts, regarding the collaboration of the CBN MEO Position.

Oliver Phillips
Lacrosse NL

Mayor Coombs tabled a proposal letter from Oliver Phillips to establish a Lacrosse program in the DCHGCC. Referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Road Reservation
Regulations 2024.

Mayor Coombs tabled the Road Reservation Regulations 2024. Referred to Public Works.

Kids Help Phone

Mayor Coombs tabled a donation request letter from the Kids Help Phone. Referred to Finance.

Motioned to deny the donation request from the Kids Help Phone as the Town has already donated to this organization in this fiscal year as per the town's donation policy.

MOTION #24 -158

CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MRON

Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Mariner Resource Opportunities Network regarding the cut to the operations of the Supported Employment Network across the province and asking municipalities to write or email the Honourable Gerry Byrne, Minister of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills, and the local MHA expressing concerns about the cuts.

Motioned that the Town write Minister Gerry Byrne and the local MHA, Pamela Parsons, to request that the provincial government review the cuts to the operations of the Supported Employment Network across the province.

MOTION #24 -159

CLR. CHAFE/CLR> STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kelly Peddle

Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence regarding the upkeep of Quinn Memorial Wall. Referred to Public Works and Parks and Recreation Committee.

Jessica Ingram/Onsolve
ReCreate

Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence regarding CodeRed Alerts for communities.

Mayor Coombs tabled the monthly Newsletter from ReCreate.

Dept. Tourism, Culture,
Arts, & Recreation

Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from the Honourable Steve Crocker, MHA, in response to the Town's request for funding support for the DCHGCC. Mayor Coombs advised that the letter stated there are no funds available to support the arena.

HGBCIB Inc.

Mayor Coombs tabled a thank you letter to the Town of Harbour Grace for the continued support to the organization and advised that previous funding was used for insurance costs.

Dept. of Transportation
& Infrastructure

Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence advising of the changes to the Master Specifications from the Municipal Infrastructure Division.

Recreation NL

Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence regarding the Arena Operators Course being held in Grand Falls – Winsor on August 19, 20, & 21, 2024. Referred to Parks and Recreation.

CORRESPONDENCE cont'd

HGBCIB Inc.	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from HGBCIB requesting funding towards the collaboration with the Pirates to Pilots Festival. Referred to Finance.
Lori Noseworthy	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter regarding the unsafe conditions of the gate to the Alberta Drive playground. Referred to Public Works. Mayor Coombs advised that repairs to the gate have been completed.
Kimberly Parsons	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from Kimberly Parsons appealing the permit issued to Mr. David Earle to replace/repair a deck that is located over a private easement located on Mr. Earl's property. Mayor Coombs advised that Ms. Parsons has submitted her appeal to the Appeal Officer under the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs.
Dept of Environmental & Climate Change	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence regarding the permitting requirements associated with work in and near waterbodies. Referred to Town Manager and Housing/Zoning.
Ken McDonald, MP	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Honourable Ken McDonald, MP, advising of the federal funding opportunity, The Green Municipal Fund. Referred to the EDO.
AIM	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Atlantic Infrastructure Management Network notifying that registration is now open for the 2024 Atlantic Asset Management Conference being held in St. John's on November 25-27, 2024.
Grant Match	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Grant Match advising of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund. Referred to the Town Manager and the EDO.
CSCNL	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Community Sector Council NL advising municipalities to nominate a volunteer for the Volunteer Recognition Reception at Government House on June 19, 2024.
Bill Kennedy	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from Mr. Bill Kennedy requesting for a decrease in the speed limit at both Harvey St. and Water St. intersections on Martin's Lane and two speed bumps. Referred to Public Works. Mayor Coombs noted that the Town cannot decrease the speed limit at the Harvey Street intersection as that is a provincial government road.
SPANL	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Single Parent Association of NL notifying that as of June 10, registration is now open to single parents for the back to school program.
Earhart's 50+ Club	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from the Earhart's 50+ club requesting the advancement of the remaining funds of the \$1000.00 sponsorship. Referred to Finance.
Splash Centre	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from the Splash Centre requesting that the Town provide lawn maintenance to the small section in front of the building. Referred to Parks and Recreation.
MPA	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs regarding the Capital Investment Plan Approval Project #107-2024-8252 for energy efficiency upgrades to the Town Hall. Referred to Finance.
Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure notifying of the approval to call public tender for Project #17-GI-24-00068 – LeMarchant Street water/sewer upgrading. Referred to Public Works.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Gas Tax	Deputy Mayor Skinner advised that upon reviewing the list of roads designated by the town's engineers, the committee has decided to pave Shae's Lane at a cost of \$25,495.00 and leveling Glover Road at a cost of \$73,519.50 which will be taken from the gas tax budget of \$108,000.00 leaving a balance of \$17,000.00 that will be used later if needed. Motioned for Council to approve the paving of Shae's Lane at a cost of \$25,495.00 and the upgrades and leveling of Glover Road at a cost of \$73,519.50 as recommended by the Public Works Committee.
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MOTION #24 -160

DM SKINNER/CLR. BARNES
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE cont'd

A brief discussion was held explaining why those two roads were chosen and the reason being that both roads have been costing the Town a considerable amount of money in maintenance and repairs.

Quinn's Memorial Wall Deputy Mayor Skinner advised that the committee discuss with the Public Works Superintendent and the Parks and Recreation Supervisor on the maintenance of the area surrounding Quinn's Memorial Wall throughout the summer.

Bill Kennedy Deputy Mayor Skinner advised that the request by Mr. Kennedy for speed reduction at the intersection of Martin's Lane at Water Street and the addition of speed bumps will be discussed at the next Public Works Committee meeting. He added that Harvey Street is provincially owned, and the Town does not have the authority to do anything at that intersection. Mayor Coombs suggested that the RCMP be notified of the complaint of speeding in that area so it can be monitored more often.

LeMarchant St. W/S Motioned that Council proceeds with public tender for the LeMarchant Street W/S Upgrading, Project #17-GI-24-00068.

MOTION #24 -161

DM SKINNER/CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Chafe suggested that when work begins on LeMarchant Street, for Council to have ORKIN Canada Pest Control place extra rat bait traps in the vicinity as the construction will increase the rodent presence throughout the area.

Mayor Coombs asked the Town Manager and the Public Works chairperson to check with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on the Bannerman Brook bridge replacement as a commitment was made to have the bridge repaired in the 2024 construction season.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motioned for Council to accept the approval to use gas tax funds to address the Energy Efficiency Upgrades to the Town Hall.

MOTION #24 – 162

CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Summer Games Signage Councillor Stone informed that with the upcoming NL Summer Games taking place in Bay Roberts and the use of the St. Francis Soccer Field for soccer, new signage was needed and the bids for the signs are as follows:

EC. Boone \$1,079.70

Bugden Signs \$1,414.50

Avalon Trimline \$1,803.20

Motioned that Council accepts the E.C. Boone bid in the amount of \$1,079.70.

MOTION #24 – 163

CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Coombs explained that it is unfortunate that Council was unable to support the local bid received from Avalon Trimline, but the Procurement Act must be followed which is to accept the lowest bid.

GPS Motioned that Council accepts the cost of \$4,447.50 with a \$220.00 monthly recurring fee to install GPS systems in the Town owned vehicles.

MOTION #24 – 164

CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Both Mayor Coombs and Councillor Stone explained that the purpose of the installation of the GPS systems was for safety reasons.

Councillor Stone asked that the Town Manager discuss with the EDO and the Parks & Recreation Supervisor if a student would be available for painting and report back to the Finance Chair.

Councillor Stone referred the repairs to the steps at Colston's Cove to Public Works and have the cost of replacement evaluated by the Parks and Recreation Supervisor and the Public Works Superintendent. Mayor Coombs questioned if the repairs were the

FINANCE COMMITTEE cont'd

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responsibility of the Town or the CBN Museum. Deputy Mayor Skinner verified that the Town had taken ownership and responsibility for the upkeep of the steps several years ago.

Councillor Stone reported that the Finance Committee had received a letter from a business owner that contained several questions, and the answers are as follows.

- A. As with past town improvement projects, there shall be no compensation for lost business located in the work zones.
- B. Access to the business owner's property through Town infrastructure is already in place and access to the property with another business is between them.
- C. The question regarding the sidewalk area has been deferred to Public Works.
- D. A letter has been supplied to Council from a previous business owner that states their business relationship has been severed.

Motioned that the business owner be directed by the Town Manager to make application to the Town if he wishes to operate so that Town taxes and permits can be arranged.

MOTION #24 – 165

CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned that the Town Manager put to tender to have 14 signs (Clean Up After Pets/Enter at Own Risk) provided for the Town's Regetta Property.

MOTION #24 – 166

CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Stone advised that the finance committee discussed costs/spending regarding insurance, liability, ownership, partnership, etc. in relation to the regatta and regatta properties and wishes to arrange a meeting with the Regetta Committee to discuss these concerns. Councillor Chafe recommended that this meeting take place as soon as possible as the Regetta Committee is at Lady Lake preparing for the regatta and daily training for the races have begun.

Motioned that the Town provides a \$500.00 "Operation Protection Float" regarding the HGCI Inc. leadership in organizing the Pirates to Pilots Festival this summer.

MOTION #24 – 167

CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Stone advised that for the next Round Table of Council, the Town Manager will have an updated report of the Town Owned Land Sale that took place last fall and he reported that the DGHGCC income/expense report for June, 2024 is \$15,000.00 and the DCHGCC bank account balance is \$96,000.00 which will cover summer expenses. He added that one such expense was having the old Zamboni machine emissions brought up to acceptable standards.

Motioned that the Town have the small soccer nets repaired at an estimated cost of \$2,380.00 to meet the Town's obligation to host the Summer Games Soccer Program.

MOTION #24 – 168

CLR. STONE/CLR. BARNES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned that the Town provides the Port-a-Potties required for the Civic Events Kite Day this summer.

MOTION #24 – 169

CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned that Council write off Par ID #ADMIR002 taxes in the amount of \$891.00 since the office staff deems it uncollectable.

MOTION #24 – 170

CLR. STONE/CLR. SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Stone advised that the Earhart's 50+ Club requested to have the Fire Chief set an "occupancy limit" for the Otterbury School House.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

No Report

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No Report

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

- Bill 54/1 Harvey St. Councillor Chafe made a quick reference to Bill 54 and the letter wrote to the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs requesting first lien on the property at 1 Harvey Street, advising it is an ongoing process and it takes time for requests to get moved through the House of Assembly.
- Natalie & Gordon Austin Councillor Chafe advised that the nuisance complaint at 69 Harvey Street has been an ongoing issue between neighbours for some time and Council and previous councils have met several times over the years on this matter. He reported that Municipal and Provincial Affairs has advised that anyone living in an owner-occupied home under the Act of Newfoundland and Labrador has a right to live in an owner-occupied area. He added that the Town does not have a Municipal Enforcement Officer to deal with the noise complaint at this time, however, the Town is in consultations with the Town of Bay Roberts and other municipalities to have a shared MEO and when an MEO is hired many concerns will be addressed.
- Bristol's Hope Motioned for Council to approve the building application submitted by Fauz and Amanda Malik for a 22' x 26' garage at 52 Main Road, Bristol's Hope, as per all Town Development Standards
MOTION #24 – 171 **CLR. CHAFE/CLR.BARNES**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Bristol's Hope Motioned for Council to approve the building application submitter by Brady Jenkins and Olivia Clarke for a 46' x 36' house at 24 Main Road, Bristol's Hope as per:
 1) All Town Development Standards.
 2) All Government permits and/or regulations.
 3) Water and Septic approval from Service NL.
 4) Approval from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure for driveway.
MOTION #24 – 172 **CLR. CHAFE/CLR. STONE**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 14 McNeil Place Motioned for Council to deny the building permit submitted by Kevin and Paula Walsh for a 9' x 14' extension to an existing garage at 14 McNeil Place as it would encroach on an existing town waterline easement.
MOTION #24 – 173 **CLR. CHAFE/CLR. STONE**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Councillor Chafe requested that the Town Manager contact Kevin and Paula Walsh to advise them that if they change the dimensions of the extension to the structure to conform with the easement, approval may be granted.
- Councillor Chafe left the chambers at 7:53 pm.*
- 286 Harvey Street Motioned for Council to approve the building application, submitted by Ralph Chafe, for a 24' x 16' garage at 286 Harvey Street as per all Town Development Standards.
MOTION #24 – 174 **CLR. BARNES/DM SKINNER**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 32 Kitchen's Hill Motioned for Council to approve the building application, submitted by Brendan Chafe, for a 10' x 18' extension to existing garage at 32 Kitchen's Hill as per all Town Development Standards
MOTION #24 – 175 **CLR. BARNES/CLR. STONE**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Councillor Chafe returned to the chambers at 7:56 pm.
- TOURISM & HERITAGE** No Report
- PARKS & RECREATION** Councillor Barnes reported that the committee has received only one quote on the cost to repair the softball field at Moriarity Park. Councillor Chafe continued with the report stating that an email was received from Mr. Terry Shea, who has 30 years' experience in ice making, with a proposal to train the staff at the DCHGCC in ice making that would include the proper way to paint lines on the rink, numerous ways of mixing paint, and learning about the system with regards to the operation of the boilers plus more aspects of ice making.

PARKS & RECREATION cont'd

Motioned for the Town of Harbour Grace to enter into an agreement with Terry Shea to train the town staff at the DCHGCC in ice making practices pending verification of training certification and the Town of Harbour Grace reserves the right to terminate this agreement at any time prior to the start date.

MOTION #24 – 176

CLR. CHAFE/CLR. BARNES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A discussion was held regarding ice making training and it was noted that the arena consultant's report recommended that the DCHGCC staff should be trained in various areas in the operation of icemaking at the arena.

DCHGCC LIAISON

Councillor Barnes advised that DCHGCC is busy this summer with The Lacrosse NL program, ball hockey, hockey camps, figure skating, and the road hockey Street Jam.

FIRE DEPT. LIASION

Councillor Chafe reported that the HGVFB's new truck is expected to arrive by the end of June and its prototype is now being used throughout the province by other municipalities. Councillor Chafe noted that the Sixth Annual Muscular Dystrophy Truck Pull is happening on July 20, 2024, in conjunction with the Pirates to Pilots Festival and reminded that the Brigade will be doing its annual Bristol's Hope Fire Protection collection on June 19, 2024. He added that Wednesday, June 26 will be the Brigade's last training night before summer break and will commence again in September. He reminded residents, as a safety precaution, to please keep fire pits covered and have water hoses or containers of water nearby for emergency purposes. On behalf of Fire Chief Dave Earle and all members of the HGVFB, Councillor Chafe extended a big thank-you to the Town for its support thus far this year and hopes everyone enjoys their summer.

CIVIC EVENTS Liaison

Councillor Stone advised that the Kite Festival will be held during the weeklong activities of the Pirates to Pilots Festival in July and the Civic Events Committee will be a part of the grand opening of the Otterbury School House and the special celebrations with the Roger Pike family of the unveiling of a plaque as a memorial to the late Mr. Roger Pike on July 7. These events are considered a family day and there will be local entertainment and food provided throughout the day.

EARHART 50+ CLUB

Councillor Stone advised that June is seniors' month, and the Otterbury School House will be open throughout the month on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the afternoon for all to enjoy games and socialize. He announced that on June 27, the Town of Harbour Grace and Earhart's 50+ Club will use funds from the 2024 New Horizon's Federal Grant Program to celebrate seniors' month by serving 120 free meals to participants who are 50 and over. Meals are eat-in only and served at three locations, Kays Restaurant, the Old Courthouse Restaurant, and Hotel Harbour Grace Restaurant, and tickets will be available Thursday, June 20, at the Otterbury School House.

COMMUNITY EVENTS LIAISON

Deputy Mayor Skinner advised that committee members met to see how to get more people involved with this committee. He continued with announcing congratulations to Sofia Barnes and the Sky U15 Girls Volleyball Team on winning gold at the Nationals and to Zoe Whalen, Jaden Bennett, and the Sky U16 Girls Volleyball Team on winning gold at the Nationals. Deputy Mayor Skinner reported that students at St. Francis School celebrated their harvest after a successful year with the Little Green Thumb Program that was supported by Agriculture in the Classroom NL and congratulated HGVFB firefighter, Bobby Lynch, on his acceptance of his new role as Crew Chief within the Brigade.

JOINT COUNCIL LIASON

No Report

BRISTOL'S HOPE 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 - 177

CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EDO REPORT

Tabled

Motioned for Council to adopt the EDO report as presented.

MOTION #24 - 178**DM SKINNER/CLR. BARNES****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Tabled

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

MOTION #24 - 179**DM SKINNER/CLR. STONE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****DCHGCC REPORT**

Tabled

Motioned for Council to adopt the DCHGCC report as presented.

MOTION #24 - 180**CLR. CHAFE/CLR. STONE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****COUNCILLORS SUGGESTIONS/CONCERNS**

Councillor Barnes expressed his concerns with the letter that was received from Mr. Steve Crocker, MHA, advising that there was no funding available for DCHGCC. He noted that it took at least six months to receive the response and that the minister was invited to sit with council to discuss the matter but did not do so.

Councillor Chafe reminded residents that the Harbour Grace Regetta is the last Saturday in July and will end the week-long festivities of the Pirates to Pilots Festival.

Mayor Coombs reiterated that Nomination Day for the by-election is July 30, 2024, and the By-Election is August 27, 2024. He wished Councillors, town staff, their families, and residents a safe and happy summer

Next regular meeting of Council is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, July 22, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned for Council to adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 8:23 pm.

MOTION #24 - 181**CLR. STONE/CLR. BARNES****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Confirmed:

Don Coombs, Mayor

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Amy Dwyer, Town Clerk/Manager