

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town of Harbour Grace Council, held in the Town Hall & via Zoom,
October 21, 2024, at 7:00 PM

<i>Members Present</i>	Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillors	Don Coombs Keith Skinner Brendan Chafe Terry Barnes Peter Yetman
	Via phone	Gordon Stone
<i>Members Absent</i>		Lee Rogers
<i>Staff Present</i>	Town Clerk/Manager Admin. Assistant Economic Development Officer	Amy Dwyer Sherrie Best Matthew McCarthy
	Mayor Coombs called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.	
	Mayor Coombs announced regrets from Councillor Rogers who was not able to attend via Zoom due to work commitments. He added that Councillor Stone would be joining the meeting via Zoom.	
Minutes:	Mayor Coombs called for a motion to adopt the regular council meeting minutes of September 16, 2024.	
Regular Meeting September 16, 2024	Motioned to adopt the regular council meeting minutes of September 16, 2024, as presented. MOTION #24 - 269	
		CLR. BARNES/CLR. CHAFE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Minutes	Mayor Coombs called for a motion to adopt the special council meeting minutes of September 27, 2024, as presented.	
Special Meeting September 27, 2024	Motioned to adopt the special council meeting minutes of September 27, 2024, as presented. MOTION #24 - 270	
		CLR. YETMAN/CLR. STONE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES		
Bill 54	Mayor Coombs advised that the meeting held with a representative from Municipal and Provincial Affairs was very disappointing due to learning that Bill 54, which was previously presented at the Municipal Conference last October 2023, had no substance. He explained that if the Town were to apply to the registry of liens, it could take up to three or five years to process and get a hearing.	
	Motioned to write to the Premier of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs and the district's MHA, Ms. Pam Parsons, requesting an in-person meeting at the Town Council Chambers to discuss Bill 54.	
	MOTION #24 - 271	
		CLR. CHAFE/CLR. YETMAN MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
	Councillor Barnes requested an explanation to the public on what Bill 54 is. Mayor Coombs explained that it was a bill proposed at the last Municipal Conference and a motion was made that when dealing with dilapidating buildings, towns would receive first lien on a building instead of fifth or sixth lien. He added that Bill 54 does not come into effect until January 2025 and could take five years to get it changed in legislation. Councillor Chafe voiced his understanding that if the Town were to tear down a dilapidated structure, it would be at the cost of the Town and our citizens, and the Town would not recover the cost of the demolition, and it was hoped that Bill 54 would eliminate that problem.	
1 Harvey Street	Mayor Coombs advised that 1 Harvey Street was referenced in Correspondence 9.	

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES cont'd

MPA	Mayor Coombs advised that qualifying names for service awards have been sent to Municipal and Provincial Affairs.
MEO	Mayor Coombs advised that the Town of Bay Roberts has been passed on the process for the hiring of the municipal enforcement officer to Mrs. Bradbury.
Heritage Area	Mayor Coombs advised an update to be given in the Business and Economic Development Report regarding the Heritage area.
326 Harvey Street	Mayor Coombs advised that the Town Manager has been trying to contact the property owner to set up a meeting to clean up the debris on and around his property at 326 Harvey Street. Mayor Coombs explained that a complaint was made by another resident and the Town must try to deal with the complaint. He has asked the Public Works Superintendent to contact the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, Bay Robert's Depot, as Harvey Street is a provincial road, and advise them that the trailers left on the side of the street pose a danger to citizens and need to be removed before winter snow clearing. Councillor Yetman added policies are in place through the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure for the removal of such debris on its roads if it impedes snow clearing.
ERSB	Mayor Coombs advised that Mr. Tessier, of the Eastern Regional Service Board, has replied to the correspondence sent to him from the Town and is prepared to meet this week to further discuss the matter of garbage dumped outside the facility. Mayor Coombs added that the Public Works have recently cleaned up the garbage for the second time and measures were supposed to be put in place by the ERSB to prevent this from happening.
RC Immaculate Conception Parish	Mayor Coombs advised that the Town has received a good response back from the Immaculate Conception Parish and a new 20-year lease is being drawn up. Mayor Coombs thanked the RC Parish and Mr. Pembroke, who is no longer chairperson, for their hard work.

NEW BUSINESS

Beach Hill	Mayor Coombs tabled a request received from one of the landowners of Beach Hill regarding the placement of a gate at the site. Referred to Capital/Public Works Committee.
Bannerman Lake Bridge	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence concerning the Bannerman Lake Bridge. Referred to Capital/Public Works.
Financial Statements	Mayor Coombs tabled the 2023 Financial Statements of the Fire Brigade and the Town of Harbour Grace that were presented by the Town's accountant, Mr. Byron Smith, and are ready for adoption. Referred to Finance.

CORRESPONDENCE

JCCBN Holly Power	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Holly Power advising of the resignations of Chair, Ryan Snow; Treasurer, Bev Wells; Secretary, Amy Dwyer; and the withdrawal of administrative support by ERSB. Mayor Coombs advised that Councillor Barnes has been in contact with the vicechair of the Joint Council, Mr. Slade, and a meeting will be scheduled with councils to get Joint Council back into operation.
MAA	Mayor Coombs tabled a memo from the Municipal Assessment Agency regarding the 2025 Assessment service fee and an update on the meeting held on September 18, 2024.
John Rose	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from Mr. John Rose regarding Town Services to 400-402 Southside Road. Referred to Public Works.
DCHGCC	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence regarding a meeting request with the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs to discuss the Danny Cleary Harbour Grace Community Centre as being a regional facility.
MNL	Mayor Coombs tabled a memo from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador offering Basic Emergency Management Training on November 5-6 in Gander
EDO	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence regarding various funding opportunities that the EDO has availed to.

CORRESPONDENCE cont'd

Voting Delegate	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence advising that a motion is required to give the Deputy Mayor, Keith Skinner, to be a voting delegate at the MNL Conference. Motioned that Council give Deputy Mayor Keith Skinner permission to be a voting delegate at the MNL Conference. MOTION #24 - 272	CLR.CHAFF/CLR. YETMAN MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Justin's Musical Bridge Tina Power	Mayor Coombs table a donation request from the organization Justin's Musical Bridge, for sponsorship to cover the costs of music lessons and instrument rentals for a child for one year. Referred to Finance.	
1 Harvey Street	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the owner of 1 Harvey Street. Referred to Housing/Zoning.	
Conception Bay Museum	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from the Board of Directors of the Conception Bay Museum requesting to increase the 2025 grant from the Town of Harbour Grace. Referred to Finance.	
Kathie Ouellette	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence advising that the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada will be offering information sessions throughout the province, including Harbour Grace on October 24, 2024, at 4:00 pm.	
MPA	Mayor Coombs tabled an approval letter from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs advising of the approval for road rehabilitation and paving for Shea's Lane and Glover Road.	
Long's Hill	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Harris & Associates Ltd. regarding the drawings and estimates for the paving of Long's Hill, P.N. 24-101. Referred to Capital/Public Works.	
Bill 54	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Dept. of Municipal and Provincial Affairs regarding Bill 54.	
RPM Group	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence regarding water leak detection services. Referred to Capital/Public Works.	
Dept. of Environment & Climate Change	Mayor Coombs tabled a memo regarding the Fall 2024 Operator Education Seminars.	
Harvey & Co, Ltd.	Mayor Coombs tabled Service order for loader valve seal kit. Referred to Finance.	
ACWWA	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Atlantic Canada Water & Wastewater Association reminding of a course that was being offered.	
NL Health Services & SPLASH	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence regarding the CBN Transportation Pilot Project and Bus Driver ad.	
Cee Bees	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Town Manager requesting that the Cee Bees Senior League manage their own ticket sales and remittances to the AESHL.	
Dept. of Fisheries, Forestry & Agriculture.	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Fisheries, Forestry & Agriculture regarding the submitting or correcting of feature names to the NL Geographical Names Database.	
Neighbours in Need Christmas Miracles	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from Neighbours in Need requesting to have a donation box placed in the Town Office to collect toys, gifts, and monetary donations. Motion that Council place donation boxes in Town facilities to collect toys, gifts, and monetary donations for Neighbours in Need, Christmas Miracles. MOTION #24 - 273	DM SKINNER/CLR. BARNES MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
	Motioned that Council place donation boxes in the Otterbury School House and all service clubs in the town to collect toys, gifts, and monetary donations for Neighbours in Need, Christmas Miracles. MOTION #24 - 274	CLR. YETMAN/CLR. BARNES MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE cont'd

ERSB	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from ERSB advising of the 2025 fee schedule for Robin Hood Bay Facility.
Permit #12227 Dated May 17, 2024	
PAR ID 085 347	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Municipal Appeal Board regarding the decision of the appeal of a permit submitted by Ms. Kim Parsons.
Building Applications	Mayor Coombs tabled the following building applications.
A).	Building application submitted by Chris Puddister for a 20' x 10' extension to a shed at 10 Alberta Dr.
B).	Building application submitted by Joshua Elyk for a 24' x 10' Greenhouse at 6 Victoria Street.
C).	Building application submitted by Marlena & Dzmitry Hlinik for a 35' x 40' House at 15 Davis Lane.
D).	Building application submitted by Andrew Davis & Morgan Fahey for a 49' x 39' house at Doyle's Lane.
E).	Building application submitted by Paul Garland, Forest Products for a Single dwelling, Lot #2 at Garland's Hill
F)	Building application submitted by Paul Garland, Forest Products for a Dual dwelling, Lot #7 at Garland's Hill.
	All referred to Housing/Zoning
Business Application	
A).	Business application submitted by Joshua Elyk to grow and sell perennial plants at 6 Victoria Street.
B.)	Business application submitted by Terrance Penney for a storage facility at 7 -9 Roddick Crescent.
C).	Business application submitted by Shailesh Chaudhari, Shree Hari Nanotech Ltd. for the manufacturing of Nano Cellulose at 295-303 Water Street.
	All referred to Housing/Zoning.
Dept. of Transportation & Infrastructure	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure reminding municipalities of the Project Sign Requirements for government funded projects.
HGBCIB Inc.	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from the Harbour Grace Board of Culture, Innovation and Business Inc. requesting a meeting with council to clarify the land ownership around the Spirit of Harbour Grace.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Beach Road	Deputy Mayor Skinner reminded that a motion was made two months ago to have this section of Beach Road closed off from public access with the agreement from all landowners of this closure. However, some landowners were against the closure and did not sign the agreement and for that reason, council cannot close this road. Motioned for Council to write the landowner advising that all landowners were not in agreement to install a gate on Beach Road. MOTION #24 - 275 DM SKINNER/CLR. CHAFE MOTION CARRIED In Favor (4) Against (2) A lengthy discussion was held regarding the installation of a gate on Beach Road, and it was decided to contact the owner of HGOI to discuss a resolution to the matter. Motioned for Council to meet with Mr. Chris Wakeham, HGOI, to discuss the perspective site of the gate and the implications regarding the installation of the gate. MOTION #24 - 276 CLR. CHAFE/CLR. BARNES MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Bannerman Bridge	Deputy Mayor Skinner informed that a letter was received from the Government of NL advising that they are now in the process of transferring the property to the FFA and there is no timeline for how long this will take.

Councillor Chafe left the chambers at 7:31 pm.

CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE cont'd

John Rose

Deputy Mayor Skinner advised that the letter from Mr. John Rose regarding questions about his property at 400-402 Southside Road is deferred until the public works superintendent can view the property and obtain the information requested.

MOTION #24 - 277

DM SKINNER/CLR. BARNES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Housing/Zoning motions that Councillor Chafe conflicts with.

Lot #2, Garland's Hill

Motioned for Council to approve the building application submitted by Paul Garland, Forest Products, for a 40' x 35' house at Lot #2, Garlands Hill subject to the following stipulations.

1. All Town Development Standards and all necessary Government permits and/or regulations.
2. Connection to Town Services at the owner's expense.
3. Town is to verify the house location prior to start of construction.

MOTION #24 - 278

CLR. YETMAN/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lot #7, Garland's Hill

Motioned for Council to approve the building application submitted by Paul Garland, Forest Products, for a dual dwelling at lot #7, Garlands Hill by invoking *Regulation 11* and subject to the following stipulations.

1. All Town Development Standards and all necessary Government permits and/or regulations.
2. Connection to Town Services is at the owner's expense.
3. Town is to verify the house location prior to start of construction.

MOTION #24 - 279

CLR. YETMAN/CLR. BARNES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Chafe returned to the chambers at 7:35 pm.

Longs Hill

Motion that Council accept the estimate of \$45,974.63 for tendering to replace the pavement on Longs Hill through the Gas Tax left from the 2024 Budget and to use part of the Gas Tax from the 2025 Budget to cover the remaining balance.

MOTION #24 - 280

DM SKINNER/CLR. BARNES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RPM Group

Deputy Mayor Skinner advised that he would be meeting with the owner of the RPM Group at the MNL Conference in Gander to further discuss the service of leak detection in the Town's waterlines and bring back to council recommendations at the next regular council meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

HG Financial Statements

Motioned to accept the 2023 Financial Statements of the Town of Harbour Grace as presented to Council on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, by the Town's auditor, Byron Smith Professional Corporation.

MOTION #24 - 281

CLR. STONE/CLR. YETMAN

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HGVFB Financial Stmnts

Motioned to accept the 2023 Financial Statements of the Harbour Grace Fire Brigade as presented to Council on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, by the Town's auditor, Byron Smith Professional Corporation.

MOTION #24 - 282

CLR. STONE/CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HGOE

Motioned that Council writes off any taxes owed by the former Harbour Grace Ocean Enterprises (HGOE) since the company declared bankruptcy in 2024 and no longer exists.

MOTION #24 - 283

CLR. STONE/CLR. BARNES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ball Field Supplies

Motioned that Council buy the three ball field bases and home base mat for the recently rejuvenated ball field and that the cost be taken from the "10% project fund" in the 2024 budget.

MOTION #24 - 284

CLR. STONE/CLR. BARNES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE COMMITTEE cont'd

- Justin's Musical Bridge Motioned that Council donate \$50 to the "Justin's Musical Bridge" as requested in the letter from Tina Power dated September 2024 as per the Town's Donation Policy.
MOTION #24 – 285 **CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Harvey and Co. Ltd. Motioned that Council give permission to the Town Manager to pay the service order from Harvey and Company Ltd. for the 2011 JCB loader valve seal kit for cost since the amount exceeds her authority to pay.
MOTION #24 – 286 **CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Motioned to rescind the **Motion #24-069** passed by Council to fund, in the 2025 budget, enough funds to remove the building at 1 Harvey Street since Bill 54 has failed to provide "first lien" to Councils that would be used to recover the cost of the action.
MOTION #24 – 287 **CLR. STONE/CLR. YETMAN**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Motioned that Council direct the Town Manager and the Economic Development Officer to complete the process of having all the town land in the Kearney Park area from the car park east of Otterbury School to the brook west of the Spirit of Harbour Grace surveyed and registered with Lands and Deeds as soon as possible.
MOTION #24 – 288 **CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Motioned that Council give permission and direction to the Town Manager to issue and pay PO# 9465 for DCHGCC HVAC system diagnosis in the amount of \$3300 plus HST and PO# 9464 in the amount of \$5959.09 plus HST to cover the cost to supply and install the required VFD unit.
MOTION #24 – 289 **DM SKINNER/CLR. BARNES**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Budget 2025 Councillor Stone reported that the Finance Committee has held two meetings related to the 2025 Budget and the process is moving along well. He added that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday morning, October 23, 2024, and the budget should be completed for the December deadline.
 Motioned that Council give the Town Manager permission to issue General Repair Permits.
MOTION #24 – 290 **CLR. STONE/CLR. YETMAN**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- Heritage Walk Councillor Stone reported that the EDO is working with ACOA regarding the engineering ad for the Heritage Walk and Council will form a committee that will consist of the Town's Public Works Supervisor to oversee the construction. He added that the 10% amount from Council will be allocated in the 2025 Budget.
- Strategic Plan Councillor Stone advised that the EDO is putting together a survey to gather feedback and suggestions from the public regarding the 10-year Strategic Plan. Once the information is gathered, a virtual public consultation will be scheduled, the new revised plan will be presented to Council, get it put in place through a motion to Council and recommend a two-year timetable for doing revisions instead of yearly.
 Mayor Coombs suggested for a meeting to be scheduled with the Town's business community in the new year to listen to any concerns they may have, advise them that their business is welcomed and appreciated in the Town, and meet with any newly opened businesses.

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

1 Harvey Street	Councillor Chafe advised that a letter was received from the owner of 1 Harvey Street stating that work has been in progress for the last four weeks with securing and cleaning up the property.
ERSB	Councillor Chafe advised that a response was received from the Eastern Regional Service Board and a meeting is scheduled for later this week to discuss previous commitments that were agreed to in keeping the area outside the facility clean from garbage.
10 Alberta Drive	Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Chris Puddister, for a 20' x 10' extension to a shed at 10 Alberta Drive as per all Town Development Standards and Guidelines. MOTION #24 – 291 CLR. CHAFE/CLR. YETMAN MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
6 Victoria Street	Motioned to approve the building application, submitted by Joshus Elyk, for a 24' x 10' greenhouse at 6 Victoria as per all Town Development Standards and Guidelines. MOTION #24 – 292 CLR. CHAFE/CLR. YETMAN MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
15 Davis Lane	Motioned to approve the building application, submitted by Marlena and Demitry Hlinik for a 35' x 40' house at 15 Davis Lane as per all Town Development Standards and Guidelines with all required variances. MOTION #24 – 293 CLR. CHAFE/CLR. BARNES MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Doyles Lane.	Motioned to defer the building application, submitted by Andrew Davis and Morgan Fahey, for a 49' x 39' house at Doyle's Lane until the next council meeting as the Town Manger must provide the required information that the applicant requested. MOTION #24 – 294 CLR. CHAFE/DM SKINNER MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
6 Victoria Street	Motioned to approve the business application submitted by Joshua Elyk to grow and sell perennial plants at 6 Victoria Street as per all Town Guidelines and Permits. MOTION #24 – 295 CLR. CHAFE/CLR. YETMAN MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
7 – 9 Roddick Cresent	Motioned to defer the business application, submitted by Terrance Penney, for a storage facility at 7 – 9 Roddick Cresent until the necessary approvals from Service NL are provided. MOTION #24 – 296 CLR. CHAFE/YEMAN MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
295 – 303 Water Street	Motioned to approve the business application, submitted by Shailesh Chaudhari, Shree Hari Nanotech Ltd., for the manufacturing of Nano Cellulose at 295 – 303 Water Street, as per all Town Development Standards and all necessary Government Regulations and/or permits. MOTION #24 – 297 CLR. CHAFE/CLR. YETMAN MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY Deputy Mayor Skinner requested that the HGVFB do an inspection of the facility. Mayor Coombs verified that an inspection was part of government regulations and permits.
Permit #12227 PAR ID 085 347	Councillor Yetman advised that the Municipal Appeal Board had made a decision on the appeal of a permit submitted by Ms. Kim Parsons. Motioned to rescind the General Repairs Permit #12227 issued to PAR ID #085 347 dated May 17, 2024. With this motion, PAR ID #085 347 has the right to appeal to the Municipal Appeal Board within 14 days. MOTION #24 – 298 CLR. YETMAN/DM SKINNER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY Motioned to order PAR ID #085 347 to remove his deck and is given a time frame of six months to do so. With this motion, PAR ID #085 347 has the right to appeal to the Municipal Appeal Board within 14 days. MOTION #24 – 299 CLR. YETMAN/DM SKINNER. MOTION CARRIED In Favor (5) Against (1)

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE cont'd

David Pike	Motioned to provide Mr. David Pike, property owner on Alberta Drive, with the information found pertaining to the allowance of the property on Alberta Drive over Town property. MOTION #24 – 300	CLR. CHAFE/CLR. YETMAN MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Woodchipper	Motioned to contact the supplier of the woodchipper to provide training for the Town's outside staff . MOTION #24 – 301	CLR. CHAFE/CLR. STONE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
TOURISM & HERITAGE	No Report.	
PARKS & RECREATION	Councillor Barnes advised that the committee visit the Town's parks and recreation facilities to make note of what improvements will need to be done for the upcoming year. He requested to get the nets removed from the Aero Tennis Court and get the gates locked before the winter season. Mayor Coombs suggested for the committee to meet with Stephanie Oliver, who has taken over the tennis program, to discuss her suggestions as well.	
DCHGCC LIAISON	Councillor Branes advised that figure skating started September 15, Minor Hockey started on September 16, recreation leagues have begun as well as private rentals, the Senior Cee Bee will be starting next week, and the walking track has adjusted hours accordingly with scheduled staff. Councillor Chafe noted that the Triple A programs, Tri-Pen Osprey minor hockey from U13, U15, U16 and U18, TriPen female and a pilot launch program for TriPen Osprey U11 AAA that consist of children from Bay Roberts, Whitbourne, Placentia, Bonavista, Marystown, and Conception Bay North that are using the facility which supports it is being a regional facility.	
FIRE DEPT. LIAISON	Councillor Chafe advised that weekly training is ongoing, members were recertified in high angle training, and the Annual Fireman's Ball is November 2. He reported that the Brigade responded to five medical calls, one structural fire and passed on thanks to the Upper Island Cove Fire Brigade for their mutual aid support on that call. The Annual HGVFB is Nov. 2, 2024	
CIVIC EVENTS LIAISON	Councillor Barnes reported that the Committee is having a Halloween themed "Kettle is On" cold plate lunch on Saturday October 26, the committee is hosting a free Ukraine Multicultural event at St. Francis School on Sunday, November 23, which is funded by the Department of Immigration, Population, Growth, and Skills NL multicultural grant program, and the committee will be co-hosting with the HGVFB in putting off Bonfire Night on November 5 at 6:30 pm. He added that the winner of the Fall Photo Contest will be announced this week, and a full schedule of Christmas events will be announced in the coming weeks.	
EARHART 50+ CLUB	Councillor Stone advised that the 50+ Club is kept busy with the Wednesday Happy Feet Walks, open house is scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday from 2 – 4:00 pm, at the Otterbury Schoolhouse, and the activities associated with the 2025 New Horizons Program are ongoing.	
COMMUNITY EVENTS LIAISON	No Report.	
JOINT COUNCIL LIASON	Councillor Barnes advised that the Town Manager has requested more information from Holly Power and will contact the other towns that are involved with the Joint Council to make sure those towns are still committed to the Joint Council and how to revitalize it after several resignations.	
BRISTOL'S HOPE LIAISON	No Report	
TOWN MANAGER REPORT	Tabled Motioned for Council to adopt the Town Clerk's Financial Report as presented. MOTION #24 - 302	DM SKINNER/CLR. YETMAN MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
EDO REPORT	Tabled Motioned for Council to adopt the EDO report as presented. MOTION #24 - 303	CLR. BARNES/CLR. YETMAN MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Tabled

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

MOTION #24 - 304**DM SKINNER/CLR. CHAFE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****DCHGCC REPORT**

Tabled

Motioned for Council to adopt the DCHGCC report as presented.

MOTION #24 - 305**CLR. BARNES/CLR. CHAFE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****COUNCILLORS SUGGESTIONS/CONCERNS**

Councillor Yetman advised that he was approached by a couple of former residents of Harbour Grace who requested to have a Music Hall of Fame to represent the Town's musicians past and present of Harbour Grace. Mayor Coombs said the request will be passed on to the Civic Events Committee.

Councillor Barnes highlighted the business Home Grown Farm in the Town. They are located on the corner of Harvey Street and Cochrane Street and in Carbonear at the parking lot next to the Post Office. Councillor Barnes voiced his disappointment regarding the gates not being erected on Beach Hill.

Councillor Chafe reiterated Councillor Barnes's concerns with the decision not to erect gates at Beach Hill and asked residents to be observant of the moose on the highways this time of year.

Councillor Stone noted that he did not give the DCHGCC Finance Expense Comparison Report, and he did not have the information with him as he is out of the province. Councillor Stone advised that the Finance Committee held an informative meeting with Harbour Grace Dental Hygiene and the Committee will take all their recommendations into consideration as the 2025 Budget is developed. Councillor Stone explained that many businesses have requested a meeting with Council, but the Town Policy is to meet with the committee involved, the committees will bring back the recommendation to Council, and if there is a disagreement in the outcome, then they can meet with the full Council.

Next regular meeting of Council is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, November. 18, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 8:27 pm.

MOTION #24 - 306**DM SKINNER/CLR. CHAFE****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Confirmed:

Don Coombs, Mayor
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Amy Dwyer, Town Clerk/Manager