

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town of Harbour Grace Council, held in the Town Hall & via Zoom,
September, 15, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Members Present	Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillors	Don Coombs Keith Skinner Gordon Stone Brendan Chafe Lee Rogers
Members Absent		Terry Barnes
Staff Present	Town Clerk/Manager Economic Development Officer Admin. Assistant	Amy Dwyer Matthew McCarthy Sherrie Best
	Mayor Coombs called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.	
Minutes	Mayor Coombs called for a motion to adopt the regular council meeting minutes of August 18, 2025, being no errors or omissions.	
Regular Meeting August 18, 2025	Motioned to adopt the regular council meeting minutes of August 18, 2025, as presented. MOTION #25 - 304 CLR. CHAFE/CLR. ROGERS MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	
Minutes	Mayor Coombs called for a motion to adopt the special council meeting minutes of September 10, 2025, being no errors or omissions.	
Special Meeting September 10, 2025	Motioned to adopt the special council meeting minutes of September 10, 2025, as presented. MOTION #25 - 305 CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	
	Mayor Coombs announced regrets from Councillor Barnes who could not attend the meeting due to other commitments. Mayor Coombs announced two additions to the agenda, the Pat Curran Report and correspondence from Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement.	

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Cape Alliance	Mayor Coombs referred the update to the Finance Committee. Councillor Stone advised that this topic would be deferred to the next Town Council as there was still information needed before joining this chamber. Motioned to defer Council's decision to becoming a member of the Cape Alliance Chamber of Commerce for the next elected Town Council. MOTION #25 - 306 CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
173 Harvey Street	Mayor Coombs referred the update to Housing/Zoning.
15-21 Woodville Road	Mayor Coombs referred the update to Housing/Zoning.
451 Southside Road	Mayor Coombs referred the update to Housing/Zoning.

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

Building Permits	Mayor Coombs tabled the following building permits.
A) 248 Southside Road	Building application for a 26' x 28' Garage.
B) 156-158 Fisherman's Road	Building application to replace existing deck with smaller 20' x 6' deck.
C) 22-28 Parsons Road	Building application for a 26' x 40' house.
D) 66A Alberta Drive	Building application for a 40' x 30' house.
E) Kildare Road	Building application for a 40' x 30' house.
F) 163 Harvey Street	Building application to replace an existing 12' x 5' patio/step.

CORRESPONDENCE cont'd

G) 23 Glover Road	Building application for a 45' x 16' extension to house.
H) 99 Water St. East	Building application for a 10' x 10' shed.
I) 7 Doolan's Lane	UPDATE - Deferred Building application for an 8' x 8' shed.
J) 451 Southside Road	UPDATE - Deferred Building application for a 40' x 50' house.
K) 15-21 Woodville Road	UPDATE - Deferred Building application for a 6' x 42' deck
L) 730 Harvey Street	Building application for a 40' x 45' house.
	All building applications referred to Public Works.
Queen's Road	Mayor Coombs tabled a thank-you letter from a resident of Queen's Road.
HGOI	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Chris Wakeham requesting that Holbrook Steet be excluded from the Heritage District project. Mayor Coombs advised that Mr. Wakeman has been advised that the Heritage District Project has been awarded and includes Holbrook Street.
DTI	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the Municipal Infrastructure funding agreement for the financing of the Southside Water and Sewer Upgrading CB Highway to Hibbs Road (Phase 1) Project No. 17-CHIF-26-00000. Referred to Public Works.
DCHGCC Payables	Mayor Coombs tabled a request from DCHGCC Payables Department for a motion from Council to give approval to pay vendors for invoices due. Referred to Finance.
Council Office Payables	Mayor Coombs tabled a request from the Town Office Accounts Payable and Receivable Department for a motion from Council to give approval to pay vendors for invoices due. Referred to Finance
Proclamation Request	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the International Wrongful Conviction Day Committee requesting that the Town of Harbour Grace proclaim October 2, 2025, as "Wrongful Conviction Day". Motioned to proclaim October 2, 2025, as "Wrongful Conviction Day" in the Town of Harbour Grace. MOTION #25 - 307 CLR. LEE/CLR. CHAFE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Trevor Hunt	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from Trevor Hunt requesting to open a Pro Shop at the DCHGCC. Referred to the DCHGCC Committee.
TCPHF	Mayor Coombs tabled a donation request letter from the Trinity Conception Placentia Health Foundation in aid of its 36 Annual Telethon. Referred to Finance.
Charles E. Adams	Mayor Coombs tabled a letter from Charles Adams regarding water and sewer services for Southside Road, Harbour Grace. Referred to Public Works.
Farpoint Films	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Farpoint Films advising of an episode that will be filmed at several areas in Harbour Grace on September 9 and 10.
MACE	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement regarding the Mental Health and Wellness Training.
DECC	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Environment & Climate Change regarding the Fall 2025 Operator Education Seminars. Referred to Public Works.
MACE	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement regarding the Canada Community Building Fund.
HGVFB Fire Chief	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the HGVFB Fire Chief, Dave Earle, requesting an update on the Emergency Management Plan from the Town. Referred to the Fire Department Liaison.
Pat Curran Report	Mayor Coombs tabled the Pat Curran Report and advised a motion was needed to adopt the report. Referred to Finance. Mayor Coombs noted that the report was received in the morning. One report was for council to review in privilege with solicitors only but was distributed to several people. Mayor Coombs advised he will be requesting that the Town Manager ask ATIPP to investigate how the report got out to other people.
MACE	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement regarding the Municipal Conduct Complaint.

CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Skinner advised he would like to have Councillor Stone present the next motion as he has been lobbying for this project for years when he was previously on council and as a resident of Southside Harbour Grace it is only fitting for him to table the next motion on behalf of Public Works.

Motioned to accept the funding of \$4.4 million for application no. AP-MCW-25104 for Southside Water and Sewer Upgrade Conception Bay Highway to Hibbs Road, Phase 1.

Be it resolved that, we, the Ultimate Recipient, the Town of Harbour Grace, accept cost-shared funding as outlined in the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure project approval letter dated September 2, 2025, Project No. 17-CHIF-26-00000, Southside Water and Sewer Upgrading CB Highway to Hibbs Road (Phase 1) with a total project value of \$4,479,064.00. This council/board/ICG agrees to provide the Ultimate Recipient share value of \$406,177.00 in funding for this project and authorizes the Mayor/Committee Chair/Angajukkak and Town Clerk/Secretary to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of Town of Harbour Grace.

MOTION #25 - 308

CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Coombs has noted that Phase 1 of this project focuses solely on the installation of the main water and sewer line along Southside Road and does not include any lanes or side roads. Lanes and side roads are designated for Phase 2 of the project. This subsequent phase will require advocacy and lobbying by the next elected council.

Councillor Stone added that residents residing on lanes have the option to connect to the main line at their own expense. This may be a suitable option as Phase 2 of the project could be several years away.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor Stone explained that staff has established a strong reputation with local businesses when it comes to bill payments. However, the current process for paying monthly bills under new the legislation requires council permission for bill payments, which may cause delays as staff await motions from the council to authorize payments, and council hopes our vendors will understand these new procedural requirements as we work to ensure timely payments.

DCHGCC Payables

Motioned for Council to approve the payments by cheque and electronic funds transfer to cover the DCHGCC invoices outlined in the attached documents for September 2025.

MOTION #25 - 309

CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accounts Payables Dept.

Motioned for Council to approve the payments by cheque and electronic funds transfer to cover the Town of Harbour Grace invoices outlined in the attached documents for September 2025.

MOTION #25 - 310

CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Coombs left the chambers at 7:22 pm.

TCPHF.

Motioned for Council to donate its annual \$500.00 to the 36th Annual Trinity Conception Placentia Health Foundation Telethon as per the letter of request from the Trinity Conception Placentia Health Foundation dated August 26, 2025.

MOTION #25 - 311

CLR. STONE/CLR. ROGERS

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Coombs returned to the chambers at 7:24 pm.

Motioned for Council to attach the Strategic Plan Update 2025 to the "Let Yourself In 2032" Strategic Plan as presented to Council by our Economic Development Officer.

MOTION #25 - 312

CLR. STONE/CLR. ROGERS

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Rogers left the chambers at 7:25 pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE cont'd

Motioned that Racheal Akerman's employment be extended to October 10, 2025.

MOTION #25 - 313

CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Rogers returned to the chambers at 7:26 pm.

Motioned for the Town Council of Harbour Grace to accept the Pat Curran and Associates Inc., Town of Harbour Grace Code of Conduct - Third Party Investigation report dated July, 2025.

MOTION #25 - 314

CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor Coombs emphasized that this company was an independent company funded by the provincial government, not the Town of Harbour Grace, in response to allegations made against several council members. He also stated that the final copy of the report was ratified on the morning of September 15, 2025, following corrections requested by the minister's office. Mayor Coombs noted that a different, unadopted copy had previously been circulated.

Municipal Conduct Complaint

MACE

Councillor Stone read paragraph three of the correspondence received from the Honourable Paul A. Pike, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement, as follows.

Based on this amended report, pursuant to Section 7(2)(b) and 7(3) of the Municipal Conduct Act, I hereby order that councillors are exempt from subsection 6(1) regarding conflict of interest with the exception of Deputy Mayor Skinner and Councillor Rogers, and that the balance of the Council may determine whether these councillors are in conflict, and once determined, consider the other complaints from Ms. Parsons based on the Town's Codes of Conduct for Municipal Councillors and Municipal Officials.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Gerry Osmond, Assistant Deputy Minister, at gerryosmond@gov.nl.ca.

Mayor Coombs requested for Deputy Mayor Skinner and Councillor Rogers to leave the chambers.

Deputy Mayor Skinner and Councillor Rogers left the chambers at 7:31 pm.

Mayor Coombs advised that the remaining councillors have the authority, with the direction from Minister Paul Pike, to vote on whether Deputy Mayor Skinner and Councillor Rogers are in conflict. Mayor Coombs apologized to both members of council for the embarrassment they have endured.

Councillor Stone explained that Deputy Mayor Skinner and Councillor Rogers require a decision from Council regarding the conflict-of-interest complaint against them. This is because their membership in the Harbour Grace Volunteer Fire Brigade and leadership roles within council could be perceived by the public as a conflict of interest, given their connections to the parties involved.

Motioned to confirm that Deputy Mayor Skinner and Councillor Rogers are not considered to be in a conflict of interest, despite their membership in the Harbour Grace Volunteer Fire Brigade. Their dedication and connection to the Town may be perceived as a conflict when making decisions, but it is officially noted that no such conflict exists

MOTION #25 - 315

CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Chafe noted that until the letter from Minister Pike was received today, members of council were not allowed to speak about said topic.

Deputy Mayor Skinner and Councillor Rogers returned to the chambers at 7:34 pm.

DCHGCC Financial Report Councillor Stone reported that the arena's expenses from August 15, 2025, to September 12, 2025, was as follows:

Expenses	\$34,924.21
Income	\$16,754.88
Loss	-\$18, 169.53

FINANCE COMMITTEE cont'd

The overall deficit from January 1, 2025, to September 12, 2025, is \$50,512.59. Government has provided \$63,000.00 to cover the cost of the condensers.

Strategic Plan Fund

Councillor Stone reported that the GST refund application is submitted for \$158,163.99. As per the motion, 20% of that total (\$31,632.00) will be placed in the strategic fund giving a total of \$125,795.24. Thus the 10% requirement is available for future projects which will allow for \$1.25 million in funding.

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor Rogers reported that the JCP program finished up on August 29, 2025, noting that the workers did an excellent job on tasks that were assigned. Councillor Rogers informed that the Heritage District Development Project began August 25, and residents will note the construction along the Water Street East. He added that quotes are open for shingling of the A.L. Collis Building; applications for the CEEP grant closed on September 12 and the project should start on September 22, 2025; the Miracle Grow Best Garden Selection Competition closed on September 10; and funding from the Active NL grant was used for supplies for the soccer and softball.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

No Report.

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE**173 Harvey Street**

Building application submitted by Grant Ivey to construct a 16' x 15 deck to replace existing concrete pad at 173 Harvey Street. Deferred from previous council meetings on July 15, 2025, and August 18, 2025.

Motioned to invoke regulation 11 to allow the applicant to lay decking on a pre-existing concrete pad located at 173 Harvey Street as per all Town Development Regulations 2010.

MOTION #25 - 316

CLR. CHAFE/CLR. ROGERS

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

248 Southside Road

Motioned to approve the building application, in principle, submitted by Patrick and Michelle Dunn for a 26' x 28' garage at 248 Southside Road subject to the following stipulations.

1. Pending a site visit from the Town MEO to verify that all Town Regulations and Guidelines can be obtained and adhered to.
2. If this cannot be adhered to, the application will be nullified.

MOTION #25 - 317

CLR. CHAFE/ROGERS

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

156-158 Fisherman's Rd.

Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Krista and Gerard Delaney for a 20' x 6' deck to replace existing deck at 156-158 Fisherman's Road subject to the following stipulation:

1. All Town Development Standards.

MOTION #25 - 318

CLR. CHAFE/DM SKINNER

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22-28 Parson's Road

Motioned to approve the building application in principle as submitted by Paul Hennessey for a 26' x 40' House at 22-28 Parson's Road subject to the following stipulations.

1. Pending a site visit from the Town MEO to verify that all Town Regulations and Guidelines can be obtained and adhered to.
2. If this cannot be adhered to, the application will be nullified.

MOTION #25 - 319

CLR. CHAFE/CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

66A Alberta Drive

Motioned to deny the building application as submitted by Dave Pike for a 40' x 30' house at 66A Alberta Drive as the application does not conform to the Town's Development Plan.

MOTION #25 - 320

CLR. CHAFE/CLR. ROGERS

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE cont'd

- Kildare Road Motioned to deny the building application as submitted by Dave Pike for a 40' x 30' house at Kildare Road as the application does not conform to the Town's Development Standards.
MOTION #25 - 321 **CLR. CHAFE/DM SKINNER**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 163 Harvey Street Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Philip Chaytor to build a 12' x 5' patio/step to replace the existing patio/step at 163 Harvey Street as it meets the following stipulation.
1. All Town Development Regulations.
MOTION #25 - 322 **CLR. BARNES/CLR. STONE**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 23 Glover Road Motioned to approve the building application as submitted by April Stone to build a 45' x 16' extension to the house located at 23 Glover Road as it meets the following stipulation.
1. All Town Development Regulations
MOTION #25 - 323 **CLR. CHAFE/CLR. ROGERS**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 99 Water Street East Motioned to approve the building application as submitted by Glenn Heffernan to build a 10' x 10' shed located at 99 Water Street East as it meets the following stipulation.
1. All Town Development Regulations
MOTION #25 - 324 **CLR. CHAFE/CLR. STONE**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 7 Doolan's Lane Motioned to deny the building application submitted by Wendell Snow for an 8' x 8' shed located at 7 Doolan's Lane as the application does not conform with the Town's Development Standards. The Town Clerk/Manager is to contact the applicant to advise of the demolition permit.
MOTION #25 - 325 **CLR. CHAFE/DM SKINNER**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 451 Southside Road Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Ray Bastarache to build a 40' x 50' house located at 451 Southside Road as per the following,
1. Pending the approval of an easement from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.
2. There is to be no development or construction on Town property.
3. All Town Development Standards.
MOTION #25 - 326 **CLR. CHAFE/DM SKINNER**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 15-21 Woodville Road Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Dave Earle for a 42' X 6' deck at 15-21 Woodville Road as presented to Council with the following stipulations.
1. The applicant must have written permission from the easement benefactor. The applicant, the easement benefactor, and a legal representative can meet in the council office with council present, if required, for signing of the said agreement.
MOTION #25 - 327 **CLR. CHAFE/DM. SKINNER**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Councillor Chafe noted that any motion of council is open to appeal within 14 days.
- Councillor Chafe left the chambers at 7:54 pm.*
- 730 Harvey Street Motioned to approve the building application submitted by Michelle Taylor for a 40' x 45' House at 730 Harvey Street as per the following,
1. Pending a site visit from the Town MEO to verify that all Town Regulations and Guidelines can be obtained and adhered to. If this cannot be adhered to, the application will be nullified
2. Connection to water /sewer is at the owner's expense.
3. Driveway access if not already in place, must be approved from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.
MOTION #25 - 328 **CLR. ROGERS/CLR. STONE**
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Chafe returned to the chambers at 7:55 pm.

**TOURISM/HERITAGE
COMMITTEE**

Councillor Chafe recapped the projects and events that the committee was involved with during the past summer 2025 and advised of the commencement of construction in the heritage district.

PARKS & RECREATION

Councillor Rogers reported that all facilities saw significant activity, particularly the revitalized softball field at Moriarty Park. This field hosted games and practices up to six nights a week, demonstrating its successful rejuvenation and community engagement. He added that a \$9,000 grant has been allocated for the softball field for the upcoming season.

DCHGCC COMMITTEE

Councillor Rogers reported the arena has been busy with hockey schools and figure skating camps and there is much anticipation for the start of hockey season for 2025-26.

Trevor Hunt

Motioned to accept the request from Mr. Trevor Hunt to open his pro shop at the DCHGCC at a price of \$200.00 per month with the 30-day notice by either party to terminate the contract.

MOTION #25 - 329

CLR. ROGERS/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FIRE DEPT. LIAISON

Councillor Chafe reported that the HGVFB Chief, Dave Earle, and two members, Chris Noseworthy and Dave Regular, attended the annual NL Fire Association and Firefighters Conference in Marystown. The 2026 Fire School training will take place in Marystown as well, and Chief Earle has been selected as a member of the National Firefighting Relations Committee for Muscular Dystrophy Canada. Councillor Chafe informed that Premier Hogan announced that \$10,000 will be given to all fire departments who aided in combating the North Shore wildfire, \$500 to each firefighter, and \$1000 for councils to cover the cost of clerical services. Councillor Chafe concluded his report by thanking the Harbour Grace Volunteer Fire Brigade for their dedication and hard work.

CIVIC EVENTS LIAISON

Councillor Rogers updated on the Civic Events Committee's activities, highlighting a busy summer filled with numerous successful festivals. He extended gratitude to all community groups for their collaborative efforts. Looking ahead, the annual fall photo contest will be starting soon, and planning is already underway for the upcoming Christmas season, which will include new events on the community calendar. If residents are interested in volunteering with the Civic Events Committee, please contact the Town Council or any committee member.

EARHART 50+ CLUB LIAISON

Councillor Stone advised that the Earhart 50+ Club went to Winterton and visited the Wooden Boat Museum to learn about boat building.

COMMUNITY NEWS LIAISON No Report

JOINT COUNCIL LIASON No Report

BRISTOL'S HOPE LIAISON No Report

HGBCIB LIAISON Councillor Stone advised that the Harbour Grace Board of Culture, Innovation and Business is leading the way on keeping the Kyle Legacy alive and doing renovations to the A.L. Collis building.

BEAUTIFICATION LIAISON Councillor Rogers advised that decorating for the Christmas season will start mid-November and residents can contact Councillor Rogers, Ashley Janes, or Tara King if they wish to volunteer to help with decorating.

FALL FAIR LIAISON No Report

In-House Session Mayor Coombs requested for the councillors to leave the chamber for an in-house session to develop recommendations on several matters. To clarify, the procedure for this in-house session falls under the Code of Conduct Regulations and was communicated to the Town Council today by Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement, specifically to address and clarify these matters.

Deputy Mayor Skinner, Councillor Stone, Councillor Chafe, and Councillor Rogers left the chambers at 8:10 pm.

Deputy Mayor Skinner, Councillor Stone, Councillor Chafe, and Councillor Rogers returned to the chambers at 8:28 pm.

Deputy Mayor Skinner requested for Mayor Coombs, Town Clerk/Manager Amy Dwyer, and Fire Chief Dave Earle to leave the chambers.

Mayor Coombs, Amy Dwyer, and Dave Earle left the chambers at 8:29 pm.

Councillor Stone explained the Code of Conduct Resolution process.

Councillor Stone advised that there were three people involved in the Code of Conduct allegations, Amy Dwyer, Town Clerk Manager; Mayor Don Coombs; and Fire Chief Dave Earle.

Town Clerk Manager Ms. Amy Dwyer conducted herself on this matter with advice and direction from Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement and legal counsel. At no time did she act on her own accord. The following motion is based on this conclusion.

Motioned that Ms. Amy Dwyer did not breach the code of conduct in any way.

MOTION #25 - 330

CLR. STONE/CLR. ROGERS

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amy Dwyer, Town Clerk Manager, returned to the chambers at 8:35 pm.

Fire Chief Dave Earle Councillor Stone emphasized how important it was to clarify the difference between Fire Chief Dave Earle as he is a department head of council and the only role that can be discussed as a council and private citizen Dave Earle is not relevant for discussion by council. The Pat Curran Report came to the conclusion that Mr. Earle should be considered as a private citizen and not as fire chief in this matter of Code of Conduct. During this time, he continued to give exemplary service to the Town of Harbour Grace.

Motioned that Fire Chief Dave Earle did not breach the Code of Conduct in any way.

MOTION #25 - 331

CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fire Chief Dave Earle returned to the chambers at 8:38 pm.

Mayor Don Coombs Councillor Stone spoke about the one time that Mayor Coombs found it difficult to recall the complainant's full name without malice or ill intent. Mayor Coombs always promotes that every citizen deserves fair treatment and respect.

Motioned that Mayor Don Coombs did not breach the Code of Conduct in any way.

MOTION #25 - 332

CLR. STONE/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Coombs returned to the chambers at 8:41 pm.

Councillor Chafe stated that it was concluded that all three councillor members were not in violation of the Code of Conduct.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT Tabled

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

MOTION #25 - 333

DM SKINNER/CLR. STONE/

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EDO REPORT Tabled

Motioned for Council to adopt the EDO's Report as presented.

MOTION #25 - 334

CLR. ROGERS/ CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Tabled

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

MOTION #25 - 335

DM SKINNER/CLR. CHAFE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DCHGCC REPORT Tabled

Motioned for Council to adopt the DCHGCC report as presented.

MOTION #25 - 336

CLR. ROGERS/ CLR. STONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PARKS AND RECREATION
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Tabled

Motioned for Council to adopt the Parks and Recreation Superintendent report as presented.

MOTION #25 - 337**CLR. STONE/DM SKINNER****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****MEO REPORT**

Tabled

Motioned for Council to adopt the Municipal Enforcement Officer's Report as presented.

MOTION #25 - 338**CLR. CHAFE/DM SKINNER****MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****COUNCILLORS SUGGESTIONS/CONCERNS**

Councillor Rogers extended his gratitude to the elected individuals of 2021 for their support and thanked Mayor Coombs for his leadership. Councillor Rogers also expressed appreciation to the citizens of Harbour Grace for placing their trust in him over the past four years. He affirmed that he has worked diligently for all citizens and intends to continue doing so if re-elected.

Councillor Chafe echoed Councillor Rogers' sentiments, stating that his first term as Councillor, starting in 2021, has been a profound learning experience. He discovered a deep passion for municipal affairs and values integrity and honesty. He mentioned that for the past 18 months, he was unable to address certain inquiries due to the code of conduct. However, after tonight's meeting, he is now available to discuss these matters with the public and the media.

Councillor Stone emphasized that the core purpose of serving on the council is to represent the people and extended his gratitude to the citizens of Harbour Grace for giving him the opportunity in doing so in the town he deeply cherishes and with collective efforts, both citizens and council, has demonstrated a shared commitment to improving Harbour Grace through kindness and appreciation. He expressed his pleasure in seeing Ms. Dianne Rees return to work after her medical leave and commended the town employees for their dedication and hard work.

Deputy Mayor Skinner expressed his sincere gratitude for the privilege of working alongside Mayor Coombs and the elected members of the 2021 Council for the past four years and thanked Mayor Coombs for entrusting him with the role of Chairperson of the Public Works Committee. He continued by thanking the citizens who voted for him in the last election and hopes to earn their vote again in the upcoming election.

Mayor Coombs addressed the ongoing dispute between two neighbors, noting that in the past 18 months it has unfortunately escalated into a series of false accusations and allegations against the council. He extended an apology to the councillors and their families for the stress they have endured because of this conflict.

Mayor Coombs recognized the 2021 elected officials for their shared vision and the adoption of the 10-year Strategic Plan and that the plan has been crucial in attracting investment, supporting local businesses, and fostering economic growth. He highlighted that the Council, as a unified team, engaged with residents and businesses to eliminate the town's \$300,000 deficit which has enabled the Town to pursue previously unfeasible projects. Mayor Coombs also noted several projects completed in the last four years, including the relocation of the LeMarchant Street Out Fall, which helped subsidize the \$6 million wharf development, the Heritage District Development, and the recently announced phase one of the Southside Water and Sewer.

Mayor Coombs emphasized the outstanding teamwork demonstrated by the elected officials of 2021 was outstanding and expressed his sincere gratitude to each councillor for their time, commitment, and dedication to the Town Council of Harbour Grace and for their representation of its residents.

Mayor Coombs concluded the meeting by congratulating Ms. Maureen Robinson on another successful Terry Fox Run that was held on September 7, 2025, reminded that access cards will be needed to enter the Eastern Regional Service Board Waste Recovery

Facility as of January 1, 2026, and the situation regarding the cruelty to animals in an area of town is being addressed by the Town, the Municipal Enforcement Officer and the RCMP. Next regular meeting of Council is to be determined by next elected Council.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION #25 – 339

DM SKINNER/CLR. ROGERS

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Confirmed:

Terry Barnes, Mayor
for
Don Coombs, Former Mayor
sb

Amy Dwyer, Town Clerk/Manager